

Midwest Writing Centers Association Conference 2013
Leisure Opportunities

Conference location:
Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore
5300 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077
(847) 679-8900

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--- DINING -----

Price ranges:

\$ - Cheap, under \$10

\$\$ - Moderate, \$10- \$30

\$\$\$ - Pricy, \$30-\$60

\$\$\$\$ - Very pricy, over \$60

~ DINING NEAR THE CONFERENCE LOCATION ~

Within walking distance

Sander's Family Restaurant & Pancake House

American diner, specializes in breakfasts. Right next door to the Holiday Inn.
5320 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$

Bar Louie Skokie

Bar, serves sandwiches. In the same building as the Holiday Inn.
5300 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

Jack's Family Restaurant

American diner.
5201 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077

Price range: \$

West of Edens

Mediterranean cuisine.
7240 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$

Village Crossing Shopping Center (catty-cornered from the hotel)

Corner Bakery Café

Café, serves sandwiches.
5369 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

Makisu Sushi Lounge & Grill

Japanese sushi bar.

7150 Carpenter Road, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

Gourmet Pita & Pizza

Middle Eastern cui

5549 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$

Outback Steakhouse

Steakhouse.

5535 West Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$

Shallot's Bistro

Fine dining, includes sushi bar.

7016 Carpenter Road, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$\$\$

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar

Chicken wings, sports bar.

7020 Carpenter Road, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

Noodles & Company

Pasta dishes.

5681 W Touhy Avenue, Niles, IL 60714

Price range: \$

Brick House Tavern + Tap

American grub.

5650 W. Touhy Avenue, Niles, IL 60714

Price range: \$\$

Dear Franks of Niles

Hot dogs.

5699 W Touhy Avenue, Niles, IL 60714

Price range: \$

Naf Naf Grill

Middle Easter cuisine.

5716 W Touhy Avenue, Niles, IL 60714

Price range: \$\$

Skokie Featured Locations (within 5-mile radius)

Kabul House

Afghan cuisine.

4949 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

[Yolo Mexican Eatery](#)

Mexican cuisine.

5111 Brown Street, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

[Pita Inn](#)

Mediterranean cuisine.

3910 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076

Price range: \$

[Kaufman's Delicatessen & Bakery](#)

Deli, bakery.

4905 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$

[Libertad](#)

Latin American cuisine.

7931 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

De-Jred Fine Jamaican Cuisine

Caribbean cuisine.

4901 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077

Price range: \$\$

[Herm's Hot Dog Palace](#)

Hot dogs, traditional American cuisine.

3406 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076

Price range: \$

[Lou Malnati's Pizzeria](#)

Chicago-style deep dish pizza.

6649 N Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Price range: \$\$

~ DINING IN CHICAGO—FEATURED LOCATIONS ~

[Alinea](#)

Fine dining, world-class restaurant.

1723 N Halsted Street, Chicago, IL

Price range: \$\$\$\$

[Girl & The Goat](#)

New American cuisine.

809 W Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60607

Price range: \$\$\$

[Gulliver's](#)

Italian-Mexican-American Pub 'n' Pizza
2727 W. Howard St, Chicago, IL
Price range: \$\$

Katsu

Japanese sushi bar.
2651 W Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659
Price range: \$\$\$

Next

Fine dining.
953 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607
Price range: \$\$\$\$

Smoke BBQ

Barbeque.
3800 N Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60641
Price range: \$\$

The Original Gino's East

Chicago-style deep dish pizza.
2801 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
Price range: \$\$

Riccardo Trattoria

Italian cuisine.
2119 N Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60686
Price range: \$\$\$

The Capital Grille

Fine dining, new American.
633 N St. Clair Street, Chicago, IL 60611
Price range: \$\$\$\$

Les Nomades

Fine dining, French.
222 E Ontario Street, Chicago, IL
Price range: \$\$\$\$

Takashi

French-American and Japanese cuisine.
1952 N Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647
Price range: \$\$\$\$

