



Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort National Conference FAQs

CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Q: What exactly is the RCRA National Conference?

A: *The RCRA National Conference is a great place for emerging professionals, professionals, vendors and others in this amazing field to come together in a variety of environments to meet and learn about the wonderful world of recreation. You will have the opportunity to go to a variety of informational sessions to learn about different topics that can be useful to this field as well as social events to network with and meet a variety of people from all over the recreation world.*

Q: Where is the conference at this year?

A: *This year's RCRA National Conference is at the beautiful Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida! The full address is 11212 Front Beach Rd. Panama City Beach, FL 32407*

Q: What if I'm not currently a member or need to renew my membership?

A: *You will need to become or renew your membership before registering and attending the conference. There are five different memberships that are created to fit the status of our members so be sure to choose the one that best identifies with your background.*

**We no longer offer a non-membership registration option to attend the full conference. For local residents that will not be interviewing, may register under the one-day rate which does not include any continued member benefits.*

Q: What is the address and process for shipping items prior to the conference?

A: *The resort will accept packages no earlier than (3) days prior to the event. The packages will be held in our storage room until personally retrieved by the individuals. Check in with the registration desk on Sunday for more details. For shipping products please address entirely and send to:*

Edgewater Beach Resort Conference Center
Hold for Group: RCRA (Resort & Commercial Recreation Association)
Attn: (Individuals Name)
520 Richard Jackson Blvd.
Panama City Beach, FL 32407
(850)233-7597

Q: Is there a dress code for the conference?

A: *Saturday Dress Code – Day: Casual; Night: Casual
Sunday Dress Code - Day: Business Casual; Night: Casual
Monday Dress Code - Day: Business Casual; Night: Formal
Tuesday Dress Code - Day: Business; Night: Casual/Theme Dress Encouraged*

This year's Tuesday evening event theme is... **PIRATES OF PCB** Look for more communications via e-mail and social media for ideas prior to the conference. This is your time to show your FUN Recreation Colors!

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

Q: What time zone is the Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort located within?

A: *The resort is located in the Central Daylight Time Zone. That's right, we will be in the one area of Florida that is not on Eastern Time.*

Q: How do I get to Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort?

A: *Unless you live close, plane would be your best option! The closest airport to fly into is the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport. The main airlines that fly into this airport are American Airlines, Delta, United, and Southwest.*

Q: How do I get from the airport to the resort?

A: *If you land at the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, you may arrange for an Uber service to bring you to the resort (11212 Front Beach Rd. Panama City Beach, FL 32407). Or you may pre-arrange shuttle service with Sunshine Shuttle at 850-650-6333 to schedule your transportation needs for larger parties traveling together.*

Q: What is the weather like in Panama City Beach in November?

A: *Highs average in the mid-70's while the lows at night are around the low to mid 50's.*

LODGING & MEALS

Q: What type of room accommodations are there?

A: *While at the beachy Edgewater Resort there are six different types of rooms available:*

1-bedroom golf side - \$100++ per night: sleeps up to 4 guests

1-bedroom beachfront - \$127++ per night: sleeps up to 4 guests

2-bedroom golf side - \$118++ per night: sleeps up to 6 guests

2-bedroom beachfront - \$152++ per night: sleeps up to 6 guests

3-bedroom golf side - \$148++ per night: sleeps up to 8 guests

3-bedroom beachfront - \$215++ per night: sleeps up to 8 guests

Q: What additional fees will there be on top of my daily room rate?

A: *There are 3 fees:*

- *Cleaning Fee – One-time fee per room*

One-bedroom: \$42; Two-bedrooms: \$52; Three-bedrooms: \$65

- *\$49 Damage Fee – One-time fee per any room type*

- *\$10 Parking Fee – Automatically applied to your bill upon making your reservation. This is a one-time fee per car that you will be parking at the resort for the conference. If you will not have a vehicle, the fee can be removed upon mentioning at check-in.*

Q: What additional tax rates will there be on top of my daily room rate

A: *There will be 2 types of taxes that will apply in this order to the room rate and fees:*

- *Local Accommodation Tax: 13.12%*
- *City Fee Tax: 1%*

Q: I'm still not sure if I can go, how long is Edgewater Resort taking reservations for the room block?

