

Governor's Message

Dear Delegates, Volunteers, Alumni, and YMCA Staff,

I would like to welcome you to the 2017 YMCA Texas Junior Youth and Government State Conference! I hope that all delegates take this weekend as an opportunity to display their qualities as debaters and future leaders of this country. This conference is a chance for every delegate to present and defend their ideas and beliefs, so I hope that every student here takes this chance to better themselves and all of the people around them. My hope is that all delegates will practice the core values of respect and professionalism throughout this weekend, but more importantly, I expect all delegates to enjoy the experience! I would like to personally thank all volunteers and YMCA staff who have devoted countless hours to see this conference come to fruition. It has truly been a privilege to serve as governor for you all this year. Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

Griffin White
Junior Youth Governor 2016-2017



YMCA TEXAS JUNIOR YG 2017 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD: BUSINESS CASUAL

- 2:00 PM-3:00 PM** Delegations arrive. Luggage storage:
 Dallas District **RIO GRANDE BALLROOM A**
 Fort Worth District **ARBOR**
 Houston District **CONCHO ROOM**
- 3:00 PM-3:45 PM** Opening Ceremony and Campaign Rally (**GRAND BALLROOM A**)
- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM** Chambers convene for elections and orientations
 Senate **SAN ANTONIO ROOM**
 House **RIO GRANDE BALLROOM**
 Duran House **GRAND BALLROOM A**
 Duran Senate **SAN SABA ROOM**
 Duran Council **SAN MARCOS ROOM**
 Governor's Cabinet **BOSQUE ROOM**
 State Affairs Forum **TRINITY ROOM**
- 4:00 PM-5:30 PM** Registration Packet/Key Pickup **PLAZA BOOTH A (DOWNSTAIRS)**
- 5:00 PM-6:00 PM** Hearing Committee Teams & Appointed Positions Training
LEGISLATIVE: SAN ANTONIO ROOM STATE AFFAIRS: TRINITY ROOM
- 5:00 PM-7:00 PM** Dinner/Pick up Luggage **ARBORETUM AREA OUTSIDE HOTEL**
- 7:00 PM-10:00PM** Legislative and State Affairs Forum Hearing Committees Convene
 Legislative Committees **SEE BILL BOOK**
 SAF Committees 1-4 **1 & 2: TRINITY ROOM**
3 & 4: GRAND BALLROOM B
- 7:00 PM-10:00 PM** Governor's Cabinet Convenes **VARIOUS COMMITTEE ROOMS**
- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM** ALL Adult meeting **PECOS ROOM**
- 10:00 PM-11:00 PM** Voting Open **LOBBY AREA**
- 11:00 PM** **ROOM CURFEW - DELEGATES MUST BE IN DESIGNATED HOTEL ROOM**
ADULTS CONDUCT ROOM CHECKS - YG SECURITY REPORT TO SHIFTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH: BUSINESS ATTIRE

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Bus Shuttle A to Capitol: HOUSE, SENATE, DURAN COUNCIL	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Bus Shuttle B to Capitol: DURAN HOUSE, DURAN SENATE, SAF, GOVERNOR’S CABINET	
ALL DAY	Volunteer Check-In	LEGISLATIVE CONF. CENTER
9:30 AM –12:30 PM	House/Senate in Hearing Committees	SEE BILL BOOK
9:30 AM –12:15 PM	Duran Council in Hearing Committees	SEE BILL BOOK
9:30 AM –12:00 PM	State Affairs Forum in Session	AUDITORIUM
9:30 AM –12:15 PM	Duran House in Session	HOUSE CHAMBERS
	Duran Senate in Session	SENATE CHAMBERS
	Governors Cabinet Convenes	SENATE PRESS ROOM
12:00 PM –1:00 PM	Lunch State Affairs Forum	CAPITOL GRILL
12:15 PM–1:15 PM	Lunch Duran House, Duran Senate, Duran Council (Voting takes place 12–2pm)	LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE CENTER
12:30 PM–1:30 PM	Lunch House, Senate, Governor’s Cabinet (Voting takes place 12–2pm)	CAPITOL GRILL
1:30 PM–4:30 PM	Duran House, Duran Senate in Hearing Committees	SEE BILL BOOK
1:00 PM–4:30 PM	State Affairs Forum in Session	AUDITORIUM
1:30 PM–5:00 PM	House in Session	HOUSE CHAMBERS
	Senate in Session	SENATE CHAMBERS
	Duran Council in Session	E2.036
	Governors Cabinet Convenes	SENATE PRESS ROOM
4:30 PM–5:00 PM	Busses for Duran House, Duran Senate, and SAF Meet buses in the same location as you were dropped off.	
5:00 PM–5:45 PM	Busses for Governor’s Cabinet, House, Senate, and Duran Council	
6:30 PM–7:30 PM	Banquet (Business/Dressy Attire)	RIO GRANDE BALLROOM

