



Notes Before You Go

It's almost time for International Convention! To help you prepare for this exciting week of competition, harmony, education and fun in New Orleans, we've designed this information packet to provide you with the information you need while traveling to New Orleans.

Remember to download the Sweet Adelines International Event App to keep up with the many events happening throughout the week.

Want your convention program now? Click [here](#) for access to the digital program where you can find all the details for convention week.

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Important Reminders!

Competition Seating Update

NEW THIS YEAR!!! The State of the Organization and Harmony Classic are 100% open seating on Tuesday night. Arrive early to get that front row seat and hear organization updates from International President Patty Cobb Baker and cheer on the Division A and AA Harmony Classic competitors.

During the semi-finals, although there is "technically" assigned seating, move up close and let the quartets and choruses see your faces and hear your cheers. Sure, someone may come to claim their seat...just move over to another empty seat and keep enjoying two full days of best barbershop performances.

Traffic Pattern Rule Involving Coaches, Family and Friends

Please remember, no non-competitors are allowed on the competitor buses or in the traffic pattern. This includes coaches, friends and family. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bag Check Reminder

The Smoothie King Center requires all bags to be checked before entering the venue. Please allow extra time for the routine bag check each day prior to entering the competition venue. Backpacks and luggage are NOT allowed. Personal, reusable beverage containers or bottles of water will be permitted. No beverage may conflict with the New Orleans Pelicans beverage sponsor who has been granted exclusive rights (eg: Coca-Cola brands including Dasani® are allowed.)

Visit sweetadelines.com/neworleans for additional convention resources.



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General Information

Competition Location

Smoothie King Center
1501 Dave Dixon Drive
New Orleans, LA 70113

Harmony Bazaar Location

New Orleans Marriott
2nd Floor Preservation Hall
555 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Time Zone: New Orleans is located in Central Time Zone (CST).

Weather: In September, New Orleans temperatures are between 80–90° F (27–32° C) during the day, and 70–80° F (21–27° C) at night. You can view a ten-day weather forecast [here](#).

What to Bring to The Big Easy

- Layers of clothing for fluctuating temperatures (inside the arena and outside)
- Refillable water bottle
- Rain jacket
- Walking shoes
- ... and a song in your heart!

Safety Tips

- Walk with confidence
- Do not walk alone, especially at night.
- Take a taxi, Uber, or Lyft instead of walking down unfamiliar streets.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Plan your route before you leave.
- Remove your name badge when leaving the hotel or Smoothie King Center.
- Consider keeping your cash separate from your credit cards and ID. Leave all unnecessary credit cards at home.
- Never leave your purse or valuable unattended.
- Always lock cash, checks, credit cards, jewelry, electronics and other valuables in the hotel safe.

To view the convention schedule, visit <https://sweetadelines.com/neworleans>.



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Airport & Ground Transportation

It's not too late to make your travel plans! Please contact Nancy Kindle at [Journey House Travel](#) for assistance with booking airfare at the best possible international and U.S. domestic rates for New Orleans 2019.

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Journey House Travel
nancy@journeyhouse.com
1.800.251.6559
1.918.524.5249

Airport

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)
900 Airline Dr.
Kenner, LA 70062

MSY is approx. 30 minutes driving time from both Co-Headquarters hotels.

Airport Ground Transportation

Airport Shuttle New Orleans is offering a discount to Sweet Adelines International. [Click here](#) to schedule a one-way trip for \$20 or roundtrip trip for \$40.

Super Shuttle has extended a discount to Sweet Adelines International. Enter the code Y4JFN when making your reservation on [Super Shuttle's website](#). The discount code Y4JFN will discount the fee for a one-way ride from the New Orleans Airport to the HQ Hotels to be \$21.60 USD per person.

Taxicab booths are located on the first level of the Terminal outside of Baggage Claim Belts 1 and 14. Passengers must wait in line at one of these booths for taxi service. Taxi rides cost \$36.00 from the airport to the Central Business District (CBD) or French Quarter (west of Elysian Fields) for up to two (2) passengers. For three (3) or more passengers, the fare will be \$15.00 per passenger. Taxis are required to accept credit card payments.

Uber and Lyft offer transportation services from the Airport. Passengers can meet their app-based ride service outside of the Ground Transportation Center located on the first floor of the Short-Term Parking Garage by crossing the pedestrian crosswalk located outside of Baggage Claim 6. Uber and Lyft rides must be made through the Uber or Lyft app, prices may vary based on final destination.



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Hotel Information, Convention Busing Schedule, and Parking

Get ready for the "French Connection" with two amazing Co-HQ hotels in New Orleans!

For help with an existing reservation, please contact the hotels directly.

New Orleans Marriott • 555 Canal Street New Orleans, La., 70130 • 1-504-581-1000

Check-in: 4 p.m.

Check-out: 11 a.m.

Valet Parking: \$47.57 per vehicle, per day

Sheraton New Orleans • 500 Canal Street New Orleans, La., 70130 • 1-504-525-2500

Check-in: 4 p.m.

Check-out: 11 a.m.

Valet Parking: \$46 per vehicle, per day

PLEASE NOTE: Free in-room Wi-Fi at the Sheraton New Orleans and the New Orleans Marriott is available to all Marriott Bonvoy members. To join for free, [click here](#).

