

37th Annual McHenry's Soberfest

November 20-22, 2026

"Thus We Grow"

A.A. • Al-Anon • Alateen
Grand Geneva Resort
Lake Geneva, WI.

CONFERENCE THEME



"THUS WE GROW"

"Thus we grow. And so can you, though you be but one man with this book in your hand. We believe and hope it contains all you will need to begin."

Alcoholics Anonymous
(AA's Big Book 4th ed.)
Chapter 11, 'A Vision For You' pg. 162

Our 2026 theme lies within the readings for the 12th step of this program...

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WELCOME
To Your
37th Annual McHenry's Soberfest 2026

- We are only responsible for providing you with an opportunity to celebrate your sobriety.
- All meetings are Open Meetings.
- **Registration Times:**
  Friday, 2:00pm to 9:00pm
  Saturday, 8:00am to 9:00pm
- Absolutely **NO SMOKING INSIDE**, of the Grand Geneva Resort Facilities (this includes e-cigarettes).
- Smoking will be allowed outside ONLY and not within 20 feet of any entrance. See map for smoking tent.
- An Audio/Visual monitor will be available in the Maple Lawn A & B for speakers on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- We are deaf and hard of hearing friendly. ASL Interpreters will be provided at the conference.
- Courtesy Shuttle services will be available throughout the grounds from 6:00am to 2:00am.
- Recordings of all major sessions will be available at Conference Point (just outside the Grand Ballroom) and in The Forum foyer Saturday during the Banquet.
- All children must be registered. Children under 8 years old are free.

For assistance at any time,
Please see a Committee Member.
(Look for "committee" name badge)

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE 12 STEPS OF AA

1. We admitted we were powerless over Alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Additional Information

Conference Room Locations

Outreach	Ballroom Foyer
AMOT Audio	Conference Point
Literature	Geneva Bay & Fontana Bay
Archives	Williams Bay & Fontana Bay
Alateen	Buttons Bay
Panels & Overflow	Maple Lawn A & B
Step Study Workshop	Maple Lawn C & D
Al-Anonathon	Evergreen I
Alcathon	Evergreen II & III
Meditation Room	Loramoor A & C
Paint, Pray, God Boxes	Linwood A
Coffee Lounge	Linwood B
Game Room	Westgate A
Hospitality	Westgate B & C
Vendors	Galewood A, B, C, & D

Literature Room Hours

Closed during main speakers

Friday	2pm-11pm
Saturday	8am-5pm
Sunday	8am-9:30am

Archive Room Hours

Closed during main speakers

Friday	2pm-11pm
Saturday	8am-11pm
Sunday	8am-9:30am

Hospitality Suite Hours

Opens Friday 3pm-1am
Saturday 7am-1am
Closed each night 1am-7am
Sunday 7am-9am

Game Room Hours

Opens 7pm Friday
ALL WEEKEND LONG!

Coffee Lounge

OPEN ALL WEEKEND!

All Main Speakers:

Grand Ballroom (Except Sat. Night in the Forum)
Overflow (Fri., Sat., & Sun.) in Maple Lawn A & B

Saturday Night:

Banquet & Main Speaker in The Forum

SATURDAY EVENING SPEAKER WILL BE BROADCAST TO THE GRAND BALLROOM.

THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE TO THE BANQUET WITHOUT A BANQUET CARD.

The Shuttle will pick up between 9 & 10pm on Saturday after the banquet.

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment

Friday Night, Nov. 20th

Live Music in the Lounge
Cosmic Stage
6:00pm-7:00pm

AFTER THE FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS

Line Dancing in Maple Lawn B, C & D
Immediately after Friday Night Speaker

Karaoke in the Evolve bar
10:00pm-1:00am

Resentment Burn at 11:59pm
Located by the smoking tent

Mafia in the Game Room at 1:00am

Pool Party @ Grand Geneva Pool
Swim at your own risk, no lifeguard on duty
10:00pm-2:00am