A: *The RCRA room block will be open until October 10th, 2018. It may be possible to get a room after October 10th but you might not be able to get the RCRA room rates. If you do make your reservation after the cut-off date, please inform the president-elect of the board.*

Q: Am I able to attend any of the conference without staying at the resort?

A: *If you are traveling from afar, unless there is an extenuating circumstance, you should be staying at the host resort throughout the conference dates. If these arrangements are not able to be made, please contact the president-elect of the association. For local residents obtaining a one-day registration rate, an over-night accommodation is not a requirement.*

Q: What if I plan on attending solo and would like to room share with another member?

A: *No Worries! Email Kyle Smith at kyle.smith@rcra.org, he can help you out! Just make sure to specify if you need a male or female roommate!*

Q: What meals are and are not included with my registration?

A: *Included: The awards lunch on Sunday afternoon and the awards Gala dinner on Monday evening are the two meals included with a full conference registration. We are offering different selections for each meal in the registration process this year – be sure to choose your preference. If you will be registering under a one-day rate for Monday or Tuesday, you will also receive the meal offered that day.*

*Not Included: There will be two optional lunch choices on Monday and Tuesday for \$20 per meal in the registration process. Lunch will **not** be provided to professionals that will be attending the draft this year therefore it is **HIGHLY RECCOMENDED** that the boxed lunch option is utilized on Monday for all professionals participating in the job fair and the draft/interviews.*

Not Included: The resort will be hosting a barista option in the foyer of the conference center on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday mornings where coffee and small breakfast items will be for sale. We must meet the minimum requirements for them to host this each day so it is encouraged that you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity this year! – You said it, we listened!

NETWORKING & INTERVIEWS

Q: What should I do once I arrive at the resort?

A: *Once you get to Edgewater Resort its best to first check-in at the front desk with the resort. Your room may be ready early but it is not guaranteed until after 4:00pm. On Saturday, we will be hosting Edgewater Open Recreation Showcase from 1-4pm so you can store your luggage and explore the resort until your room is ready. We will also have a satellite welcome registration desk poolside from 1-4pm so you can register for the conference while you wait too! Other hours of the registration desk will be: Sunday & Monday 8am-5pm and Tuesday 8am-4pm. It's very important to sign in, you'll get you name tag and all of the information about what is going on at this year's national conference!*

Q: What different events are there to network with the professionals and other students?

A: *We have a variety of different socials throughout the short time that we are at the conference! The evening socials this year will include the Presidents Welcome Social Saturday evening, the Beach Bash featuring our sponsors Sunday evening, the annual Awards Gala & Auction Monday evening, and the Farewell Social & Basket Auction Tuesday evening.*

Q: I'm a student and want to get an internship with a property at the conference, how will I get an interview during the conference?

A: *First things first, you need information about the different properties at the conference. This is where the internship/job fair comes in on Monday. All of the properties that are looking for interns/full-time/part-time employees will have tables set up and will provide you information about their offerings, answer your questions and get to know you a little bit! After the job fair, all the properties come together to set up everyone's interview schedule and you'll find out who you're interviewing with and at what time, later that afternoon! Be sure to know that you are informally interviewing throughout the whole conference as you network with the professionals.*

Q: If I'm selected to interview with a property, when will the interview occur?

A: *Interviews take place after the internship/job fair on Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon, so you don't have too long to wait or fully prepare! The interviews will be up to 20-minutes in length. A list of the properties that have an active membership with the association are located on the website under "Internship Sites" and we recommend that you check out the list prior to the conference and do your research ahead of time.*