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2019 International T'ai Chi Chih® Teachers' Conference

General Information

Welcome back to Minnesota!

The 2019 International T'ai Chi Chih Teachers' Conference returns to the land of loons, lakes, and lutefisk on June 27-30, 2019 to celebrate a Return to the Circle. The conference site is [Marriott Southwest](#), located in a serene and beautiful area just minutes from the [Minneapolis/St. Paul airport](#). The hotel boasts 5 miles of walking trails, an outdoor patio for breakfast or lunch, and plenty of flexible break-out session spaces as well as a huge ballroom for all-conference gatherings. You will feel a sense of ease and comfort the minute you walk through the door.

June in Minnesota is a spectacular time of the year. Native plants show off their best, the weather is ideal, and everything smells fresh and clean. Consider arriving before the conference or spending time afterwards—there's plenty to see and do: [Minneapolis Institute of Arts](#), [The American Swedish Institute](#), [Walker Art Center](#), [Guthrie Theater](#), [Minneapolis Sculpture Garden](#), [Mall of America](#), or a leisurely spin around the City of Lakes.

Laurie Jacobi and Linda Zelig, co-coordinators, have gathered a talented and experienced team to assist them in preparing and running the event. We are dedicated to carrying the **LOVE from Philadelphia** to the **CIRCLE of CHI in the Twin Cities**. Please mark your calendars now, June 27-30, 2019. Registration opens in November.

Schedule

The conference begins Thursday, June 27th. Registration will be open from 3 to 5 pm in front of the Lake Minnetonka Ballroom. Our first group practice begins at 5 pm, followed by dinner. The conference ends on Sunday, June 30 with a group practice from 11 am - noon.

Two Step Registration 1. Conference Registration 2. Room Registration.

Conference Registration

The on-line registration form and information can be found at <http://www.taichichihfoundation.org>. By using the online form, your registration is immediate and your special requests will be addressed quickly and you can pay by credit card, debit card or through PayPal. On-line payments will incur an additional processing fee of approximately 2.2%. If you prefer to register by mail, paper forms can be found at the [taichichih.org](#) website or [here](#). Those who do not have the ability to print from the web can request all forms from **Jim Maple** at maple4@core.com or by calling **608-290-2902**.



Conference Fees

\$365 prior to February 1, 2019 and \$395 after February 1, 2019.

The conference fee includes all meals from Thursday's dinner through Sunday's breakfast. If you are traveling with family or a friend and they would like to have meals with the group, you can order a Meal Plan, which includes the same meals. The cost of the eight meals for a traveling partner accompanying teachers is an additional cost of \$320.

If you would like to share a room and are looking for a roommate, make sure you check this line on the registration form so that arrangements can be made.

Deadline for Conference Registration is June 6, 2019

Cancellations for the conference after June 20, 2019 are subject to a \$365 fee.

Room Reservations

You can make your hotel guest room reservation by the following methods:

1. Phone: Call 1-888-887-1681. Please ask for the "TCC Teacher Conf" block that starts on June 27, 2019 and ends July 7, 2019. Please specify your room type preference: (One King Bed or Two Double Beds).
2. Online by clicking on the link: [Book your group rate for TCC Teacher Conf.](#)

If you are planning on sharing a room and splitting the room and tax rate please call: 1-888-887-1681. Notify the reservationist of the number of guests in your room and provide their name(s).

The cutoff date to make a room reservation is 5/30/2019.

The discounted rate for the conference is \$117.20 (7.53% tax included) per night beginning June 27, 2019 and extending through July 6, 2019. If you wish to book additional nights prior to June 27, the only rooms left are at the normal rate of \$313 per night and are based upon availability.

Free parking is available at the hotel for the duration of your stay.

Transportation

Flying? Book a flight for Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP)

Choose one of the following ground transportation options for your final destination:

Lyft: www.lyft.com/rider

Sign up and download the app to your phone for specifics on rates and duration.

Uber: www.uber.com

Sign up and download the app to your phone for specifics on rates and duration.

Super Shuttle: https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/minneapolis-stpaul-msp/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIg76r0tvo3gIV3LrACh288AduEAAYASAAEgK-NvD_BwE

For rates and times insert your information: flight arrival time, number of passengers, one way or round-trip.