Saturday Night, Nov. 21st

Main Lobby near fireplace
Live music/piano player 6:00pm-7:00pm

AFTER THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

DJ Dave in Maple Lawn B, C & D
Immediately after Saturday Night Speaker

Karaoke in the Evolve bar
10:00pm-1:00am

Mafia in the Game Room at 1:00am

Pool Party @ Grand Geneva Pool
Swim at your own risk, no lifeguard on duty
10:00pm-2:00am

Scan QR Code for full Entertainment schedule

Speaker Schedule

Grand Ballroom

(Except Sat. Night in the Forum)

Friday, Nov. 20th

6:45pm Invocation
7:00pm Al-Anon Speaker
Chuck K. - Denver, CO
8:30pm A.A. Speaker
Brad T. - Covington, KY

Saturday, Nov. 21st

9:30am A.A. Speaker
Kate R. - Cincinnati, OH
1:00pm Alateen Speaker
1:30pm Al-Anon Speaker
Kathy H. - Cincinnati, OH
3:00pm Step Workshop, Steps 8 & 9
Brad T. & Mike A.
6:30pm Invocation (Forum)
6:45pm Banquet *(Forum)*
8:00pm A.A. Speaker *(Forum)*
Renee E. - Lebanon, TN

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

10:00am A.A Speaker
Mike A. - Nashville, TN
11:00am Conference Closing
Emmy S. & Steven C.

Panel Discussions

Maple Lawn A & B

Saturday, Nov. 21st

11:30am-1pm "Step 4: Resentments"
Hosted by ISCYPAA

1:30pm-3pm "Sponsorship: The Key to Growing a Fellowship About You"
Hosted by District 11

SPEAKERS & KEY EVENTS

MEDITATION

11th Step Prayer & Meditation

Loramoor A

Silent meditation, prayer, and reflection

Friday, Nov. 20th

5:00pm Honoring & remembering those no longer with us; Open for silent meditation and prayer or reflection
Closed for Speaker 6:00pm to 10:00pm
10:00pm Open for silent meditation and prayer or reflection

Saturday, Nov. 21st

7:00am Open for silent meditation and prayer or reflection
Closed for Speaker 9:00am to 11:00am
11:00am Open for silent meditation and prayer or reflection
Closed for Banquet 6:00pm to 10:00pm
10:00pm Open for silent meditation and prayer or reflection

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

7:30am Open for silent meditation and prayer or reflection
Closed for Speaker at 10:00am

Loramoor C

Guided meditation, sound bath, and yoga

Friday, Nov. 20th

5:15pm Vibrational Sound Bath (45 min.)
Closed for Speaker 6:00pm to 10pm
10:00pm Body Scan: Relax, Relieve Tension & Prepare for Restful Night's Sleep (30 min.)

Saturday, Nov. 21st

7:30am Meditation in Motion (60 min.)
Closed for Speaker 9:00am to 11:00am
11:00am Vibrational Sound Bath (45 min.)
12:15pm Somatic Breath Work Experience (60 min.)
1:30pm Compassionate Breath Work (45 min.)
2:45pm Gong Meditation (45 min)
4:00pm Loving Kindness Meditation (45 min.)
5:00pm Guided Meditation: Calming Anxiety (30 min.)
Closed for Banquet 6:00pm to 10:00pm
10:00pm Guided Meditation: Body Scan for Sleep

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

8:00am Guided Meditation: A Heart Less Heavy (30 min.)
9:00am Guided Meditation: Returning to Now (30 min.)
Closed for Speaker 10:00am

Step Workshop

"Every Step of the Way"

Saturday, Nov. 21st
Maple Lawn C & D

8:00-8:50am Step 1
9:00-9:50am Step 2
10:00- 10:50am Step 3
11:00am-12:30pm Steps 4 & 5
1:30-2:50pm Steps 6 & 7

Saturday, Nov. 21st
Grand Ballroom

Presented by A.A. Speakers
Brad T. & Mike A.