7:45 PM-8:45 PM	Closing and Awards Ceremony	GRAND BALLROOM
9:15 PM-11:00 PM	Dance (Sports Teams Theme) Board Games Group Activity Movie Photo Booth/Caricature Artists	RIO GRANDE BALLROOM SAN ANTONIO ROOM SABINE ROOM TRINITY ROOM PECOS ROOM

9:45 PM **NO UP AND DOWN TO ROOMS** - Students, once you choose to go to your room, you will not be allowed to come down to evening activities after this time.

11:30 PM-7:00 AM ROOM CURFEW - DELEGATES MUST BE IN DESIGNATED HOTEL ROOM

**ADULTS TO DO ROOM CHECKS AFTER CURFEW
YG SECURITY AND ADULTS REPORT TO YOUR DAY AND EVENING SHIFTS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH: CASUAL ATTIRE

8:00 AM-9:30 AM Departure Time (Staggered)
DISTRICTS/YMCAs WILL BE DISMISSED BASED ON ORDER OF BUSES

RENAISSANCE DEPARTURE
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM DALLAS
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM FT. WORTH
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM HOUSTON



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HOUSE AND SENATE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2017: Business Casual Attire

- 3:00 PM-3:45 PM** Opening Ceremony and Campaign Rally - GRAND BALLROOM
- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM** Convene for Elections and Orientation
House – RIO GRANDE BALLROOM
Senate – SAN ANTONIO ROOM
- 5:00 PM-6:00 PM** Hearing Committee Teams and Appointed Positions Training
- SAN ANTONIO ROOM
- 5:00 PM-7:00 PM** Dinner and luggage pickup
- 7:00 PM-10:00 PM** Hearing Committees Convene – SEE BILL BOOK FOR ROOM
- 11:00 PM** Room Curfew – All delegates must be in their hotel rooms

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 2017: Business Attire

- 7:30 AM-8:00 AM** Bus Shuttle A to Capitol from Hotel
- 9:30 AM-12:30 PM** Hearing Committees Convene in Capitol – SEE BILL BOOK
- 12:30 PM-1:30 PM** Lunch – CAPITOL GRILL. Vote for 2018 Officers in line!
- 1:30 PM-5:00 PM** House and Senate Convene
House – HOUSE CHAMBERS
Senate – SENATE CHAMBERS
- 5:00 PM-5:45 PM** Busses from Capitol to Hotel

EVENING SCHEDULE: See Page 3



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DURAN HOUSE AND DURAN SENATE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2017: Business Casual Attire

- 3:00 PM-3:45 PM** Opening Ceremony and Campaign Rally - GRAND BALLROOM
- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM** Convene for Elections and Orientation
Duran House – GRAND BALLROOM A
Duran Senate – SAN SABA ROOM
- 5:00 PM-6:00 PM** Hearing Committee Teams and Appointed Positions Training
- SAN ANTONIO ROOM
- 5:00 PM-7:00 PM** Dinner and luggage pickup
- 7:00 PM-10:00 PM** Hearing Committees Convene – SEE BILL BOOK FOR ROOM
- 11:00 PM** Room Curfew – All delegates must be in their hotel rooms

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 2017: Business Attire

- 8:30 AM-9:00 AM** Bus Shuttle B to Capitol from Hotel
- 9:30 AM-12:15 PM** Duran House and Duran Senate Convene
Duran House – HOUSE CHAMBERS
Duran Senate – SENATE CHAMBERS
- 12:15 PM-1:15 PM** Lunch – LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE CENTER
Vote for 2018 Officers in line!
- 1:30 PM-4:30PM** Hearing Committees Convene in Capitol – SEE BILL BOOK
- 4:30 PM-5:00 PM** Busses from Capitol to Hotel

