

ABOUT THE TESOL ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 44th Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit will be held in Boston, Massachusetts in the United States. The convention will take place March 24–27, 2010, in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) & the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens on November 18, 2009 for members and on December 1, 2009 for non-members

Registration Hours

Tuesday 3 pm–6 pm

Wednesday 7 am–7 pm

Thursday 6:30 am–5 pm

Friday 7 am–5 pm

Saturday 7 am–3 pm

Preregistration is highly recommended to avoid long lines at on-site registration; it is also less expensive than registering on site. Preregistered attendees can pick up their Program Book, tote bag, and badge at the registration counters located on in the North lobby of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. TESOL convention badges must be worn at all times in the exhibit hall and while attending sessions. The fee to replace a lost badge is \$25. Pick-up hours are the same as registration hours.

Registration Costs

Full pre-registration is \$315 for members and \$530 for non-members.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Which hotels

Hotel reservations will be available beginning November 18 for members and on December 1, 2009 for non-members. You will need to register for the convention prior to obtaining a room reservation.

Hotel Rates

Rates in TESOL's official hotels range from \$145 per night to \$249 per night for single occupancy. Rates for doubles and quad rooms will be available November 18.

Business Center

FedEx Kinkos is located on Level One in the North Lobby.

Food and Beverages

Food can be purchased in the Exhibit Hall or at stands located throughout the convention center. Additional restaurants and services are located outside the convention center.

Parking at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

The BCEC has both valet and self-parking. Valet parking is \$20 before 4 pm, \$15 after 4 pm. Self-parking is \$10 all day.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport Information

Boston Logan International Airport is 2.9 miles from the BCEC and the trip by car or taxi takes about 8 minutes.

Airport Transportation

Attendees are encouraged to utilize the city's public transport system, MBTA, to travel from the airport to the BCEC and around town. For more information visit www.mbta.com.

TESOL SERVICES AND INFORMATION

Academic Credit

Earn continuing education units (CEUs) and graduate credits by attending TESOL's 2010 convention. For information, contact TESOL's Education Programs Department at edprograms@tesol.org.

Attendance Certificates

Certificates of attendance are in each registration packet on site. You must attend to receive a certificate.

Awards and Grants

TESOL-sponsored awards and grants are made possible by the generous support of TESOL members. The proceeds from raffle ticket sales at the convention greatly benefit the awards and grants program. To learn more about this program, plan to attend the workshop "TESOL Awards Are for You" on Wednesday or Friday. Times and locations can be found on TESOL's Web site or in the Program Book.

Children at TESOL

Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult during the convention. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior for the duration of the convention. As a courtesy to all attendees, presenters, and exhibitors, disruptive children, as well as adults, may be asked to leave the convention.

Additionally, "Parents in a Pinch", a well known childcare provider in the Boston area, will provide childcare upon request to individual families while they are at the convention. The cost will be \$15 per hour with a four hour minimum. For more information or to make childcare arrangements, see the information on the convention web site.

Handouts

TESOL presenters are not required to provide handouts for their sessions. *If handouts are provided, they are the sole responsibility of the presenter.*

Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired

To request an interpreter please contact conventions@tesol.org.

Job MarketPlace

Recruiters and job seekers from all over the world meet at the Job MarketPlace to fill a variety of English language teaching jobs: long- and short-term; teaching and administrative; public and private; primary, secondary, adult, and higher education. The Job MarketPlace will be located in the exhibit hall at the BCEC.

Networking Mall

The Networking Mall will be located in the exhibit hall. The Networking Mall is a place for attendees to get together, meet, and exchange ideas.

Pre- and Postconvention Institutes Pre- and Postconvention Institutes (PCIs) are practical workshops designed as professional development opportunities and are offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the convention. PCIs are ticketed events and require separate registration.

Services for the Physically Challenged

The BCEC is fully wheelchair accessible and in compliance with ADA regulations.