3:00pm-4:30pm Steps 8 & 9

Sunday, Nov. 22nd
Maple Lawn C & D

7:00-7:50am Step 10
8:00-8:50am Step 11
9:00-9:40am Step 12

Schedule posted outside respective room

STEP WORKSHOP

Al-Anonathon

Evergreen I

Friday, Nov. 20th

10:00pm The Joy of Resentment

Saturday, Nov. 21st

11:00am Gratitude Game
12:00pm Detachment with Love
Closed for Speakers 1-3pm

3:00pm Boundaries
4:00pm Lace Underwear
5:00pm Merry Go Round of Denial;
Stepping Off is Always an Option
Closed for Banquet 6-10pm

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

9:00am Take What You Like

"Thus We Grow"

"Growth often occurs in the quiet space between what has been and what is yet to come."

A Little Time for Myself, Pg. 250

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Alateen

Buttons Bay

Friday, Nov. 20th

6:00pm Welcome to the Alateen Meet ‘n Greet with rock painting

Saturday, Nov. 21st

10:00am Morning Craft & Chill, games & social hour
11:00am Lollipop meeting
Closed for Speakers 12:00-3:00pm
3:30pm Rock meeting
4:30pm Afternoon Craft & Chill, games & social hour
Closed 5:30-6:30pm
6:30pm Pizza party & ice cream social
7:30pm Open topic meeting (30 min.)

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

9:00am Farewell - Connect with your fellow Alateens one more time
9:45am *Closed*

Schedule posted outside respective room

ALATEEN

ALCATHON

Alcathon

Evergreen II

Friday, Nov. 20th

3:30pm Fourth Dimension
4:30pm How to Handle Sobriety
5:30pm Courage & Integrity
6:30pm Three Part Disease
Closed for Speaker 7:30pm to 9:30pm
9:30pm Recovery, Unity, & Service
10:30pm TBD
11:30pm 11th Step Inventory

Saturday, Nov. 21st

12:30am Steps 1, 2, & 3
1:30am Steps 4 & 5
2:30am Steps 6 & 7
3:30am Steps 8 & 9
4:30am Steps 10, 11, & 12
5:30am Surrender
6:30am Gratitude
7:30am Big Book
8:30am Character Defects
Closed for Speaker 9:30am to 11:30am
11:30am Big Book
12:30pm Stools & Bottles
1:30pm Step Meeting
2:30pm Big Book
3:30pm Accountability
4:30pm Step Study
5:30pm Gratitude
6:30pm Steps 6 & 7
Closed for Banquet 7:30pm to 9:30pm
9:30pm Step 10 Spot Check Inventory
10:30pm AA-Alanon Joint Meeting
11:30pm One Show at a Time

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

12:30am TBD
1:30am Letting Go of Anger
2:30am Dependence
3:30am Freedom Through Sobriety
4:30am Our Past is Our Greatest Asset
5:30am Hungry, Angry, Lonely, and Tired
6:30am Living One Day at a Time
7:30am Thus We Grow

Vacant Spots Open for Sign-Up
Schedule posted outside respective room

Alcathon

Evergreen III

Friday, Nov. 20th

4:00pm Gratitude
5:00pm Steps 1, 2, & 3
6:00pm The Steps
7:00pm Surrender
Closed for Speaker 8:00pm to 10:00pm
10:00pm Speaker Meeting
11:00pm Sponsorship

Saturday, Nov. 21st

12:00am Step 1
1:00am Step 2
2:00am A Vision for You
3:00am Step 3 Willingness
4:00am Faith Over Fear
5:00am Daily Reflections
6:00am 24 Hours a Day
7:00am The 3 Legacies
8:00am Bill's Story
Closed for Speaker 9:00am to 11:00am
11:00am Sense of Belonging
12:00pm Big Book Lead
1:00pm Gratitude/Sobriety in Your Life
2:00pm Step 1
3:00pm These are the steps we take
4:00pm Flash Card Topics Meeting
5:00pm Faith Means Courage
Closed for Speaker 6:00pm to 10:00pm
10:00pm Walking the Talk
11:00pm Daily Reprieve

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

12:00am Step 1
1:00am Honesty
2:00am Resting on our Laurels
3:00am Brotherly Love
4:00am Spiritual Awareness
5:00am Expectations
6:00am Morning Meditation
7:00am Resentment
8:00am Open Discussion Meeting

