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“Squeeze the Hive” Newsletter

About Salt Lake City

Salt Lake is a big destination with a small town feel and friendly character. It has a vibrant metropolitan area of one million people flanked by the majestic Wasatch Mountains. Just minutes from downtown and ranked the nation's #1 on-time arrival and departure airport, Salt Lake City International is served by all major US airlines and is the western hub for Delta Airlines. A modern light rail line connects the hotels, convention center, shops, restaurants and night spots within the convention district's free-fare zone.

Drinking in Salt Lake

Let's be honest, Utah's liquor laws have caused confusion and befuddlement for decades. However, all that's changed now that the state recently passed sweeping changes to the state's baffling and oft-criticized liquor laws — including the elimina-

tion of the state's private club system — a move that simply adds to Utah's ever-growing attributes as a world-class convention and tourism destination by injecting a sense of ‘normalcy’ to the state's clubs and bars. Surprising to many first-time visitors but long-known by locals and longtime visitors, Salt Lake has long been home to numerous brew pubs featuring award-winning brew masters and an eclectic, diverse nightlife scene. Combine that with Salt Lake's incredible array of dining options, a vibrant cultural arts scene and world-class outdoor recreation, and Salt Lake is a welcoming destination for any and all groups.

Weather

Salt Lake is the definition of a four-season destination, with each season having its fair share of fans. July in Salt Lake sees an average high of 90°F and an average low of 69°F, and an

average total rainfall for the month of 0.59 inches.

Access

Salt Lake is known as the "Crossroads of the West" for good reason. It is, without a doubt, one of the most accessible destinations in North America. Rated #1 for on-time arrivals and departures year after year, the Salt Lake City International Airport and its nearly 800 daily scheduled flights is within a 2.5 hour flight of half the U.S. population and is Delta Airlines second largest hub. Upon landing at SLC Int'l, it's a short 8-minute drive to downtown Salt Lake and its convention district. This year our TRAX light-rail line opened from the airport to downtown Salt Lake City.

Gateway to Adventure

Salt Lake is within just a few short hours' drive of 21 stunning national parks and monuments, making for a truly memorable pre- or post-trip.

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Mileage to National Parks:

- Arches National Park - 232 miles
- Bryce Canyon National Park - 270 miles
- Canyonlands National Park - 249 miles
- Capitol Reef National Park - 229 miles
- Grand Canyon National Park - 368 miles
- Yellowstone National Park - 325 miles
- Zion National Park - 350 miles

Make your Reservations NOW at the Grand America Hotel

We are pleased to be hosting our entire event at the Grand America hotel located at 555 South Main Street in downtown Salt Lake City. For reservations call 800-304-8696. **Mention our event name, “Squeeze The Hive”, when registering.**

- The Grand America Hotel offers a refined European style against a stunning mountain setting. From the moment you enter the lobby, with its solid brass portico, soaring ceilings, and 17th century Flemish tapestries, you'll appreciate the rich details created by Ritz-Carlton designer Frank Nicholson—and the unparalleled personal service.
- Rising 24 stories above the city skyline, The Grand America Hotel is Salt Lake City's only AAA Five Diamond hotel. Set in the heart of a spectacular valley, surrounded by majestic mountain ranges and stunning views, yet 10 minutes away from Salt Lake International Airport and within walking distance of

downtown, The Grand America Hotel offers inspiring experiences—and unexpected value.

- The Garden Café and Lobby Lounge provide world-class dining options.
- The Grand America Spa supplies much-deserved pampering with an array of rejuvenating treatments and our 775 graciously appointed guest rooms and suites create an ideal retreat at the end of a long day.

- All rooms and suites feature handcrafted Richelieu furniture, original works of art, inviting balconies, and large Italian marble bathrooms. Floor-to-ceiling windows showcase breathtaking views of mountain ranges or our beautifully landscaped parterre gardens.
- Free Internet is available in the room.
- All Convention space is on the ground floor.
- **Special Convention Rate:** \$159/night, 1-2 guests, add \$20 each for 3rd and 4th guest; 1 King or 2 Queen beds; Executive rooms \$189/night, \$204 with kitchenette. Rollaway beds are not available.