Public Transportation

For the more adventurous, public transportation users and those wishing to arrive early or stay longer than just for the conference:

a) **trip planner:** <https://www.metrotransit.org/imap/map.aspx>



b) Metrotransit fares: <https://www.metrotransit.org/fares>

Metrotransit has the most reasonable rates of any city - Light rail lines (green and blue) run between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis through the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul neighborhoods and businesses, crossing the Mississippi River at University of Minnesota, downtown Minneapolis, Minneapolis neighborhoods, Minnehaha Park, VA Hospital, MSP Airport and Mall of America. Duration: over an hour, but would be less expensive than any of the above and, if you have time, a more scenic route.

Light rail (blue and green lines) and bus (Local Bus / A Line / METRO) standard adult fares are \$2 (non-rush hour) or \$2.50 (rush hour) for 2.5 hours, all day passes are \$5 weekday, \$4 weekend. They can be paid by cash (exact change on buses), credit card (train ticket machines on train platforms) or mobile app. For further detail see <https://www.metrotransit.org/fares>. Warning: boarding a train or bus without paying the fare is subject to a \$180 fine.

Driving? Cycling? Walking?

Google maps gives options of origin and destination (copy and paste address above) and mode of transportation (driving, public transportation, walking, cycling, etc.) <https://www.google.com/maps>

Special/Dietary Needs

The hotel staff has assured us that their food choices are sufficient to cover all dietary preferences. If you have dietary restrictions and/or special needs requirements, please complete the Meals and Special Needs Information Form and submit it with your conference registration.

Conference Tee Shirts

Information will be available at a later date.

Look Who's Coming

A list of those that have registered for the conference will be maintained on the website www.taichichih.org. If you do not want your name listed please inform the registrar when registering.

Vendors

Vendor applications for the 2019 Teachers' Conference will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Items brought to the conference for sale should be personally crafted or produced by the teacher/vendor. This is a wonderful opportunity to display the talents of our community. Vendor Application Deadline: **June 6, 2019**

A tablecloth will be provided for each table. Please bring a cover cloth for your table during conference sessions and when the vendor area is closed and locked. To reserve table space, complete and send the Vendor Registration Form with your conference registration. Include the vendor fee of \$15 for a half table or \$30 for a whole table with your conference fees and note it on your conference registration form. If you need additional information contact the Vendor Coordinator, Lorel Maple at maple4@core.com or 608-289-2202.

Raffle and Auction

At each conference, we hold a festive Raffle and Auction of items donated by T'ai Chi Chih teachers. Each year, the thoughtful contributions exceed expectations. The generosity of T'ai Chi Chih teachers is not to be underestimated! Proceeds support the Conference Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to teachers who would otherwise not be able to attend. Please give some thought to donating several items for this event! Items do not have to be T'ai Chi Chih related, though related items are always welcome. If you have any questions, contact the Raffle and Auction Coordinator, Bonnie Sokolov at bonnietaichi5@gmail.com.



Scholarships

The Conference Scholarship Fund was created by T'ai Chi Chih Teachers to assist fellow teachers who cannot afford the full conference cost. Our intention is to assist as many teachers as possible to attend the conference in 2019. Individual scholarships this year are up to \$250 and will be applied to your conference registration fee.

To request a scholarship, complete the Conference Scholarship Form and mail or email it along with your Conference Registration Form to the Conference Registrar, Jim Maple, 1345 Prairie Village Road, Deerfield, WI 53531 or maple4@core.com. You will be notified of the status of your scholarship request within two weeks of delivery.

Teachers are invited to make an optional donation to the Conference Scholarship Fund by enclosing a separate, tax deductible check with your Conference Registration Form and Conference Fee check.

Make checks payable to: T'ai Chi Chih International Foundation.

Seijaku

A Seijaku Accreditation with Pam Towne and a Seijaku Basics Course will be held post conference at the Minneapolis Marriot Southwest, beginning Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 4pm and concluding on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at noon. Bonnie Sokolov will be hosting and can be reached at bonnietaichi5@gmail.com (preferred) or 507-250-3360. Registration and more information on both of these courses can be found at <http://www.taichichih.org/conference-2019/>.