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HOSPITALITY

Soberfest Hospitality

Westgate B & C

Friday, Nov. 20th

3:00pm Northwest Edge Alano Club
5:00pm Wanderer's 212
7:00pm Step Meeting Alexian Behavioral Health - Hoffman Estates (Sat 8am)
9:00pm Wood Street Big Book Meeting
11:00pm Steve I's Big Book Group

Closed from 1am-7am

Saturday, Nov. 21st

7:00am Design for Living - Johnsburg (Wed 7pm)
9:00am Joe & Charlie - EDI Club Streamwood (Sun 9am)
11:00am Tuesday Night Genoa City & BYOC Online Recovery Group
1:00pm Berner Wood Wanderers Group (Tues 7pm)
3:00pm Soberfest Al-Anon Committee
5:00pm Stop the Chaos/Relapse Prevention - Lake Barrington Meeting (Sun 7pm)
7:00pm Open Slot
9:00pm Barr-Pals of Bellarmine - Barrington
11:00pm Let It Stay Here Candlelight Meeting - Elgin

Closed from 1am-7am

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

7:00am Living in The Solution - Woodstock

Closes at 9am

Schedule posted outside respective room



Thank you to the 2026 McHenry's Soberfest Committee for all your hard work.

We want feedback on your 2026 Soberfest experience!

Scan QR Code for Survey

If you would like to join the committee elections will be:

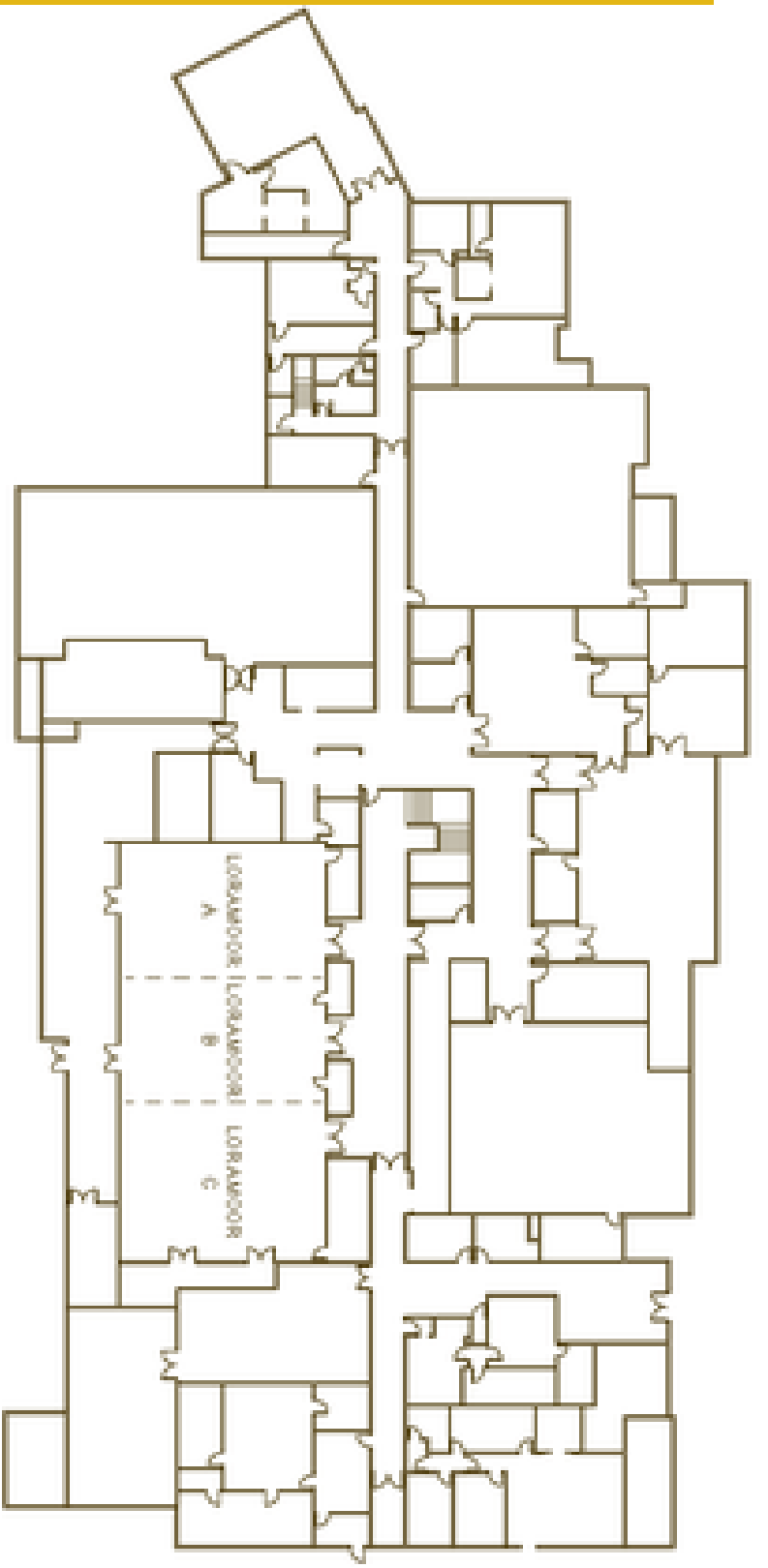
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The Villa Desiderata
3015 N Bayview Ln, McHenry, IL 60051