“Built for the Olympics, this opulent downtown hotel is the place to stay for those who want the utmost in service and accommodations, and are willing to pay for it. Occupying an entire city block in downtown Salt Lake City, the Grand America is reminiscent of majestic European hotels, with more than 450,000 square feet of hand-tooled marble and granite. The exquisitely designed rooms include 880-square-foot deluxe executive suites and beautifully appointed deluxe rooms with patios and balconies overlooking the pool and garden areas. The concierge floor has a lounge. All rooms are equipped with large-screen TVs, three telephones, and the finest quality furnishings.”

- Frommer's



Salt Lake City's only AAA Five Diamond Hotel



Highlights of the Grand America

- Located in downtown Salt Lake City.
- The hotel's signature restaurant, The Garden Café, serves contemporary American cuisine..
- The Grand America Spa features seven massage rooms, steam rooms, saunas, indoor pool, plus full salon services including hair, make-up, waxing, manicures, pedicures, and specialty treatments. The in-room dining menu is available poolside.
- A French Patisserie, La Bonne Vie, offers delectable bakery items and a coffee bar.
- JouJou, the new Toy Boutique has a unique selection of toys and collectibles for children of all ages.
- Beautifully landscaped courtyards and gardens.
- A terraced outdoor pool with seasonal poolside dining.
- A full-service Business Center located on the lobby level.



Convention 2014 Registration

Registration

All registrations should be made through the [IAGSDC website](#). To register, go to the IAGSDC main page, and log on to your profile. (If you don't have a profile yet, click on My Profile and follow the instructions to create one). Once you are logged in, click the EVENTS tab, then find Squeeze The Hive in the events list. Click REGISTER next to the event, and follow the online instructions. If you have problems registering at the main site, you can also download and mail in a registration form, but using the online system is the preferred method.

Rates:

- New Dancer's rate: \$165
- \$205 before Dec. 31, 2013
- \$240 before April 30, 2014
- \$265 before July 4, 2014
- Non-dancer \$90 before April 30, 2014
- Non-dancer \$125 before July 4, 2014



For paper registrations, the postmark on your registration must be before or on the dates shown.

Volunteers

Volunteers will receive additional discounts on registration, depending on their time commitment. Please see Page 5 or the [Volunteer section](#) on the website for more information.

Cancellation

To cancel a reservation, contact info@squeezethehive.com. Registration fees will be refunded, subject to the following cancellation fees:

Cancel before October 31, 2013 - \$25

Cancel between November 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014 - \$50

No refunds will be given for cancellations after 30th April, 2014.

Transfers

You may transfer your regular registration to another person, subject to a transfer fee of \$25 payable to Squeeze The Hive. For more information on transfers, contact: info@squeezethehive.com

Returned Checks

Returned checks are subject to a processing fee of \$25.00, and may result in the cancellation of your registration





More about Salt Lake City

Dining

Dining in Salt Lake is a culinary adventure, with hundreds of restaurants offering a remarkable variety of cuisine and atmosphere. The city's thriving dining scene includes a wide variety of options, from organic and vegetarian to steak and seafood. And if you crave something exotic, you'll find a rich ethnic mix available from Afghan to Vietnamese. Friendly, relaxed brewpubs serving freshly brewed local ales to fine-dining serving lively cocktails and superb vintage wines; both are sure to impress.

- Within the convention district there are 170+ restaurants, cafes and nightspots
- 13 Salt Lake restaurants hold Awards of Excellence from Wine Spectator magazine
- Salt Lake is home to 65 Zagat-rated restaurants, 39 of those in the convention district

Nightlife

Over the past few years, Salt Lake has cultivated a vibrant nightlife scene that surprises many first-time visitors. With new downtown clubs and updated "normalized" liquor laws, the city's nightlife is easily on par with most other metropolitan settings.

- 38 nightspots in the convention district include jazz and dance clubs, live music venues, brewpubs and sports bars.
- One of the West's great wine stores is located in Salt Lake, blocks from the convention district, and boasts more than 3,000 wine varieties with more than 30,000 bottles in stock.
- Year after year at both the Great American Beer Festival and the prestigious World Beer Cup, "craft-brewed" beers from Salt Lake's local breweries walk away with numerous medals.