Additional Hotels

La Galerie Hotel

(Directly behind New Orleans Marriott) • 131 Decatur Street New Orleans, La., 70130

Wyndham French Quarter

(2 blocks from New Orleans Marriott) • 124 Royal Street New Orleans, La., 70130

St. James Hotel

(2 blocks from Sheraton New Orleans) • 330 Magazine Street New Orleans, La., 70130

Holiday Inn New Orleans-Downtown Superdome

(0 .7 miles from Smoothie King Center) • 330 Loyola Ave New Orleans, La., 70112



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Convention Busing

General busing will be available for those staying within the Sweet Adelines International official housing block during peak times to and from the following locations:

- Smoothie King Center (Competition Location)
- New Orleans Marriott (Co-HQ Hotel)
- Sheraton New Orleans (Co-HQ Hotel)

Attendees will be asked to show their hotel room card to the bus driver when loading the bus. Room keys from hotels (New Orleans Marriott, Sheraton New Orleans, La Galerie Hotel, St. James Hotel, Wyndham French Quarter, Holiday Inn Superdome) within the official housing block and booked through the Sweet Adelines International Housing Reservation System will be accepted. Bus Passes will not be available for purchase in New Orleans.

Busing will begin one hour and fifteen minutes prior to competition start time.

ADA vehicles will be available upon request. Call 1-877-865-3437 for shuttle information or to pre-schedule ADA pickup.

Tuesday, September 17

Harmony Classic Competition
 Busing Available
Last bus from hotels will depart at 10 p.m.

5:15–10:30 p.m.
 4 p.m.–End of Contest

Wednesday, September 18

Quartet Semifinals
 Busing Available
Last bus from hotels will depart at 9 p.m.

10 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
 8:45 a.m.–End of Contest

Thursday, September 19

Chorus Semifinals
 Busing Available
Last bus from hotels will depart at 9 p.m.

10 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
 8:45 a.m.–End of Contest

Friday, September 20

Quartet Finals
 Busing Available
Last bus from hotels will depart at 4:30 p.m.

11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
 10:15 a.m.–End of Contest

Coronet Club Show
 Busing Available
Last bus from hotels will depart at 10 p.m.

8–10:30 p.m.
 6:45–End of Show



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Saturday, September 21

Chorus Finals

11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Busing Available

10:15 a.m.–End of Contest

Last bus from hotels will depart at 6 p.m.

Staying outside of the convention hotel block or don't want to wait for the convention buses to get you back and forth? Shared-rides through Uber, Lyft, and taxis are an affordable and convenient ways to get from A to B. If you are utilizing one of these services to or from the Smoothie King Center, please note that Dave Dixon Drive is closed to through traffic. Your driver can drop you off and pick you up from the Smoothie King Center at the intersection of Le Rouge Lane and Dave Dixon Drive by way of Girod Street. This location is east of the Smoothie King Center entrance for your convenience. When scheduling transportation when leaving the Smoothie King Center, be sure to inform your driver to pick-you up from this intersection.

City/Venue Parking

Parking at the Smoothie King Center?

Parking in the Smoothie King Center covered parking will be \$20 per vehicle, per day. Attendees will be granted in and out privileges so they can come and go as needed.

See other parking near the Smoothie King Center [here](#).

Parking in New Orleans?

Use the [Parking Panda](#) online platform and [mobile app](#) to find, reserve and pay for parking in advance. This mobile reservation service operates in selling reservations for a variety of companies at over 30 locations in New Orleans.

Registration/Will Call

Hours & Location

(All Event Registrations and Single Event Registration)

Monday, September 16	2–8 p.m. (Harmony Bazaar)
Tuesday, September 17	8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Harmony Bazaar)
Tuesday, September 17	5–7 p.m. (Smoothie King Center Box Office)
Wednesday, September 18	9 a.m.–6 p.m. (Smoothie King Center Box Office)
Thursday, September 19	9 a.m.–6 p.m. (Smoothie King Center Box Office)
Friday, September 20	10:30 a.m.–5 p.m. (Smoothie King Center Box Office)
Saturday, September 21	10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. (Smoothie King Center Box Office)

Please note that Registration/Will Call will move locations on Tuesday from Harmony Bazaar to the Smoothie King Center Box Office and will remain there throughout the week.



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Harmony Bazaar

This year's Harmony Bazaar will be located on the second floor of the New Orleans Marriott.

Hours

Monday, September 16	2–8 p.m.
Tuesday, September 17	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Thursday, September 19	9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday, September 20	9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, September 21	9 a.m.–Noon

Gold Sponsors:

Gold Medal Ideas

Gold Medal Ideas offers the largest selection of music themed apparel and accessories. We work with choruses and quartets on name tags and casual costumes. Available to you all year round! Check out our [website](#) for more information.

Rhinestone Marketplace

Rhinestone Marketplace is a retailer of rhinestone decorated apparel and merchandise. We can convert any logo into a rhinestone design and apply to a wide array of garments and merchandise. Be sure to stop by our booth to see our new merchandise and be sure to visit our [website](#).

Unique Fashions

Unique Fashions sells women's bling shirts, hats and handbags.

A complete listing of exhibitors can be found on our [Harmony Bazaar Webpage!](#)

Smoothie King Center

All Competitions will take place at the Smoothie King Center.

Smoothie King Center
1501 Dave Dixon Drive
New Orleans, LA 70113

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available throughout the Smoothie King Center. Please visit the [Sweet Adelines International webpage](#) to view a floorplan of the Smoothie King Center Seating Chart.

Don't forget to purchase tickets to the [Coronet Club Show](#) on Saturday night! You can purchase these tickets from the Coronet Club inside Harmony Bazaar.



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Louisville Registration Form

Early-registration for the 75th Anniversary Convention & Competition in Louisville, Kentucky, USA opens exclusively for convention attendees on Tuesday, Sept. 17 beginning at 8 a.m. Look for the early registration table on the lower level of the New Orleans Marriott near the M Lounge. Remember, seating is assigned in accordance with the registration number.

Visit <https://sweetadelines.com/louisville/registration-new-orleans> for registration details.