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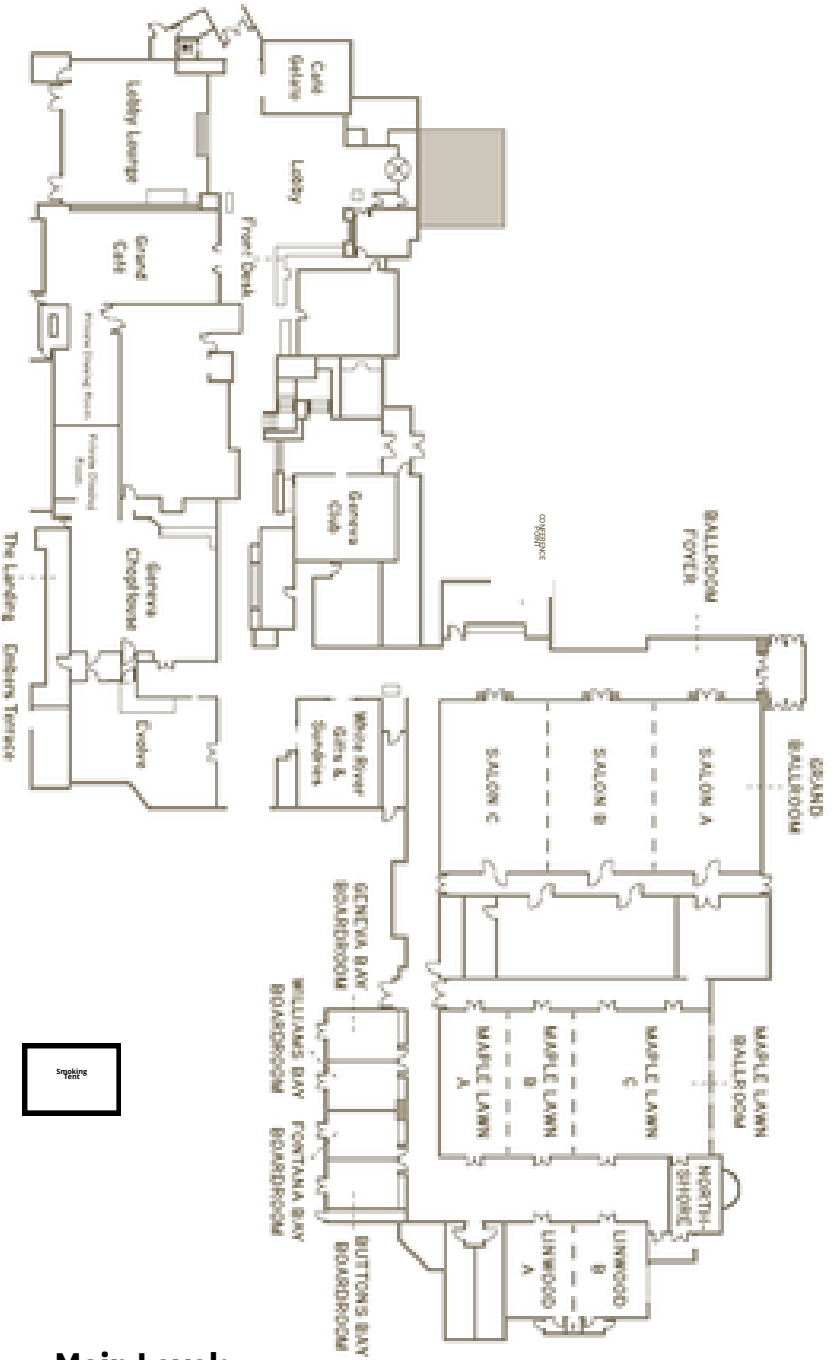
LOWER LEVEL HOTEL MAP



