

Health Physics Society

Midyear Meeting

Recent Advances in Planning and Response to Radiation Emergencies



2009 Topical Meeting of:
Health Physics Society
(The Forty-Second Midyear Topical Meeting of the Health Physics Society)
American Academy of Health Physics
31 January - 3 February 2009

Preliminary Program **Health Physics Society Committee Meetings**

All committee meetings will take place at



Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

Saturday – January 31, 2009

Sunday – February 1, 2009

Monday – February 2, 2009

Tuesday – February 3, 2009

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**JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN SAN ANTONIO FOR THE 2009 MIDYEAR TOPICAL MEETING
“Recent Advances in Planning and Response to Radiation Emergencies”**

The South Texas Chapter and the Homeland Security Committee of the Health Physics Society (HPS) are pleased to announce that the topic for the 42nd Annual Midyear Meeting of the HPS will be Recent Advances in Planning and Response to Radiation Emergencies. This will be a repeat performance for San Antonio, having hosted the 2003 midyear meeting, which also centered on radiation emergency response. Attendance was excellent due to the venue and the topic. The meeting will be held January 31, 2009 through February 3, 2009, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

La Quinta Inn & Suites Convention Center
303 Blum Street
San Antonio, TX 78205 USA
1 (800) 531-5900

San Antonio, Tx

San Antonio is the second-largest city in the state of Texas and the seventh largest city in the United States. Located in the northern part of South Texas, the city is a cultural gateway into the American Southwest. San Antonio is the seat of Bexar County with a

population just under 1.3 million as of the 2006 U.S. Census estimate, as well as the 4th fastest growing large city in the nation from 2000-2006 in terms of percentage. Its metropolitan area has a population of over 1.9 million and is the 29th-largest metropolitan area in the U.S. San Antonio was named for the Italian Saint Anthony of Padua, whose feast day it was (June 13) when a Spanish expedition stopped in the area in 1691. The city has a strong military presence—it is home to Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, Randolph Air Force Base, and Brooks City-Base, with Camp Bullis and Camp Stanley right outside the city. San Antonio is home to the South Texas Medical Center, the only medical research and care provider in the South Texas region. Famous for its River Walk, the Alamo, Tejano culture, and home to the SeaWorld San Antonio and Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme parks, the city is visited by 20 million tourists per year. San Antonio is also home to the first museum of modern art in Texas—the Marion Koogler McNay Art Museum, as well as one of the more successful National Basketball Association teams in league history, the San Antonio Spurs.

WEATHER

San Antonio has about a 50% chance of the sunshine during the winter months, skies are clear to partly cloudy more than 60% of the time and cloudy less than 40% of the time. Average temperatures range from 50° to high 70s in January with an average of 62°F. Mild weather prevails during the winter months, with temperatures below freezing occurring on an average of about 20 days per year.

Relative humidity is above 80% during the early morning hours most of the year, dropping to near 50% in the late afternoon. The normal annual rainfall is about 28

inches, with the heaviest amounts occurring during May and September. Measurable snow falls only once every three or four years.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL –La Quinta Inn & Suites Convention Center

SUBSTITUTION/CANCELLATION POLICY

Substitutions of meeting participants may be made at any time without penalty. All conference and tour cancellations must be in writing and must reach the HPS Office by December 29 to receive a refund. All refunds will be issued after the meeting minus a **\$50** processing fee. Refunds will not be issued to no-shows.

TRANSPORTATION

Driving from the airport or arriving by car:

San Antonio International Airport – SAT



Driving Directions: After exiting the airport, head northeast on Airport Blvd, then take US-281 S ramp. Continue on 281 S until you reach exit 141A for Commerce St, and take this exit towards Downtown. Keep right at the fork, and follow signs for Hemisfair Plaza/Institute of Texas Cultures and merge onto E Commerce St. Turn left on Losoya St., and another left onto Market St. Arrive at Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center 200 E. Market St.

Rental Car Special Rates?

Tours and Events

Social:

The Alamo

Buckhorn Saloon & Museum

The Riverwalk – Riverboat Cruises and/or dinner parties:

<http://www.riosanantonio.com/>

Witte Museum

La Villita

Tower of the Americas

San Antonio Zoo

McNay Art Museum

San Antonio Museum of Art

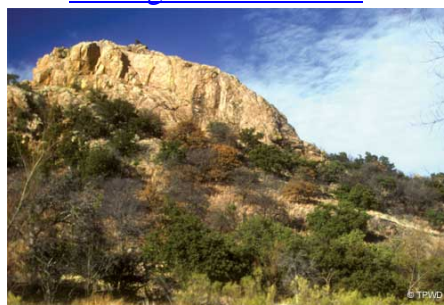
San Antonio Missions Tour

Open Mic Night

Day trips:



New Braunfels, Historic Gruene: www.gruenetexas.com



Historic Downtown Fredericksburg, wine vineyards, and Enchanted Rock:

www.fredericksburg-texas.com



Bandera – Cowboy for a day: <http://www.banderacowboycapital.com/>



Natural Bridge Caverns – open 9am to 4pm

Sign-Up Sheet

Name: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone#: _____

- Athletic Events**
 - Tower Climb/5K
 - Golf Tournament
- Social Programs**
 - Margarita Night
 - Riverboat Dinner Cruise
 - Open Mic Night
 - Spurs Game
- Technical Tours**
 - Cyclotron
- Meeting Logistics**
 - Hotel Information
 - City Information
 - Airport/Transportation
- Day Trips/Outings**
 - Natural Bridge Caverns
 - Fredericksburg
 - Gruene/New Braunfels
 - Bandera
 - San Antonio Museum/Art
 - Alamo / Buckhorn / Tower
- Shopping/Restaurants**

San Antonio Information (Airport, Transportation, Hotel, etc):

Evening/Nightly Social Events:

Daily Outings:

Shopping and Restaurants:

Technical Tours:
