



AIPG Conference Planning Tools

FUNDS	For everyone - Many meals are included (see below) - Opportunities for carpooling, sharing lodging, etc. For students and early career professional (ECP) members - The AIPG Minnesota & Wisconsin Sections are offering grants for Student and ECP members for the Student/ECP Professional Development workshop, the FULL conference, and field trips! Apply here: https://aipgmn.org/survey.php?id=29 - Your college/university may offer travel funds - Other AIPG Sections may offer funding (find your section contact information here: https://aipg.org/page/SectionOfficersandWebsites, then check your section for funding opportunities) - Limited AIPG scholarships for Student Day (application information on the conference registration page if funding is still available) - Your college/university may offer travel funds
TRANSPORT	Flights to Duluth International Airport (DLH) - The main airport in Minnesota is the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP), which is a Delta hub - Direct flights from many cities across the USA and from dozens of cities across North America - DLH is serviced by Delta, United, and Sun Country airlines - Direct flights from Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) and MSP Buses from MSP to DLH - Groome Shuttles (about 3 hours): https://groometransportation.com/ - Jefferson Lines (about 3 hours): https://www.jeffersonlines.com/ - Megabus (about 3 hours): https://us.megabus.com/ Carpooling (through Caroster) with other attendees: https://app.caroster.io/e/641f9548-3294-43fa-85c0-8e88e9e8ceee/ - make sure to select Go or Return in the upper left to see carpooling options in both directions Taxis/rideshares - Uber and Lyft operate in Duluth; however, primarily in core hours (very limited late night or early morning pickups) - There are several taxi companies in Duluth (primarily cash-only)
LODGING	Conference Hotel - Holiday Inn & Suites Duluth-Downtown, 200 W 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802, https://hiduluth.com/ \$174/night + taxes/fees - get this group rate by calling 218-722-1202 (option 3) by 29 July 2026. Room Block is under “American Institute of Professional Geologists” - If you’re considering sharing a room at the conference hotel, the rooms may accommodate 4-6 people Hostels - Hostel du Nord: https://www.hosteldunord.com/ - Zenith Basecamp: https://hotels.cloudbeds.com/en/reservation/cwiSxe/?currency=usd Lower priced hotels and vacation rentals: look on your favorite search engines/websites/apps Camping/RV - Bagley Nature Area Campground: https://umdrsop.d.umn.edu/campground. Located on the University of Minnesota – Duluth campus! Half of the campsites are reservable, and half are walk-in only. - Other nearby camping: Indian Point Campground: https://www.duluthindianpointcampground.com/ - RV Campground: Lakehead Boat Basin: https://lakeheadboatbasin.com/
FOOD	Registering for the full conference will get you some included food! Saturday: breakfast, lunch, & afternoon break (everyone) Saturday evening: speed networking/student welcome reception (everyone) Sunday evening: Exhibitor Welcome Reception (non-conference guests may register for a fee) Monday: morning break, lunch, & afternoon break (everyone) Tuesday: morning break, lunch, & afternoon break (everyone) Additional registration is needed for Monday evening: Awards Dinner (this is an add-on for conference attendees and guests) Look at the conference website for our local food recommendations!
SAFETY	Duluth is a fairly safe area. When going out to explore, to eat, have a drink, or to enjoy one of the many things the Zenith City has to offer, please be aware of your surroundings and traveling in groups is encouraged. Lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables out where potential thieves can see them. In general, do not walk alone after dark.
FUN	Please see the Conference Page for Duluth attractions – from the chamber of commerce Things to Do – curated by AIPG members - a list of fun things to do in the greater Duluth area - a list of fun things to do along the way to/from the Twin Cities to/from Duluth - a list of fun things to do in the Twin Cities area
NETWORKING	We have many networking opportunities! Saturday - Built into the Student & Early Career Professional Workshop (all students and Early Career Professionals) - Built into the Speed Networking event immediately following the workshop and AIPG business meetings (everyone) - Built into the Welcome Reception, which is concurrent with the Speed Networking event (everyone) - Built into the Geo-Trivia night, an informal and fun event (everyone) Sunday: Exhibitor Welcome Reception & Foundation Silent Auction (everyone) Monday: Networking breaks and lunch (everyone) and the Awards Dinner (ticketed event) Tuesday: Networking breaks and lunch (everyone) Field trips: Networking is a natural part of our field trips too! (ticketed events) Other: Once registered, everyone will have access to the conference app, Whova (look for this in mid-August). Whova allows you to set up coffee, dinners, etc. for anyone to join. You can also message attendees and set up something private. <i>Before the conference app is live, you can communicate with interested attendees on the LinkedIn event page.</i>