Lower Level:

Loramoor A	Silent Meditation Room
Loramoor C	Guided Meditation Room

MAIN LEVEL HOTEL MAP

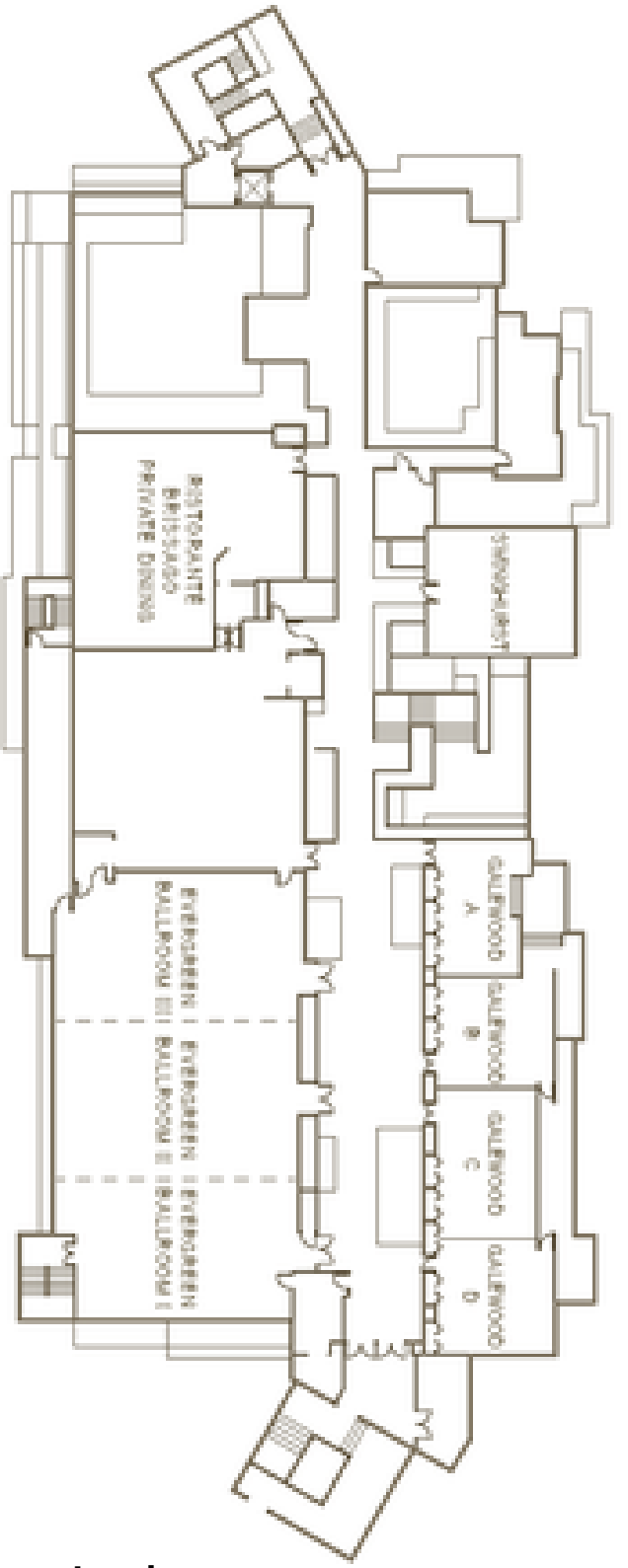


Main Level:

