

WCC 2018 Frequently Asked Questions - 3/27/18

1. Where is the Conference?

The Conference will be held at University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC), Stevenson College. Enter the campus at the corner of Bay Street and High Street, referred to as the main entrance. Pass 3 stop signs, continue up Coolidge Drive for about 1.5 miles. Coolidge turns sharp left and becomes McLaughlin. Stevenson is the first left.

2. Where is the information center (Dowers' Registration)?

Follow the signs to Dowers' Registration in the Stevenson Library. General questions about the Conference can also be answered by any of the people on the Conference committee. Their photos and names are in the Program Booklet.

3. Do I need to pay for parking?

Yes. On Friday morning only, from 7:45 to 9:15, there will be someone from UCSC Conference Office in the parking lot to sell parking permits. At other times, please go to the UCSC Conference Office. For more information regarding this, read about parking in "Coming to the West Coast Conference" on this website. For additional information from the University: <https://taps.ucsc.edu/parking/parking-permits/index.html>.

4. What is the fine for parking without a parking permit?

\$50.00 for each occurrence

5. What should I wear?

We recommend casual, comfortable clothes and shoes. Meeting room temperatures will vary, so wear layered clothing to ensure your personal comfort. Be aware also that it is often chilly and damp (50°s and 60°s) in the mornings and evenings, and hot (70° to 80°) in the afternoon.

6. What is the refund policy?

The University **WILL NOT** refund housing & meals costs after June 25th. For other cancellation questions, contact info@dowerswestcoast.org.

7. Whom do I contact if I have a complaint?

Go to Dowers' Registration.

8. Are meals included with my registration?

If you're staying on campus, meals are included. You cannot pay for the rooms without the meals.

If you're staying *off* campus, you need to reserve meals in advance and pay per meal.

9. Do I have to pre-register for the meals I want?

Yes, but **ONLY** if you are **NOT** staying on campus.

10. How can I obtain an invoice/receipt for a registration?

Go to Dowers' Registration.

11. Can I substitute/transfer my registration to someone else to attend the Conference?

You can substitute someone else by emailing your registration to info@dowerswestcoast.org.

12. Can I pay to attend only one day or part of the Conference?

Yes. Please click on the pdf of the Registration Form for complete information. If you are not staying on campus, you will need to reserve meals.

13. What are the registration deadlines?

All housing on campus needs to be reserved by June 13, 2018. University regulations require a minimum stay of 2 consecutive nights.

14. Is Wi-Fi provided?

Both cell phone and Wi-Fi reception are sparse on campus. Wi-Fi is not available for use by exhibitors for their displays/presentations.

15. Is there an attendee list?

No, but you are welcome to exchange information with other attendees.

16. What is the closest airport?

San Jose Airport (SJC) is the closest airport and is approximately 45 to 90 minutes away, depending on traffic. Other Bay Area airports are San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and Oakland (OAK).

17. I have special needs (mobility, dietary, etc.). How can I inform you of them?

Please call Susan at 978-496-8599 and also note all special needs on your registration form.

18. Additional questions not covered in this FAQ?

Contact Susan at 978-340-9304 or info@dowerswestcoast.org.

Presentations FAQs

19. What is the difference between classes, Schools and Workshops?

Classes are offered on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and on Tuesday morning. They are included when you register for the full Conference or by the day. Schools and Workshops are offered for an additional fee. Schools are offered on Friday (pre-Conference) and Workshops on Tuesday (post-Conference). You must sign up for a School or Workshop before it starts, either by mail or at Dowers' Registration.

20. What is the daily schedule?

There are four class periods of 75 minutes each day, with five classes running during each period. The Schools and Workshops are either full-day or half-day. Other events occur throughout the day – before the first period, during the lunch break and in the evening. All events are shown in the Program Booklet.

21. Why are there multiple events occurring at the same time?

The Conference attracts people with many different interests. The various choices give you a chance to find events that interest you. Also check your Program Booklet for special events occurring before and after talks, and in the evening.

22. Where will classes, Workshops and Schools be held?

All the classrooms are close to each other at UCSC's Stevenson College. The Program Booklet will contain the complete schedule and locations of all events.

23. How do I choose which class to go to?

On Friday night, each speaker is given a minute to introduce their presentation. Between that, dowsing and asking others for recommendations, you will have multiple ways to choose.

24. Can I go to Schools on Friday and/or Workshops on Tuesday without signing up for the Conference?

Yes to both questions. Please see the Registration Form.

25. Do I have to pre-register for the classes I want to attend?

No, but you need to register to attend any Conference function, and wear your ribbon. Please pre-register if possible, or come to Dowsers' Registration to get your ribbon. Show up early to get a good seat!

26. Do I need a ticket to get into a class?

No, you need to be wearing your Conference ribbon. For a School or Workshop, you need to be on the registration list that the speaker will be checking.

27. If I don't like a class, can I leave and go to another class?

Yes. You can go to any other class that is available. Please leave and enter quietly.

28. What if the classroom is full?

Generally there is room to stand. Otherwise, you need to find another class. You can always buy the recording. You should show up early to make sure you get a good seat.

29. Can I get recordings of the classes?

Yes, they will be for sale at the Conference and by mail thereafter. You can check the list and purchase the recordings at our sales table by Registration in the Stevenson Library.

30. Can I record a class?

Recording is not allowed except by our Conference staff. Please purchase the recordings you would like during or after the Conference.

31. Are there video recordings of the classes?

A limited number of the talks will be recorded as DVD's. You can check the list and purchase those recordings at the Conference as well.

32. Is the Conference being live-streamed (broadcast) to the Internet?

One talk per period, plus a few bonus tracks will be live-streamed. Those talks can be viewed in real time, and they will be available for online viewing for thirty days following the conference, all for one low price. There are five classes per time period, so the other four will not be broadcast. For more information on the live-stream, please visit this link:
<http://www.tikilive.com/channel/west-coast-dowsers>

33. Can I talk with speakers and buy their books and materials?

The speakers are generally available in the courtyard immediately after their class. Many speakers will have tables with their books and products for sale. Some speakers will have tables open throughout the Conference. You will have breaks between classes to visit the tables and talk with the speakers.

34. Are there breaks between the talks?

Yes. There are 30-minute breaks, and a lunch break of two hours. Many speakers and vendors are available in the courtyard during breaks.

35. Do I need to pay extra for the evening events, such as the keynote speaker, hospitality, or Fun Night?

No. All of those events are part of your Conference fee. In order to attend, you will need to be wearing your ribbon.

36. What do I need to bring to the Friday all-day Basic Dowsing School?

The Basic Dowsing School will provide you with all the dowsing tools you need. If you have your own tools that you want to work with, please bring those. Bring a hat and sunscreen for the outdoor part of the School. Be prepared to walk around. You will be doing plenty of dowsing.

37. Are there special requirements for the Advanced Dowsing School?

Please bring your own tools. You need to be comfortable and accurate using a dowsing technique, such as a pendulum, rods, bobber, or muscle testing. The techniques you need depend on the class. The teachers will not be teaching basic dowsing techniques.

38. Is the Basic Dowsing School just for people who have never dowsed or for people who know some dowsing techniques?

The school is for both. People who have never dowsed will have the support and attention to jump-start them into dowsing. People who have a little knowledge will be able to learn many more techniques and ways to improve their accuracy.

39. If I don't like a School or a Workshop, can I go to another School or Workshop?

No. You need to go to Dowsers' Registration first and make the change before you will be allowed into another School or Workshop.