Frontera Grill

Mexican cuisine.
445 N Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654
Price range: \$\$\$

Frontera Fresco

Mexican cuisine.
111 N State Street, Chicago, IL 60602
Price range: \$

Avec

Basque cuisine, includes wine bar.
615 W Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60606

Price range: \$\$\$\$

Green Zebra

Indian & Thai cuisine, vegetarian.
1460 W Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642

Price range: \$\$\$

MK

Fine dining, new American cuisine.
868 N Franklin Street, Chicago, IL

Price range: \$\$\$\$

Schwa

Fine dining, new American cuisine.
1466 N Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622

Price range: \$\$\$\$

Giordano's

Chicago-style deep dish pizza.
223 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60606

Price range: \$\$

Henri

Fine dining, new American and French.
18 S Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

Price range: \$\$\$\$

The Publican

Pub, new American cuisine.
837 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL

Price range: \$\$\$

El Ideas

Fine dining, new American cuisine.
2419 W 14th Street, Chicago, IL

Price range: \$\$\$\$

--- CHICAGO LANDMARKS -----

Shedd Aquarium

1200 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605
Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sat. 9 am. – 6 p.m.
Cost: \$8 general admission.

Art Institute of Chicago

111 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60603
Hours: Thurs. 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$23 general admission.

Adler Planetarium

1300 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sat. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12 general admission.

The Field Museum

1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$15 basic admission.

Skydeck Chicago

233 S Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL

Hours: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Cost: \$18 admission.

John Hancock Observatory

875 N Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Hours: 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Cost: \$18 general admission.

Museum of Science and Industry

57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60637

Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$18 general admission.

Navy Pier

600 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

Hours: Thurs. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Cost: Varies per attraction

Millennium Park

201 E Randolph, Chicago, Illinois 60602

Hours: 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

The Magnificent Mile: Michigan Avenue

N. Michigan Avenue (Chicago River to Oak Street), Chicago, Illinois 60611

--- FUN EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 17-19, 2013 -----

4000 Miles | *Theater Performance*

Northlight Theatre

9501 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60076

Showtime: Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 2:30 & 8 p.m.

Ticket price: Not yet specified.

Chicago International Film Festival

AMC River East 21

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago, IL 60610
Times and ticket prices vary.

[Let Them Eat Chaos](#) | *Music & Comedy Performance*

The Second City Mainstage
1616 N. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60614
Showtimes: Thurs. 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 8 & 11:30 p.m.
Ticket price: Thurs. \$23, Fri. & Sat. \$28

[80 at 80](#) | *Museum Exhibition*

Museum of Science and Industry
57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60637
Hours: 9 am – 4:30 p.m.
Ticket price: \$18 general admission.

[A Raisin in the Sun](#) | *Theater Performance*

Timeline Theater Company
615 W. Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657
Showtimes: **Not yet listed.**
Ticket price: Thurs. & Fri. \$32, Sat. \$42.

[American Icons of the Great War](#) | *Museum Exhibition*

Pritzker Military Library
104 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603
Hours: Thurs. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ticket price: \$5 general admission.

[Blue Man Group](#) | *Music Performance*

Blue Man Group
3133 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60657
Showtimes: Thurs. & Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 4, 7, & 10 p.m.
Ticket price: Starts at \$49.

[Broadsword](#) | *Theater Performance*

The Gift Theatre
4802 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60630
Showtimes: Thurs., Fri., & Sat. at 7 p.m.
Ticket price: \$30.

[Chicago Farmers Market](#)

Thursday at Hide Park, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturday at:
Division Street, Lincoln Park, North Center, Printer's Row, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Austin Town Hall, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
West Humboldt Park, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free admission.

[Chicago Landmarks Before the Lens](#) | *Cultural Exhibition*

Chicago Cultural Center
78 E. Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602
Hours: Thurs. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Free admission.

[Chicago Symphony Orchestra 2013-14 Season](#) | *Musical Performance*

Symphony Center
220 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604

Afterwork Masterworks: Debussy La Mer

Showtime: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

Ticket price: Varies.

