

Where to stay

NCSS has arranged special rates at seven downtown hotels, all conveniently located within blocks of the Baltimore Convention Center. You may reserve your room online: visit www.socialstudies.org/conference and click "Hotels."

Because rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis, we urge you to make your hotel reservations at the same time that you register for the conference. Please avoid reserving rooms that you do not need, as rooms are limited in number. A first night deposit will be required to guarantee a guest room or suite reservation. This deposit will be refundable until 7 days prior to arrival. Do not call the NCSS Headquarters—your reservation will not be processed.

Handy Tips

- ▶ Conference hotels sell out fast—several are already full. If you haven't already made your room reservations, please do so immediately at www.socialstudies.org/conference/hotels or call toll free 1 800-960-1421 (M-F, 9a-8p ET).

Special needs

If you have a disability that requires special accommodation, please contact the NCSS Headquarters office at (301) 588-1800 extension 109 or e-mail conference@ncss.org. NCSS is committed to accessibility for all conference attendees.

Refund policies

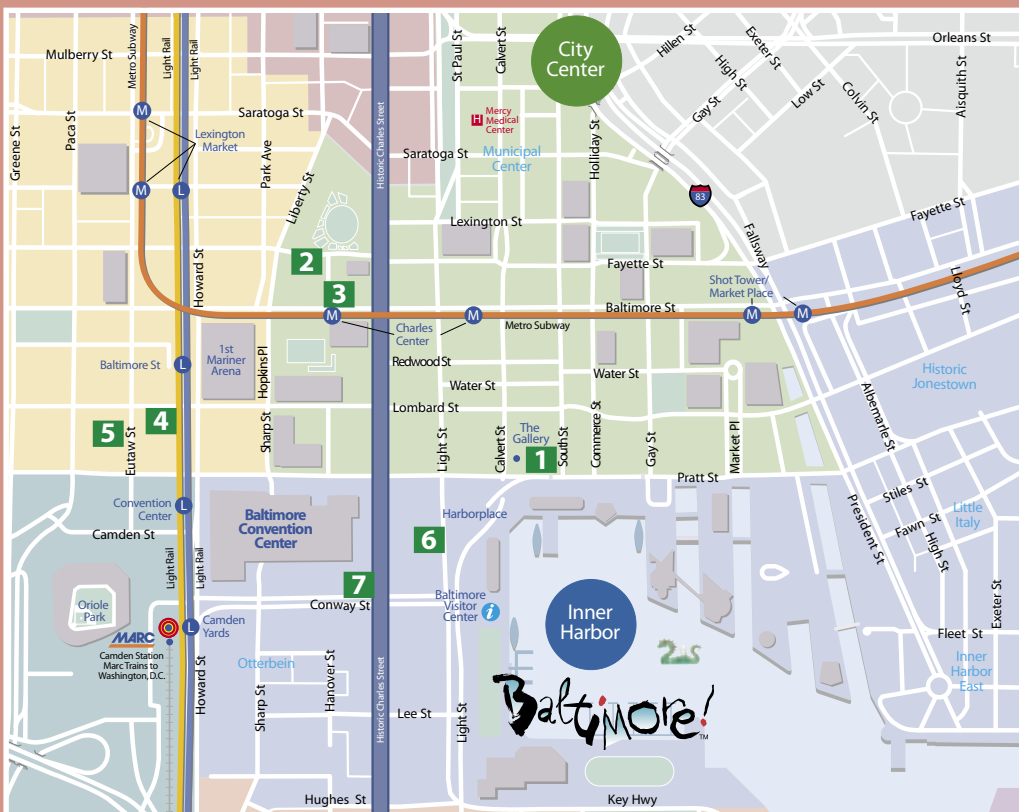
Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$20 service charge, if a written request is received at NCSS Headquarters before October 8, 2004. NO REFUND REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THAT DATE.

Tourist information

You'll find more information on Baltimore — from football games to Inner Harbor attractions — on our website. Go to www.socialstudies.org/conference and click "All About Baltimore."

Your guide to the NCSS Annual Conference

NCSS 2004



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Baltimore, MD
November 19-21, 2004

Hotel Legend

- 1 Renaissance Harborplace Hotel
- 2 Wyndham Inner Harbor
- 3 Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore
- 4 Holiday Inn Inner Harbor
- 5 Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor
- 6 Hyatt Regency Baltimore
- 7 Sheraton Inner Harbor

Map jointly produced by Downtown Partnership and Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association



For the latest information on the
NCSS Annual Conference, visit our website:

www.socialstudies.org/conference

About your badge

This is what your registration badge looks like. You must wear your badge for admission to all conference sessions, events, and exhibits.

When you arrive at the Baltimore Convention Center, please visit the registration area. It's located on Level 100, in the Charles Street Lobby (the east side of the center, at the corner of Charles and Pratt streets). At registration, you may pick up a free badge holder, tote bag, and program book.