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DURAN COUNCIL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2017: Business Casual Attire

- 3:00 PM–3:45 PM** Opening Ceremony and Campaign Rally – GRAND BALLROOM
- 4:00 PM–5:00 PM** Convene for Elections and Orientation – SAN MARCOS
- 5:00 PM–6:00 PM** Hearing Committee Teams and Appointed Positions Training
– SAN ANTONIO ROOM
- 5:00 PM–7:00 PM** Dinner and luggage pickup
- 7:00 PM–10:00 PM** Hearing Committees Convene – SEE BILL BOOK FOR ROOM
- 11:00 PM** Room Curfew – All delegates must be in their hotel rooms

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 2017: Business Attire

- 7:30 AM–8:00 AM** Bus Shuttle A to Capitol from Hotel
- 9:30 AM–12:15 PM** Hearing Committees Convene in Capitol – SEE BILL BOOK
- 12:15 PM–1:15 PM** Lunch – LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE CENTER
Vote for 2018 Officers in line!
- 1:30 PM–5:00 PM** Duran Council Convenes – E2.036
- 5:00 PM–5:45 PM** Busses from Capitol to Hotel

EVENING SCHEDULE: See Page 3



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STATE AFFAIRS FORUM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2017: Business Casual Attire

- 3:00 PM-3:45 PM** Opening Ceremony and Campaign Rally - GRAND BALLROOM
- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM** Convene for Orientation – TRINITY ROOM
- 5:00 PM-6:00 PM** Hearing Committee Teams and Appointed Positions Training
- TRINITY ROOM
- 5:00 PM-7:00 PM** Dinner and luggage pickup
- 7:00 PM-10:00 PM** Hearing Committees Convene – TRINITY ROOM AND GRAND
BALLROOM B
- 11:00 PM** Room Curfew – All delegates must be in their hotel rooms

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 2017: Business Attire

- 8:30 AM-9:00 AM** Bus Shuttle B to Capitol from Hotel
- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM** Hearing Committees Convene – CAPITOL AUDITORIUM
- 12:00 PM-1:00 PM** Lunch – CAPITOL GRILL. Vote for 2018 Officers in line!
- 1:30 PM-4:30PM** General Assembly Convenes – CAPITOL AUDITORIUM
- 4:30 PM-5:00 PM** Busses from Capitol to Hotel

EVENING SCHEDULE: See Page 3

Student Officers 2016-17



**GRIFFIN WHITE, Junior Youth Governor
Benbrook Community Center YMCA
Christian Life Preparatory
Fort Worth**



**JONATHAN JAMISON,
Lieutenant Governor
Oak Cliff YMCA
Canterbury Episcopal School
Dallas**



**ETHAN ONG,
State Affairs Forum Chair
McKinney YMCA
Imagine International Academy
Dallas**

2017 SECTION LEADERS

NAME	SECTION
Jason Turnbull	Duran House
Jason Holder	Duran Senate
Cameron McVay	Duran Council
Joshua Dunn	House
Judith Anderson-Bruess	Senate
Curry Goff	Governor's Cabinet
Becca Pel	State Affairs Forum



HONORING OUR PAST



JUNIOR YOUTH GOVERNORS

YEAR OF ELECTION	NAME	DISTRICT
2010-2011	Kire Jackson * Served as Speaker of the House, as we did not yet have the Governor position available	Dallas
2011-2012	Mandy Wallner	Dallas
2012-2013	Lexi Thorson	Dallas
2013-2014	Riley Milliken	Dallas
2014-2015	Michael Brown	Dallas
2015-2016	Sterling Pruitt	Dallas

YMCA SECURITY OFFICE

The Y&G Security Office will be responsible for lost and found, incidents and accidents, supervision of elevator use and shuttles, passing out extra towels and toiletries, and the keeping of records of all incidents.

