

COMPANION PROGRAM

EMC 2009 Companion Program

Welcome to Austin, Texas for EMC 2009! We have activities planned that will make your visit enjoyable. If you have pre-registered as a fully paid EMC 2009 Companion or Jr. Companion you may go directly to the Registration Desk located in the Austin Convention Center to obtain your registration packet. Your packet will include: 1) a color coded name badge that will allow you access to the Companion Suite, 2) the location of the Companion Suite in the Hilton Austin host hotel, 3) a ticket for the Welcome Reception, 4) two drink tickets for the Welcome Reception, and 5) Any Tour tickets you purchased. You will also be given your Companion Gift Bag at the Registration Desk.

It is a very short walk across the street from the Austin Convention Center to the Hilton hotel, the location of the Companion Suite. As a fully paid registered EMC 2009 Companion, you are welcome to enjoy an extended complimentary continental breakfast. Registered Jr. Companions (with the colored coded name badge) are also invited to the Companion suite. Children under age 8 will be admitted free if accompanied by a registered adult companion. The Suite will be open Monday, August 17 through Thursday, August 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Your complimentary ticket to the Welcome Reception is an opportunity to enjoy a great event where everyone can catch up with old friends and meet new people. It is a great networking time for all. However, the Wednesday night Gala Banquet is also a fun event, and companions are invited to register for that event separately. Please check your registration form and Advanced Program for pricing and information about the Gala.

Our tour program begins with a "San Antonio Day Trip" on Sunday before the symposium actually opens. This gives all symposium attendees an opportunity to participate in this tour. In addition, we have a variety of cultural, historical and fun trips planned for Monday through Thursday. You can enjoy a day in the Texas Hill Country, learn historical facts touring the Texas State History Museum, or eat your way through the 80,000 square foot flagship Whole Foods Market, an Austin homegrown original! Check your registration form and the Advanced Program for tour prices and descriptions. Registration on-site during the Symposium is subject to space availability so register early!