



The Florida Nature and Culture Center

All FNCC conferences now start on Friday and conclude on Monday.

The following is a summary of some of the basic information you'll need to know before you arrive at the FNCC. Please take the time to review the details of this information sheet. It is important that you read through it carefully to ensure having a safe and enjoyable conference.

What You Need to Know

☼ Identification

Please carry a photo ID such as a driver's license or passport. You will be asked to show your ID at the time of airport check-in and prior to boarding your flight.

☼ Health Insurance Information

Please carry your health insurance card (if you have one) in case of illness or injury. If you have any special medical needs, please let us know.

☼ Consent Forms

All participants under the age of 18 must have a signed parental consent form at the FNCC office before arrival. The form can be faxed to us at (954) 349-5001. In addition, participants under 18 must bring a copy of the signed consent form with them to the conference.

☼ Clothing

Normally it is very hot and humid in Florida in the summer; therefore casual attire is recommended during the conference. You may want to bring a light jacket or sweater to wear inside as the air conditioning in the buildings can be cold. Comfortable shoes such as sneakers or rubber-soled shoes are highly recommended since walking from building to building is necessary. A heated swimming pool, Jacuzzi, and gymnasium will be available for use during the conference, so you may want to bring your swimsuits and sportswear. It is also advisable to bring a hat, sunglasses, and insect repellent. Coin-operated laundry facilities are available in the dormitory buildings.

☼ Food

Plenty of food will be available. Meals are served three times a day in the Sunshine Dining Hall and beverages are available throughout the day. There is no room service. Soft drinks and snacks are available from vending machines in the gym and the community center. If you require special meals or beverages, you will need to bring them with you. Vegetarian (or vegan) meals can be prepared as long as this requirement is reported to the zone office prior to the conference. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited.

☼ Toiletries

Soap, shampoo, and towels are provided in your room. There are no stores located near the FNCC, so you will need to bring all other toiletry items and any necessary medications with you. It is also a good idea to bring along a copy of your prescription. It is highly recommended you bring sun-block lotion, especially in the summer months.

☼ Additional Information

All instructional materials will be provided for each participant upon arrival at the FNCC. Each room has an alarm clock/radio. There are no TVs or reading materials in individual rooms, but each dormitory lounge has a TV.

On your FNCC application, please indicate any special dietary needs or physical impairments you may have. We have a limited number of rooms to accommodate participants with physical impairments. Although the water fountains are filtered, bottled water can be purchased for \$1.00 each.

New Amenities

- ☼ Each dormitory lounge has a coffee maker, coffee, a hot water dispenser, tea bags, and packets of hot chocolate.
- ☼ There is a 24-hour Gohonzon room in the conference center.
- ☼ The conference center is outfitted with a new computer bank, a printer, and Internet access. For participants who bring their

own laptop computers, wireless Internet connections are available. You will have to bring your own wireless card.

- ☼ There are extended gift shop hours.

At the Airport

There are two major airports near the Florida Nature and Culture Center: Fort Lauderdale Airport, which is only 25 minutes from the FNCC, and Miami International Airport, which is over one hour from the FNCC. Several economy airlines now serve the Fort Lauderdale Airport.

Arriving at Fort Lauderdale Airport

There is a new procedure for those arriving in Fort Lauderdale. Starting at 12:00 PM on Friday, a bus will depart from the Fort Lauderdale airport to the FNCC, every hour on the hour up until 6:00 PM.

Proceed to the baggage claim area, pick up your baggage if you have any, and wait for FNCC conference personnel. The bus departure is located between terminals two and three. If no one appears, please call the FNCC for instructions.