CSO: Debussy La Mer

Showtime: Sat. 8 p.m.

Ticket price: Varies.

[Chicago's Golden Soul](#) | *Theater Performance*

Black Ensemble Theater Cultural Center
4450 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640

Showtimes: Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 3 & 8 p.m.

Ticket price: Starts at \$55.

[Circus in the Parks](#) | *Theater Performance*

Locations and times yet to be determined.

Free admission.

[College pHarm Night](#) | *Comedy Theater: Improv*

The pH Comedy Theater
1515 W. Berwyn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640

Showtimes: Thurs., Fri., & Sat. at 10 p.m.

Ticket price: \$5.

[ComedySpontz](#) | *Comedy Theater: Improv*

ComedySportz Theatre
929 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Showtimes: Thurs. 8 p.m., Fri. 8 & 10 p.m., Sat. 6, 8, & 10 p.m.

Ticket price: Thurs. \$22; 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat. \$24; 10 p.m. Fri. and 6 & 10 p.m. Sat. \$22.

[Cosmic Wonder](#) | *Museum Exhibition*

Adler Planetarium
1300 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 9:30 – 4 p.m., Sat. 9:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Ticket price: \$28

[Cyrano de Bergerac](#) | *Theater Performance*

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier
800 E. Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

See website for showtimes and pricing.

[Ebony Fashion Fair](#) | *Museum Exhibition*

Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614

Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ticket price: \$14.

[Gigi Scaria: City Unclaimed](#) | *Museum Exhibition*

Smart Museum of Art
5550 S. Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

Hours: Thurs. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Fr. & Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free admission.[La Bayadère](#) | *Dance Performance*

Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University
50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago, IL 60605

Showtimes: Thurs. & Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Ticket price: Starts at \$31.

[Legends, Myths, and Truths: Jun Kaneko](#) | *Art Exhibition*

Millennium Park
201 E. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601

Hours: 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Free admission.

[Lunchbreak Series](#) | *Music Performance*

Chicago Cultural Center
78 E. Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602

Showtimes: 12:15 daily.

Free admission.

[MCA DNA: Jos de Gruyter & Harald Thys](#) | *Art Exhibition*

Museum of Contemporary Art
220 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Ticket price: \$12.

[Old Jews Telling Jokes](#) | *Theater Performance*

Royal George Theatre
1641 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60614

Showtimes: Thurs. & Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 5 & 8 p.m.

Ticket price: Thurs. \$49, Fri. & Sat. \$59.

[Celtic Thunder](#) | *Music Performance*

The Chicago Theatre
175 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60601

Showtime: Fri. 7:30 p.m.

Ticket price: Starts at \$32.50.

[Nicholas Phan – Tenor Quartet: Britten and Schubert](#) | *Music Performance*

Mandel Hall
1131 E. 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637

Showtime: Fri. 7:30 pm.

Ticket price: \$35.

[Cedric the Entertainer & Friends](#) | *Comedy Performance*

Arie Crown Theater
2301 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60616

Showtime: Sat. 8 p.m.

Ticket price: Starts at \$55.

[Chicago Fire v. Toronto FC](#) | *Sports Event*

Chicago Fire Soccer Club
Toyota Park, Bridgeview, IL 60455

Time: Sat. 7:30.

Ticket price: Start at \$20.

[Fall Adventure Day](#) | *Special Event*

Northerly Island

1400 S. Lynn White Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

Time: Sat. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Free admission.

[Chicago Dramatists Saturday Series](#) | *Theater Performance*

Chicago Dramatists

1105 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642

Showtime: Sat. 2 p.m.

Cost: \$5 suggested donation.

[Cupid Has a Heart On](#) | *Comedy Theater Performance*

Stage 773

1225 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

Showtime: Sat. 8 p.m.

Ticket price: \$20.

--- OTHER HELPFUL LINKS -----

[Guide to Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods](#)

[Chicago area map \(simple\)](#)

[Chicago area map \(detailed\)](#)