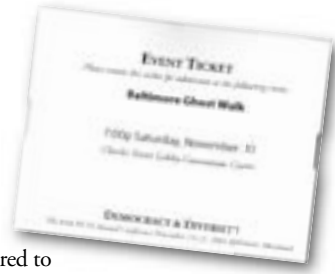
Handy Tips

- ▶ If you have already received your registration badge, **there is no need to wait in any registration lines.** You are already registered.
- ▶ If you don't have your registration badge but you did register, please go to "Preregistration" to have a badge printed.
- ▶ If you haven't registered, please go to "On-Site Registration."

About your tickets

This is what an event ticket looks like.

Tickets are required for pre-conference clinics, tours, and council breakfasts. If you registered for one of these events, please bring the ticket with you to Baltimore. You will be required to present the ticket when you attend the event.



Handy Tips

- ▶ Please don't lose your tickets. We will not be able to replace them on-site.
- ▶ If you are attending an off-site clinic or tour, please meet the bus at least 10 minutes before the time printed on your ticket. Buses will pick up outside the Charles Street Lobby, Level 100.
- ▶ Tickets not sold during preregistration will be sold on site, subject to availability. Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is sold out or cancelled. Refunds will be mailed after the conference. NCSS reserves the right to cancel any ticketed event due to lack of attendance or in the event of presenter illness. Clinics with less than 10 registrants as of October 8 will automatically be cancelled.

How the conference works

Sessions

Sessions run from Friday to Sunday and are one hour in length. There is a 15 minute break between sessions. All sessions will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Workshops

Workshops are two hours in length, designed for a more in-depth program. Workshops are scheduled Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Clinics and tours

Attendance at clinics and tours requires additional paid tickets. Most clinics are scheduled on Thursday, November 18. Clinic locations are printed on tickets, but are not disclosed in the program book. Tours are scheduled all days of the conference. Event tickets not sold during the preregistration period are offered for sale on site on a first come, first served basis.

Speakers

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday feature unopposed keynote sessions with special guest speakers. In addition, highlighted sessions and speakers on topics of special interest are scheduled throughout the conference.

Exhibits

The exhibit hall is open Friday and Saturday 9AM-6PM. Exhibits are located in the Baltimore Convention Center.

Schedule information

Scheduling for the conference continues up until the beginning of November. You'll find program information on the web at www.socialstudies.org/conference and the entire program will be available online in November. Please note that the schedule is subject to change—check the Program Addendum at the Conference.

Handy Tips

- ▶ Check the website for current program information to plan your conference experience.

Hospitality and information

Members of the Maryland Council for the Social Studies will be available to provide information that will make your visit to Charm City more enjoyable and rewarding. A hospitality booth will be located in the registration area.

First time attendees

The Next Step: A Session for First Timers is designed for individuals attending the conference for the first time. This session is scheduled on Friday morning—check the program book for time and place.

Getting there

By plane

NCSS is pleased to announce that it has been able to secure a special discount agreement with Continental Airlines for attendees to the Annual Conference. Several pricing options are available to serve your needs. You may choose discounts off applicable fares or Zone Fares. Travel is valid on Continental Airlines, Continental Express, and Continental Connection flights operated by Gulfstream International. Call your travel professional or Continental's Meeting Works at 800-468-7022 to obtain the best fares and schedule information. The Meeting Works reservation lines hours are 7:00AM to 10:00PM Central Time. Make sure you refer to Agreement Code: VXH40P and Z Code.

Airport transportation

NCSS has arranged special \$12 fares with Airport Shuttle, providing service from Baltimore-Washington International Airport to all conference hotels. To reserve space on the shuttle, visit www.theairportshuttle.com. Click on "Reservation & Fares." Scroll down to the Group ID box, and enter "NCSS." You may make reservations in advance with this service.

By automobile

Avis Rent A Car is offering NCSS Conference attendees special Daily, Weekly, and Weekend rates from November 12-28, 2004. All attendees must use the assigned NCSS Meeting Avis Discount Number of J786601 to receive the discount. Avis offers the special rates with unlimited mileage, providing you the perfect opportunity to extend your stay and explore Baltimore! Reservations may be made by calling 800-331-1600, or visit the Avis website at www.avis.com.

Handy Tips

- ▶ For information on Baltimore-Washington International Airport, visit their website at www.bwiairport.com
- ▶ Light rail connects BWI with the Convention Center (Pratt Street/Convention Center station). For more information, visit www.mtmaryland.com/services/lightrail. *Please note: the light rail station at BWI may be closed due to construction. Buses will bridge the disruption.*
- ▶ MARC trains connect the Washington, DC area with downtown Baltimore. The MARC Camden station is one block from the Convention Center. For more information call (410) 539-5000 or visit www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc

Learn more

- ▶ For more information on Baltimore, including attractions and dining, visit www.baltimore.org