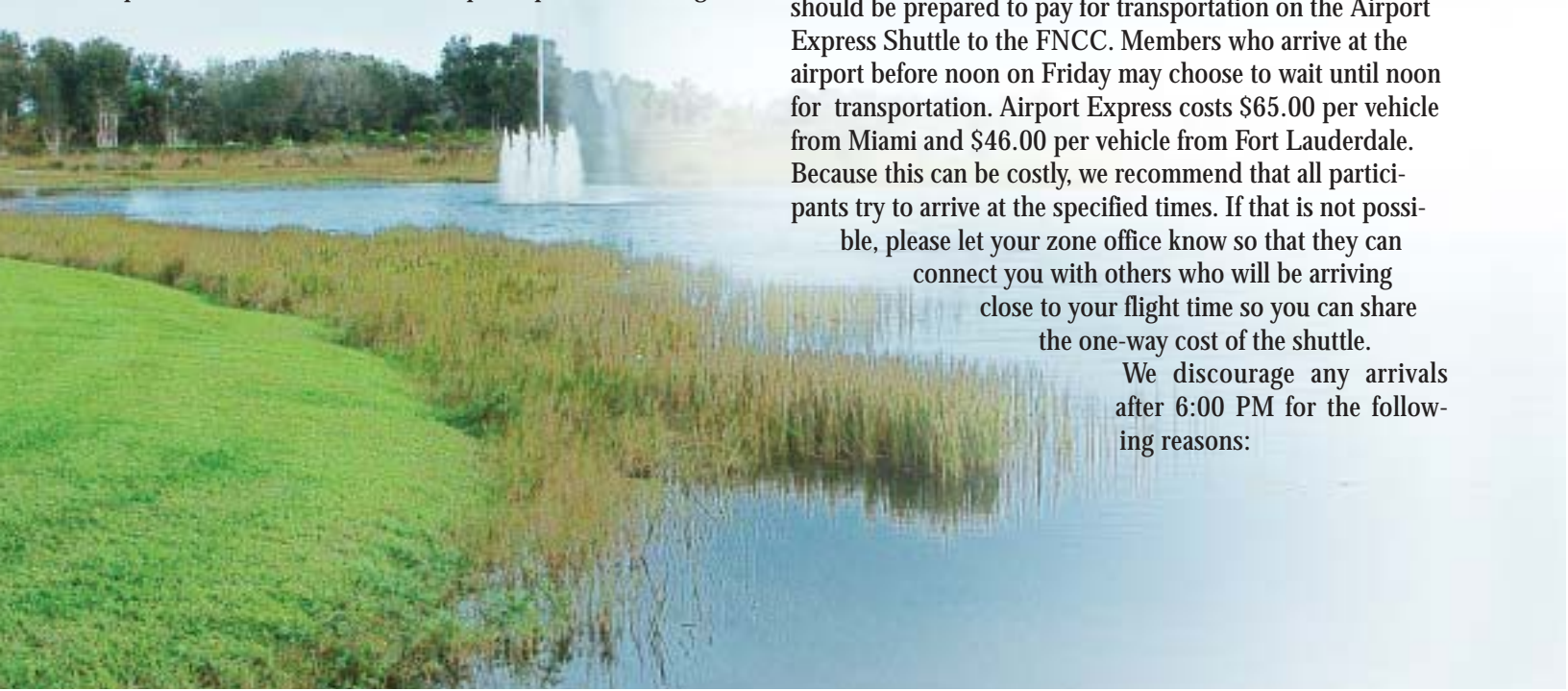
Arriving at Miami International Airport

Ground transportation to the FNCC will be provided for all members arriving between 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Proceed to the baggage claim area, pick up your baggage if you have any, and wait for FNCC conference personnel or the Airport Express driver. Please do not go outside. Your wait for transportation from the Miami Airport may be longer than one hour due to the small number of participants arriving there.

Other Information

Members arriving before 12:00 PM or after 6:00 PM should be prepared to pay for transportation on the Airport Express Shuttle to the FNCC. Members who arrive at the airport before noon on Friday may choose to wait until noon for transportation. Airport Express costs \$65.00 per vehicle from Miami and \$46.00 per vehicle from Fort Lauderdale. Because this can be costly, we recommend that all participants try to arrive at the specified times. If that is not possible, please let your zone office know so that they can connect you with others who will be arriving close to your flight time so you can share the one-way cost of the shuttle.

We discourage any arrivals after 6:00 PM for the following reasons:



- 1) Members will miss the orientation;
- 2) Members will miss the evening meal;
- 3) It is difficult to find the FNCC — especially after dark — for even professional shuttle drivers.

At the Miami airport, those people flying in groups of fewer than three will have to wait until a full carload has assembled before departing the airport. Please be patient as others' flights or luggage may be delayed.

If you are not met by a representative after 30 minutes, please call the FNCC office at (954) 349-5000 or toll free at (866) 677-5100 for further instructions. If your flight has been cancelled or significantly delayed, please contact the FNCC office so we can adjust your pick-up time. After departing the airport, you will be driven directly to the FNCC — approximately 45 minutes from Fort Lauderdale Airport and 60 minutes from Miami Airport. Upon arrival, you will be taken to the gym where you will check in and receive further information.

Note: There is no need to tip Airport Express Shuttle drivers since gratuity has been included in their contract.

Departing the FNCC

There is a closing session on Monday morning. Lunch will be provided before participants depart the FNCC. Your departure flight should be scheduled between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM from either airport. The shuttle service takes groups of three or more and leaves approximately three hours prior to their flight departure time. Those members whose flights leave before 3:00 PM will not have time to finish the conference activities or eat lunch.