- Special local brews are offered in the bars within the convention district, including a club where you will find Salt Lake's biggest selection of beer - more than 200 bottled beers and 31 draft beers on tap.
- For news and information on Salt Lake City's GLBTQA Community, go to QSaltLake.com and UtahPrideCenter.org

Shopping

Salt Lake and shopping have gone hand in hand for well over a century. The first department store in the U.S. opened for business here in 1868. Today the Salt Lake Valley offers plenty of options for incredible shopping excursions, including malls, shopping villages, specialty boutiques, antique and collectible shops, bookstores, factory outlet malls, outdoor shopping and entertainment destinations, and much more. The City Creek and Gateway Malls offer many shops and restaurants and only 2 miles from the Grand America Hotel (free on the light rail system).

Callers for Convention 2014



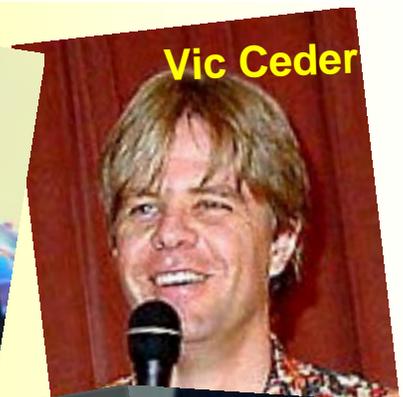
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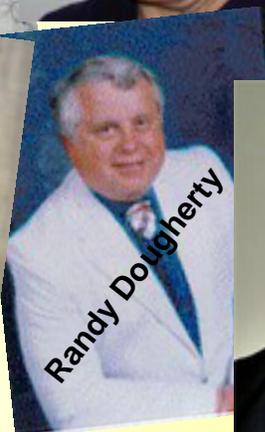
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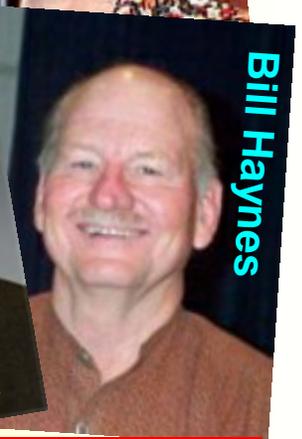
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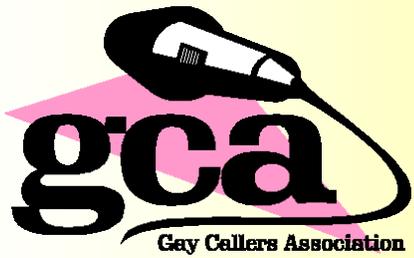
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GCA Caller School gaycallers.org

The Gay Callers' Association (GCA) was founded to promote the development of gay callers. It was created at a time when most straight callers would not consider calling for a gay event. Today, many straight callers have joined the GCA and actively call for GLBT dances.

Each year, the GCA, in conjunction with the All Join Hands foundation, sponsors a caller school immediately prior to the IAGSDC convention. For our convention, the school will be held **Monday, June 30 through Wednesday, July 2, 2014.**

If you are interested in becoming a caller, or if you are already calling and want to improve your skills, visit the GCA website for fee and registration information.

Volunteers

Volunteering Before The Event

An event like the annual convention requires a lot of help from a lot of people - thank you for your interest in helping to make this the best ever convention!

Most of the volunteer opportunities we have before the start of convention require you to be living in the area - but we welcome help from everyone! Please email us at info@squeezethehive.com if you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities.



Discounts

Volunteers may receive various discounts, depending on the amount of work they volunteer to do.

Registration Discount

- 4-7 hours volunteered: \$20 off registration
- 8-15 hours volunteered: \$45 off registration

Room Discount

For 16 or more volunteer hours, receive one room at the staff discounted rate of \$99 per night.

Please note that volunteer hours used to secure a lower room rate cannot also be used toward a registration discount.

Volunteering During The Event

There are so many activities where we need volunteers to help, from working at the registration and information desk to pulling up the dance floors at the end of convention. Please email us at info@squeezethehive.com if you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

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North Salt Lake, UT 84054

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