National Federation of the Blind of Virginia (NFBV)

2015 (57th) State Convention

“Spirit of 2015!” Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1, 2015

Westin Tyson’s Corner Hotel

7801 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church, Virginia 22043

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The hotel is located at 7801 LeesburgPike; , however, its driveway actually enters and exits on a small side street named Ramada Drive.

Parking at the hotel for NFBV attendees and guests is complimentary.

The main entrance consists of a revolving door opening directly to the lobby. On either side of this door are conventional doors. Upon entering the lobby, you will find the checking desk directly in front of you at the back wall.

The Concierge stand/bell desk is immediately to your right as you walk in through the main entrance doors. A lobby sitting area is immediately to your left. The elevators are located to the immediate right of the front desk along the back wall.

To the right of the elevators is a hallway leading to the BlueFire Grill and BlueFire Lounge. Turning left down this hall, the first door on your right is a men’s room and next is the women’s room. Continuing down the hall, you will reach the Sequoia Room, Magnolia Room, followed by the Palm Room. TheBlueFire Lounge and the BlueFire Grill are on the left side of this hall. If your back faces the elevators, across the lobby is a small Starbucks, available in the mornings, which becomes a sushi bar in the evening, called Sushi Nami.

If you turn left at the front desk you will enter a wide hallway containing the hotel’s main function rooms. All function rooms are designated with names of trees.

As one enters the main hall, the first door on the left is the Willow Room. This is where convention Registration/Information is located. Pick up your convention credentials at this location.

The second door on the left is the Cypress Room.  Continuing down the hall a bit further and passing the hallway on the right side to the Oaks Ballroom, the next room on your left is the Evergreen Room followed by the Pines Room

The pines room is the final room on the left.

Turning right along the back wall are doors leading to a set of stairs going down to the designated dog relief area and parking.

Entering this hall from the lobby, the first door on the right is a men’s room followed by a women’s bathroom. A water fountain is located between those two doors. Next is a right turn to the Oaks Foyer, and the Oaks Ballrooms. Continuing Beyond the Oaks Ballroom hallway on the right are the Birches Rooms. One is the Water Birch and the other is the River Birch.

As mentioned, turning right after the women’s bathroom is the Oaks Ballroom hall/Foyer. On the left side of this wide hall is an office followed by a small room containing soda an snack vending machines. This is followed by an exit leading down steps to the parking area. On the right side of the Oaks Foyer beginning at the Foyer entrance are Oaks Ballroom entrances Oaks 1, 2, and 3.

If you are facing the hallway as though you are walking down to the ballroom, there are also a set of employee entrance doors at the very end of this hallway.

The Lower Lobby is reached by using the elevators located to the right of the Front Desk or by taking the wide stairs down located to the left of the Front Desk adjacent to the entrance to the function space hallway. To reach the stairs from the function hallway, turn left where the carpet ends and the floor becomes marble tile. The stairs are to your left through glass doors.

When you step off the stairs, the entrance to the Dogwood Room is directly in front of you. This room will be used for youth activities. Next door to the left is the Redwood Room (location for Child Care). The Elevator is located to the left, on the same wall as the stairs.

At the end of this hallway is the 24 hour fitness center.

Your room key is necessary to insert for admission. To the left is a single use men’s bathroom, and another door to the men’s locker room. To the right of the fitness center is the womens locker room, and another hallway. In this hallway, the first door on the left is a women’s single use bathroom, and the end doors are for utility rooms and stairs (You should not use these) .

Food & Beverage Facilities: Hours of operation for the BlueFire Grille are as follows: breakfast 6:30 AM to 11:00 AM, lunch: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and

 Dinner:        6:00pm to 10:00pm

The BlueFire Lounge is open at 4PM to Midnight (beverages and some food selections), and Sushi Nami is open at 5PM to 10PM, weekdays only.

Sushi Nami is in same space as earlier in the day Starbucks.