Y&G Security, in cooperation with the State Director and the Renaissance Hotel Security, will be responsible for supervision and security of the hotel facility during the State Conference (including routine floor sweeps, door duty, and elevator supervision); discipline of delegates in cooperation with respective District Directors; innovation and initiation of functional improvements; training of delegates and advisors regarding hotel matters; and evaluation of completed program. This group will be a mix of YMCA Staff and volunteers. Y&G Security will be in designated T-Shirts rather than business attire.

CARE OF FACILITIES

You and/or your delegation will be held financially responsible for any damage to the facility or equipment. The State of Texas and the Renaissance have been most cooperative in providing the fine facilities for the Youth and Government Program. Over the years, the delegates have shown their appreciation for this privilege through their care for the safety and condition of the facilities. The members of the Conference will want to continue this tradition by being especially careful not to misuse the equipment.

Microphones, desk telephones are not to be used and papers in or on the desk must not be disturbed at the Capitol. NO food or drinks will be allowed in the Capitol. Cell phone use is prohibited while in session. Security cameras are in use at the Capitol facilities and are monitored. When using the writing desks in the House or Senate Chambers, please use the Bill Book between your paper and the desk.

DANCE GUIDELINES

The Texas YMCA Youth and Government Program strives to keep the dances at the State Conference appropriate and enjoyable for all. Each student is required to abide by the following guidelines and should read them prior to participating in the Saturday night dance at State. These guidelines must be followed at all times. Adults will be closely monitoring the behavior of students during the dance.

- Students must abide by the Conference Dress Code.
- Students are not to bunch up in tightly packed groups or bounce/push into each other. Moshing is prohibited.
- Students are to refrain from all forms of "horse-play" (i.e., running around, wrestling, etc.,)
- All dance moves should be done with dignity and self-respect.
- Suggestive dancing is prohibited. Grinding, straddling, bending over, and any other inappropriate moves are strictly prohibited.
- Feet must remain on the floor. Students are prohibited from lying on the dance floor.
- Shoes must be worn.
- Hands must remain visible during the dance. Hands should be on the hips and shoulders only. Inappropriate touching and/or gestures are strictly prohibited.
- Any dance moves or behavior that an adult monitor deems inappropriate and/or indecent will not be permitted.
- A student will receive one warning for inappropriate dancing. If the behavior persists, the student will be restricted from the dance.

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY

Contact a YMCA staff member and the Y&G Security office in case of illness. Attendance is taken at each session and any student not in the session must be accounted for. Call 911 in case of an emergency and then contact the Y&G Security Office. Hospital in the Capitol area: BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL, 1500 East Avenue (15th & I-35) 512/476-6461.

SAFETY AND HEALTH

YG Security will post key staff and volunteers in various locations at the hotel during activities. YG Security will deal with incidents and accidents. YG Security is NOT responsible for supervision of the students. **Local club leaders (YMCA and School adults) are responsible for their student's supervision.**

Safety of all participants is a major concern of the YMCA. To provide protection, delegates are expected to remain in designated conference areas and further comply with the following restrictions:

- Delegates will be in their rooms at the designated curfews listed in the program schedule.

For your own protection, please observe the following rules:

- Do not walk alone at any time, but in a group, with another delegate or advisors.
- Always lock your hotel room door when you leave and when you retire.
- Do not leave valuables in your hotel room or unsupervised.
YMCA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.
- An adult cannot be one on one with student's at any time.
- An advisor must be with you in order for you to ride in another vehicle that is not the YMCA chartered bus or vehicle. Prior approval from State Director and District Director must be obtained.

Behavior Policy Statement

The YMCA reserves the right to warn, suspend, dismiss or remove any program participant or member from our programs, program locations and facilities upon the following conditions:

- If their behavior poses a threat to themselves or others.
- If they require an inordinate amount of attention from the staff thereby causing inadequate levels of supervision for the remainder of the participants or members.
- If their behavior is determined to be inappropriate within the scope and spirit of the YMCA values.
- For any reason within the discretion of YMCA management

If teen is removed from the program for any of the above reasons, parent/guardian must retrieve teen at their own expense.

