



2018 Greetings AZFA Members & Vendors!!

As you start to plan the year ahead, we want to make sure you that you have the Aquarium & Zoo Facility Association’s 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Washington DC on your calendar as a must attend. Here are some of the highlights that we would like to share with you about this year’s conference:

*Event Dates*                    **SUNDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*Conference Host*                    **SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO &  
CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE**  
3001 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008-2598

**The Westin Arlington Gateway**  
**801 N Glebe Road Arlington VA 22203**  
**Phone 703 537 4255**



*Hotel &  
Conference  
Facility*

- Room Rate \$189 plus taxes
- Special Rates Available from October 4 – 14
- Hotel has started taking reservations
- Hotel Cut-off for the special rate is September 15, 2018 5:00 PM
- Quantity of Rooms are limited, recommend making your reservation early
- Link for reservations [Aquarium & Zoo Facilities Association](#)

The hotel is located within an 8-minute walk from the Ballston Metro Station and even closer to many excellent restaurants and taverns.

- Airports*
- DCA    Ronald Reagan National Airport**
    - Drive – 16 minutes / 7.3 miles
    - METRO to Ballston MU - 32 minutes
  - IAD    Dulles International Airport**
    - Drive - 25 minutes / 22 miles
    - Public Trans. 1-hour - Bus to Rosslyn Metro Station then METRO to Ballston MU
  - BWI    Baltimore Washington International**
    - Drive - 1 hour / 55 miles
    - Public Trans. 1 hr. 45 min. - MARC Train to Union Station METRO to Ballston MU

*Pre-Conference  
Team Building  
Event*

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> – TOPGOLF

Practice Facility with great food, full-service bars, upscale amenities and competitive **fun everyone can enjoy.**

Includes: Transportation, Lunch, 3 Hrs. of Play and Club Rental.



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Tour Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia is a companion facility to the Museum on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Opened in 2003, its two huge hangars — the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar — display thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the Space Shuttle *Discovery*



*Pre-Conference  
Ice Breaker Event*

Reception & Dining at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm a family of restaurants born from a sincere belief that great dining begins with fresh ingredients, friendly people, and an unforgettable atmosphere. One of the first in Washington to feature "locally-raised" and "sustainable" foods. In addition to local and farm-grown produce, our legendary hormone-free, farm-raised beef sourced in the area and chicken that is antibiotic-free and hormone-free.



Plus, all the great things that have made our conferences extremely successful in the past:

- ✓ Vendor Show
- ✓ Training Sessions
- ✓ Meet & Greet Social Events
- ✓ Zoo Day
- ✓ Silent Auction
- ✓ AZFA Banquet

**We look forward to seeing you in Washington DC.**



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