The lobby located Starbucks hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. to 11AM on weekdays; also 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Note: NFBV convention attendees are entitled to a 15% discount on Ffood and beverage at hotel outlets, exclusive of alcohol , tax and gratuity . As a convenience and courtesy to staff, you may consider to identify yourself as NFBV, but you may also be requested to show your NFBV identification.

NFBV Special Service: The NFBV will have a group dedicated coffee station , as follows:

Coffee bar is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11AM-2PM. Starbucks is open all three days as well with limited hours

. The coffee bar will be setup in the main function hall or the top of the T in our immediate meeting /events area. We have the NFBV coffee bar in order to maintain traffic and flow, as well as an added convenience.

This coffee cash station will only provide regular/decaf coffee and tea selections, as well as some bottled beverages and small to go snacks.

Cash only.

Transportation Services: The Westin complimentary shuttle starts at 9AM, and will depart the hotel front entrance every hour on the hour, daily, with the last shuttle leaving at 10PM.  The shuttle has availability, upon request, for a three mile radius.

Otherwise, it services Tyson’s Corner Mall and the Silver Line Metro Station.

The shuttle rotates every twenty minutes within the hour , to respective stops, will first arrive at Tysons 1, then to Tysons Corner Silver Line Metro Station (those seeking shuttle should assemble to the south side of Metro station to designated bus stop proximity to the Lord & Taylor department store, or inquire of station manager), and final stop will be Tysons 2 (also, called Tysons Galleria ).

Any questions or special needs, contact the Westin hotel at : 703 – 893 – 1340.

Along with the shuttle that is dedicated to a schedule, Additionally , If any individual is in need of a taxi or town car, the Front Desk team, concierge or front entrance staff, will be more than happy to assist.

Such transportation is generally readily available cued at front entrance.

NFBV Presidential Suite: the NFBV Presidential Suite is Room # 939.

Off elevator on 9th floor, turn right and go almost to end of hall and suite is on left.

Westin Sleeping Rooms & Floor Logistics: Floors two to nine, as follows When off the elevator to get to your guest room, to the right of elevators are rooms 224-250.  If taking a left off the elevators and meeting the end of that access, in other words, two hallways, to the right are rooms 201-206, and to the left are rooms 207-223.  These numbers apply to each floor up to the 9th level.

Tenth and Eleventh floors: 10th and 11th floors do not have rooms to the right of the elevators.  On these two floors, turn left off elevators, meet at the adjoining hallways – to the right are room 1001-1006 or 1101-1106, and then to the left will be rooms 1007-1023 or 1107-1123.

Swimming Pool Facilities: The Westin has an indoor swimming pool that is open from 5PM-10PM on weekdays, and 10AM-10PM on weekends (Saturday, Sunday).  There is always a lifeguard on duty at the swimming pool. The pool is adjacent to the 24 hour fitness center on the Lower level, sometimes called the Lower Lobby, but denoted as LL on the elevator keyboard.

Designated Service/Dog Relief Area: The Westin Tyson’s Corner is a pet friendly hotel and has several grass areas on the property. There is one designated NFBV dog relief area. It is located at the end of the function hallway and through the exit doors. Walk down the long steps and on your left is a grassy area. Note: At bottom of stairway, it does not take you directly into the garage – you will have to turn right at the bottom of the stairs and the parking garage is about 10 feet . The designated dog relief area can also be accessed by going out the front entrance of the hotel, turn left down towards the function space (as if walking down the function space (but you are outside) and continue all the way at the end is a exit door that leads to stairs down to the parking lot. Grass area is off to the right. turn to the left and then to right using doorway to parking and the grassy area. It is probably easier to use the function space access. Please deposit all waste in the trash cans provided. Contact Brian McCann at (757) 472-2494.

NFBV Convention Announcements: Some matters may be subject to change or adjustment. Please be attentive to general announcements.

Enjoy the 57th NFBV State Convention – “Spirit of 2015!”