PREMIER DELEGATION

Individual Delegations from each District will be recognized at the Closing who has met the following criteria:

- Minimum of 10 students in club
- Students and Advisors submit all required documentation for their delegation such as bills, proposals, briefs, candidate applications, Code of Conduct and Signature Form by the designated deadline and in the format required by District Director
- Participation in scheduled events by all club members and adult leaders during the conferences (District and State)
- All Students, Adult Advisors/YMCA Staff/Volunteers of the delegation must display active participation. (For example- making an effort to be engaged rather than sleeping in sessions)
- Exceptional overall positive behavior of delegation, students and adults at all times
- Abide by Code of Conduct and Dress Code
- Advisors signup and complete volunteer duties during the conference

PREMIER DELEGATIONS, 2016 STATE CONFERENCE:

DISTRICT	Delegation	YMCA
Fort Worth	Christian Life Preparatory	Benbrook Community Center YMCA
Fort Worth	Int'l Leadership Academy – Keller	Northpark YMCA
Fort Worth	Highland Middle School	Northwest YMCA
Fort Worth	Lake Country Christian School	Northwest YMCA
Fort Worth	Meadowbrook Middle School	Eastside YMCA
Fort Worth	Wayside Middle School	Northwest YMCA
Dallas	Brandenburg Middle School	White Rock YMCA
Dallas	Canterbury Episcopal School	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Coppell Middle School West	Coppell YMCA
Dallas	DeZavala Middle School	Irving YMCA
Dallas	Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA
Dallas	Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA
Dallas	Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA

MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND YMCA-BASED Y&G CLUBS REPRESENTED AT THE 2017 STATE CONFERENCE:

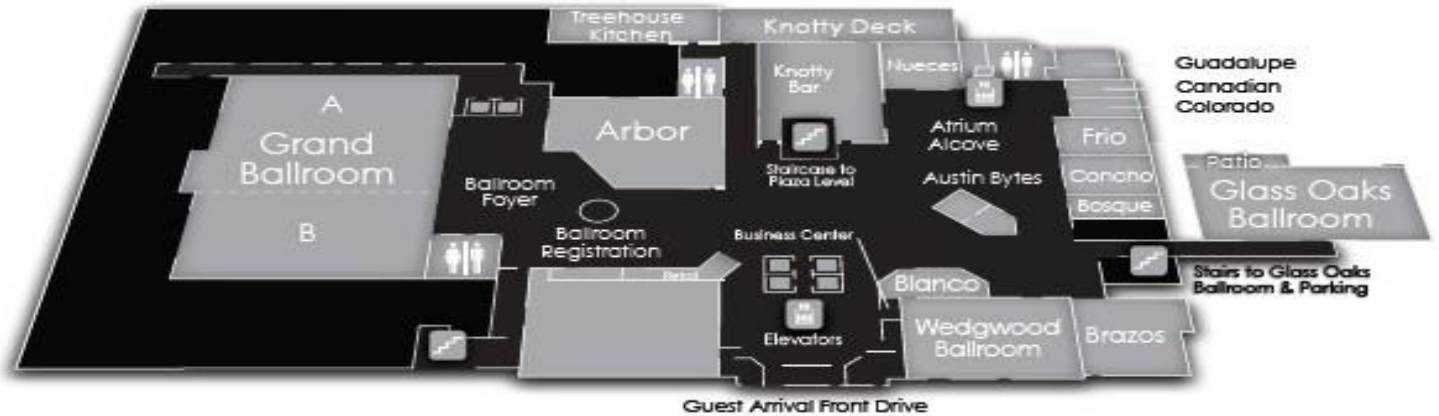
DISTRICT	School or YG Club Represented	YMCA
Houston	Fort Bend Homeschool Delegation	Fort Bend Family YMCA
Houston	KIPP CONNECT	Alief Family YMCA
Houston	Vic Coppinger Homeschool Delegation	Vic Coppinger Family YMCA
Fort Worth	Christian Life Preparatory	Benbrook Community Center YMCA
Fort Worth	Creekview Middle School	Northwest YMCA
Fort Worth	Daggett Montessori	Amon G. Carter, Jr. Downtown YMCA
Fort Worth	Ed Willkie Middle School	Northwest YMCA
Fort Worth	Int'l Leadership Academy – Keller	Northpark YMCA
Fort Worth	Lake Country Christian School	Northwest YMCA
Fort Worth	Meadowbrook Middle School	Eastside YMCA
Fort Worth	North Central Texas Academy	Hood County YMCA
Fort Worth	Oakridge Middle School	Cooper Family Center
Fort Worth	Prairie Vista Middle School	Northwest YMCA
Fort Worth	Temple Christian School	Eastside YMCA
Fort Worth	Wayside Middle School	Northwest YMCA
Fort Worth	William James Middle School	McDonald Community YMCA
Fort Worth	Young Women's Leadership Academy	Amon G. Carter, Jr. Downtown YMCA
Dallas	Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA
Dallas	Austin Middle School	Irving YMCA
Dallas	Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA
Dallas	Bishop Dunn Middle School	Grand Prairie YMCA
Dallas	Byrd Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Canterbury Episcopal School	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Coppell Middle School West	Coppell YMCA
Dallas	Daniel Intermediate School	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	DeSoto Middle School West	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Dowell Middle School	McKinney YMCA
Dallas	Episcopal School of Dallas	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Faubion Middle School	McKinney YMCA
Dallas	Fellowship Christian Academy	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA
Dallas	Jackson Technology Center	White Rock YMCA
Dallas	Kennemer Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Lakehill Preparatory School	White Rock YMCA
Dallas	Palestine Junior High School	Palestine YMCA
Dallas	Reagan Middle School	Grand Prairie YMCA
Dallas	Reed Middle School	Oak Cliff YMCA
Dallas	Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA
Dallas	Sellers Middle School	White Rock YMCA
Dallas	St. Mark Catholic School	Plano YMCA
Dallas	St. Paul the Apostle Middle School	Richardson YMCA
Dallas	Truman Middle School	Grand Prairie YMCA
Dallas	Webb Middle School	White Rock YMCA