Grand Café & Café Gelato
Lobby
Grand Ballroom & The Forum
Conference Point
Maple Lawn A & B
Maple Lawn C & D
Williams Bay & Fontana Bay
Geneva Bay, Fontana Bay
Buttons Bay
Outside

Registration
Main Speakers
AMOT Audio
Overflow; Panels
Step Study Workshop
Archives
Literature
Alateen
Smoking Tent

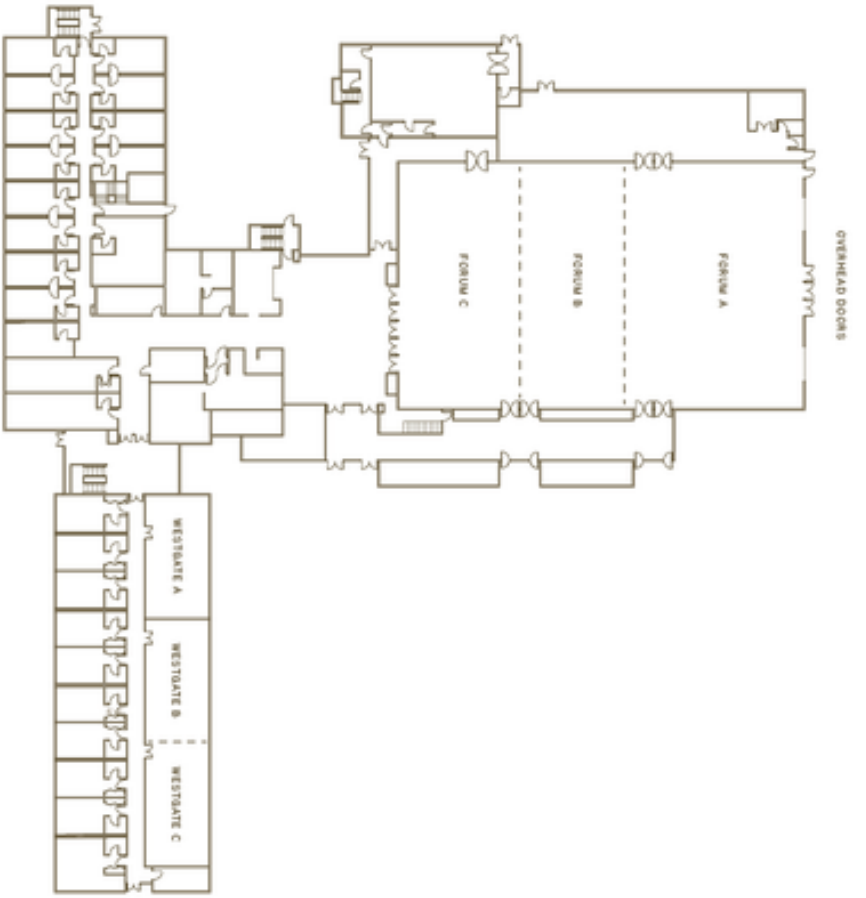
UPPER LEVEL HOTEL MAP



Upper Level:

Galewood A, B, C & D
Evergreen I
Evergreen II & III
Vendor Rooms
Al-Anonathon
Alcathon

CONFERENCE CENTER MAP



Conference Center:

Forum	Banquet
Westgate A	Game Room
Westgate B & C	Hospitality Room

Conference Center:

Forum	Banquet
Westgate A	Game Room
Westgate B & C	Hospitality Room

“Thus we grow.”

One day at a time.
Thank you from
the 2026 Soberfest
Committee.

I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Email us at:
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