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Getting Off the Beaten Path in Grapevine — #ALACnf19

Pack Your Bags and Giddy Up, Y'all: Annual Conference Is Finally Here!

Whether you are arriving early or just in time for the 2019 Annual Conference & Expo, the Lone Star State has lots to offer! Grapevine, Texas, is conveniently located equidistant between downtown Fort Worth and downtown Dallas (23 miles from both, to be exact). While there is plenty to see and do in both cities, you can easily stay right here in Grapevine and never run out of things to taste and experience.

Grapevine was named after the wild mustang grapes that grew on the Grape Vine Prairie, so there is no shortage of wineries in the vicinity. If you are interested in tasting a few of our Texas wines after a day of blazing a trail with other legal leaders, [click here to learn more](#). While the city has lots to offer for the wine enthusiast, it has also been making a name for itself lately in craft brewing with three local breweries where attendees can wet their whistle and wind down the day.

For the avid shopper and historian, take time to stroll down the beautiful historic Main Street in downtown Grapevine. Main Street is lined with more than 80 locally owned shops, restaurants, art galleries and wine tasting rooms. While downtown you can hop on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad for a ride on an authentic 1920s Victorian train over to the Fort Worth Stockyards (weekends only). For the train's scheduling and ticket prices, [click here](#).

If you don't find what you are looking for on Main Street, Grapevine is also home to a 1.8 million-square-foot indoor outlet mall known as Grapevine Mills. This Texas-sized shopping haven has more than 180 stores and attractions. If you are interested in venturing to downtown Grapevine or Grapevine Mills and don't want the hassle of a rideshare, check out the [Grapevine Visitors Shuttle](#). A day pass costs just \$5. Scheduled

shuttles depart from the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center's [Tour Lobby driveway](#) throughout the day.

Not a shopper? Or perhaps looking for something a bit slower-paced after a day full of learning? Make time to head on over to the [Fort Worth Stockyards](#) for the ultimate Texas experience. There you can find a pair of custom boots, listen to live music in the world's largest honky-tonk or tour the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. And, if you make it over to Fort Worth, stick around for the cattle drive that takes place at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. every day. It doesn't get more Texan than this! Yeehaw!

Where can we have our chapter dinner?

Whether you are looking for the best barbecue joint west of the Mississippi or the most mouthwatering steakhouse in Texas, Grapevine has it all. [Click here for more information.](#)

Everything is said to be bigger and better in Texas, and we know this year's conference experience will definitely live up to that motto. The Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters look forward to welcoming each of you to the Lone Star State. See y'all soon!

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