To make your conference experience more enjoyable...

- There is Wi-Fi at the conference center, if you have trouble connecting ask for assistance at the registration desk.

- Don’t forget to pack:
  * All medications, including over-the-counter drugs. There is no drug store in walking distance of the campus.
  * Walking shoes and/or work-out gear so that you can enjoy a peaceful walk around the lake or utilize the gym
  * All toiletries you may need—bar soap is the only item provided in the dorms.
  * Shower shoes/flip flops
  * Reusable water bottle
  * Books or Laptops/Tablets for relaxing in the evenings with Netflix/Hulu/[Insert Streaming Service of Choice]
  * Small bills to buy candy/chips or postcards/stamps at the front desk

General Information

- The ACDA Biennial Conference is held in the tranquil wooded setting of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois.

- First time attendees—don’t be afraid to ask questions!
  * Lodging, session rooms, and meals are all in separate buildings. Someone will be happy to show you where to go!

For more information on the campus visit: https://usml.edu/visitors/
Add a fun weekend trip to your itinerary and explore some of Chicago’s best features!

- Millennium Park (and the Bean!)
- Art Institute of Chicago
- Adler Planetarium
- Shedd Aquarium
- The Field Museum
- Magnificent Mile (aka Michigan Ave)
- Chicago History Museum
- Lincoln Park & Zoo
- Grant Park/Buckingham Fountain
- Chicago Sports Museum
- International Museum of Surgical Science
- Graceland or Rosehill Cemetery
- Museum of Science and Industry
- And so much more!

If you fly in early to visit Chicago, you can easily get to Mundelein via the Metra! The Metra is Chicago’s commuter transit rail and trains run every 1-2 hours depending on the time of day and day of the week. To get to Mundelein, you’ll need the North Central Service (NCS) line towards Antioch. One-way tickets are less than $10!

Once you get off the train at the Mundelein stop, you can call a 303 Taxi (service company for the suburbs) or Uber/Lyft to take you to Saint Mary of the Lake where the conference is held. It’s only about a mile away from the train station.

If you want to spend the weekend after the conference in Chicago, you can take the bus to O’Hare with everyone else. From there, all you have to do is hop on the L! The “L” is the Chicago Transit Authority’s (CTA) elevated train system. The line from O’Hare is the Blue Line and it will take you all the way down to the Loop (or the Business district) where there are tons of hotel options.
* Purple Lot — Arrival and Parking
* E — Conference Center Lodging — check in here upon arrival
* D — Conference Center Meeting Hall — where the sessions will take place
* B — Dining Hall — meals are a short walk from the Lodging and Meeting Hall