RENAISSANCE HOTEL MAP

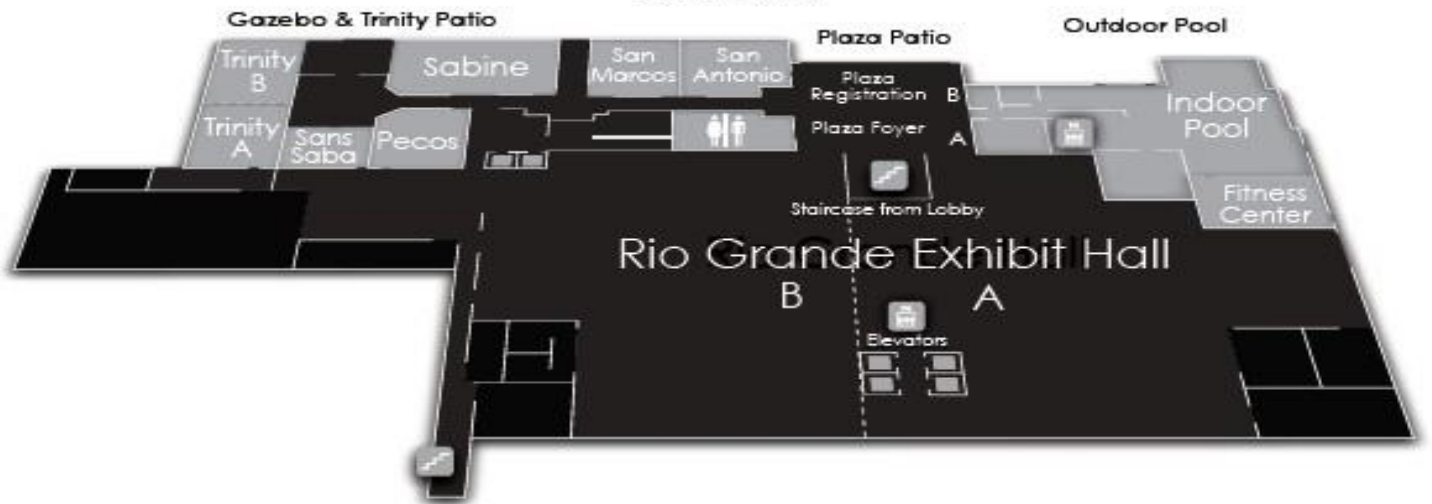
Address: 9721 ARBORETUM BLVD AUSTIN, TX 78759 Hotel #512-343-2626



Atrium Level (Lobby Level)



Plaza Level (Lower Level)



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CAPITOL COMPLEX