FNCC Cancellation Penalty

There is no penalty for any participant who needs to withdraw from the conference and is replaced with a stand-by. However, if there is no replacement at least seven days prior to the group departure date, the cancelling participant must pay \$50.00 to cover the loss of ground transportation arrangement costs. The zone office will issue a refund check in the amount of \$325.00

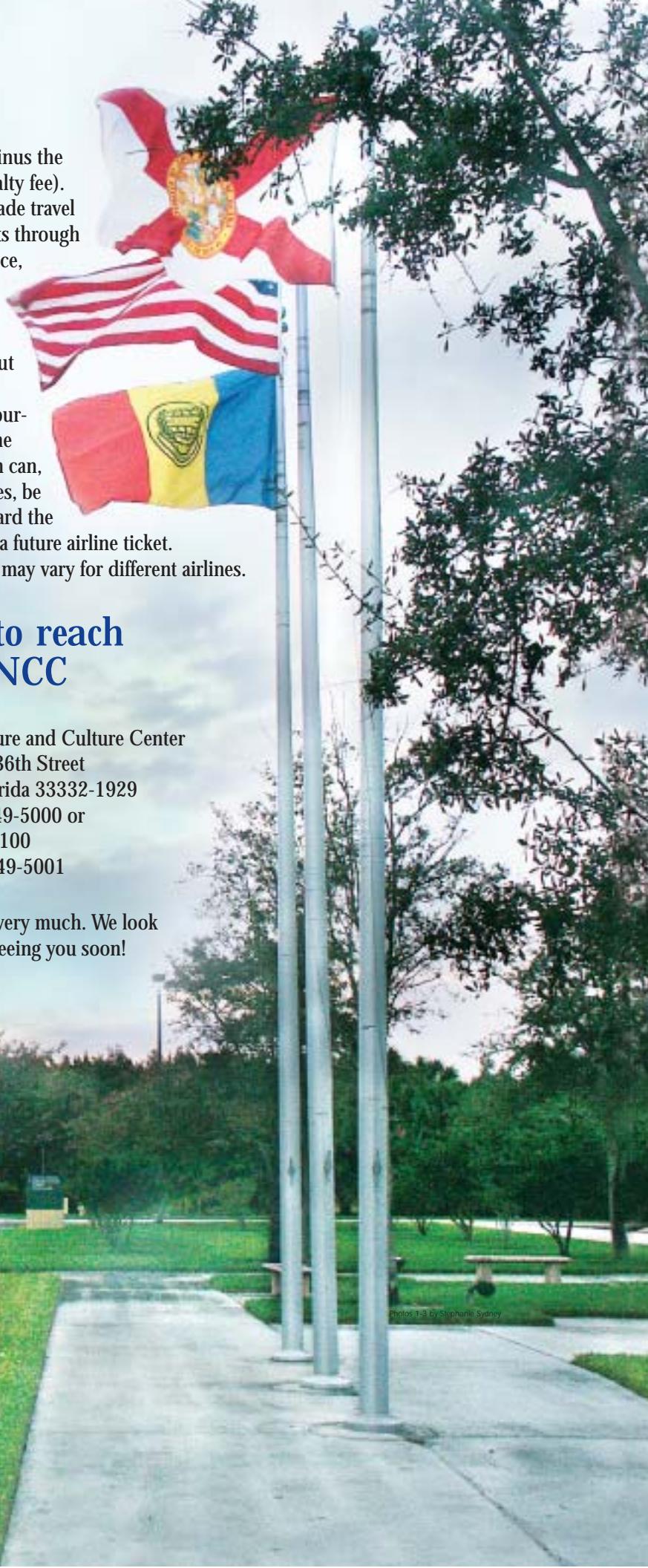
(\$375.00 minus the \$50.00 penalty fee).

If you made travel arrangements through the zone office, you will not receive a refund for the airfare but will instead receive the purchased airline ticket, which can, in many cases, be applied toward the purchase of a future airline ticket. Regulations may vary for different airlines.

How to reach the FNCC

SGI-USA
Florida Nature and Culture Center
20000 SW 36th Street
Weston, Florida 33332-1929
Tel (954) 349-5000 or
(866) 677-5100
Fax (954) 349-5001

Thank you very much. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Florida Nature & Culture Center

The SGI-USA Florida Nature and Culture Center is located west of Fort Lauderdale proper, north of Griffin Road and one mile east of U.S. 27 (access off of 27).

Please contact your respective zone office or the FNCC at (954) 349-5000 or toll-free at (866) 677-5100, should you have any questions about the information that has been provided to you.

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To sign up for a conference, please contact your respective zone office:

Central Zone

Chicago Culture Center (312) 913-1211
Dallas Culture Center (214) 559-4115

Pacific Zone

Los Angeles Friendship Center (323) 965-0025
San Francisco Culture Center (415) 255-6007
Hawaii Culture Center (808) 595-6324

Northeast Zone

New York Culture Center (212) 727-7715

Southeast Zone

Miami Community Center (954) 349-5200
Washington, D.C., Community Center
(301) 779-3255

West Zone

Denver Culture Center (303) 893-0430
Seattle Culture Center (206) 244-0268

See you at the FNCC!