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Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau

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WELCOME

Driving their dusty herds from immense south Texas ranches up the Chisholm Trail, Waco's early tourists were cattle drivers seeking the safest crossing to ford the wide Brazos.

By 1870, those thundering hooves marched across **WACO'S SUSPENSION BRIDGE** — a single-span, 475-foot engineering marvel.

At that same point of crossing, today's trail boss is apt to be a *tourist with a plan!* The patter of large and small feet continue to hoof it across the Waco Suspension Bridge, now a National Historic Landmark — a launching point for dozens of excursions to nationally acclaimed museums, a world class zoo, art galleries, historic homes, and entertainment venues from Broadway musicals to symphony performances.

★ Cameron Park Zoo ★

University Parks Dr. & Martin Luther King Dr. along the Brazos River, 254-750-8080 **Open daily 6 am midnight**, Free admission, Park Ranger tours available

Situated along the picturesque Bosque and Brazos Rivers, Waco's 416-acre Cameron Park stuns the eye with scenic limestone cliffs and wooded hills. Twenty miles of "awesome trails," declared one mountain biking website of the park's National Park-recognized trails. River walk docks launch kayakers and canoers on their own explorations. A disc golf course, picnic pavilions, playgrounds and a spray park round out the family fun.

★ Cameron Park Zoo ★

1701 N. 4th St., 254-750-8400, www.CameronParkZoo.com
Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 11 am-5 pm, \$9 adults, \$8 seniors (60+), \$6 children 4-12, under 3 free, group rates for 21 or more, fully-accessible to the physically challenged

"World Class," announced the World Association of Zoos & Aquariums of this 52-acre natural habitat zoo. Begin your visit in a sunken Spanish galleon where a 50,000-gallon coral reef aquarium brings you eye-to-eye with fish from an underwater rainforest. View alligators from inside a beaver's lodge. Trek through a cave up to an American Indian village where you discover bison, cougars, jaguar, and bears. Extraordinary encounters continue with the critically endangered blue-eyed lemurs and Sumatran tigers, followed by lions, elephants and giraffes. New to the zoo — the intelligent, great ape orangutans and giant Komodo dragons — sure to thrill kids of all ages.

★ Waco Mammoth Site ★

6220 Steinbeck Bend Rd, 254-750-7946, www.WacoMammothSite.com. **Open Tues.-Fri. 11 am-5 pm, Sat. 9 am-5 pm**, \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children.

The National Park Service refers to the Waco Mammoth Site as "The nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Pleistocene mammoths", and we refer to it as a "must see!"

Site excavation began in 1978 when a mammoth bone was discovered on the banks of the Bosque River. To date, the remains of 24 mammoths, a camel and unidentified animal have been found along with the tooth of a juvenile saber-tooth cat. A dig shelter preserves the finds while still allowing for continued excavation.



attractions



★ Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum ★

100 Texas Ranger Trail, Exit 335B, I-35 at University Parks Dr., 254-750-8631, 877-750-8631. www.TexasRanger.org, **Mon.-Sun. 9 am-5 pm, last guest admitted 4:30**, \$7 adults, \$6 senior adults and military, \$3 children 6-12, 5 and under free, group & school rates available

The legend lives on! Enter a world apart where Texas Rangers brought peace to an untamed frontier. Dating back to Spanish and Mexican origins, the museum's 12,000 irreplaceable artifacts include badges, firearms, tack and personal gear as well as the weapons and possessions of notorious outlaws Bonnie and Clyde. Walk the Hall of Fame and meet 30 Texas Rangers who gave their lives in the line of duty or served with great distinction.

★ Texas Sports Hall of Fame ★

1108 S. University Parks Dr., 254-756-1633, 800-567-9561, www.tshof.org, **Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. noon-5 pm**, \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (60+), \$3 students, 6 and under free, group rates available

Four interactive history Halls of Fame feature the greats of Texas Sports, Tennis, High School Football, and High School Basketball. In the Tom Landry Theater, watch the plays that took our breath away then, and now. The Southwest Conference Gallery will be sure to please every sports fan.

★ The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas ★

715 Columbus Ave., 254-753-7395, www.GrandLodgeofTexas.org, **Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-4 pm**
Historic artifacts tell the story of Freemasonry in Texas, the oldest continuous organization in the state, with alumni numbering every president of the Republic of Texas and other dignitaries.



★ Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute ★

300 S. 5th St., 254-757-1024, www.DrPepperMuseum.com
Mon.-Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. noon-5 pm, last ticket sold at 4:15 pm, \$8 adults, \$5 seniors (65+), \$4 students/children (ages 3-17), group rates available. Audio wand tour additional \$1

Created by Waco pharmacist "Doc" Alderton in 1885, the oldest major soft drink in America was originally bottled in this 1906 historic building-become-museum. Three floors of exhibits include an interior artesian well, bottling equipment and containers, and 25 years of Dr Pepper commercials as well as a recreation of a 1930s country store. "Belching is not encouraged," quips the website, but a sip at the restored turn-of-the-century soda fountain *is!*

★ Waco Suspension Bridge, River Walk and Indian Spring Park ★

Washington Ave. at University Parks Dr. to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at Elm St., www.waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation, 254-750-5980 for rental

Built in 1870, Waco's historic Suspension Bridge became the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi. Enjoy the bridge's striking panoramas of the Brazos, take an afternoon stroll along the beautifully landscaped riverside paths, or enjoy a free concert at Indian Spring Park.

★ Homestead Heritage ★

608 Dry Creek Rd. at Brazos de Dios, 254-754-9600, www.HomesteadHeritage.com, **Mon.-Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Homestead Craft and Children's Fair Thanksgiving Weekend (book a hotel room early!), Fri.-Sat. 10 am-9 pm, Sun. noon-5 pm**, free admission

This traditional crafts village celebrates life as it used to be — and continues to be — within a 510-acre homesteading community. In the 200-year-old restored barn, purchase a handmade gift or furniture treasure. Then head to the Homestead Farms Deli and Bakery for fresh-baked goods and homemade ice cream.

Attraction prices and hours are subject to change.

attractions

* Armstrong Browning Library *

Baylor University, 710 Speight Ave.,
254-710-3566, www.BrowningLibrary.org,

Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-2 pm, free,
guided tours for 10 or more available by advance appt.

The historic and personal artifacts of the great British poets Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning are arrayed here beneath 62 stained glass windows depicting themes from the Brownings' poetry. With original furnishings from Elizabeth's own salon to paintings and porcelain collections, the museum is a treasure. The building itself is an architectural masterpiece with immensely high ceilings, intricate woodwork, and polished bookcases filled with rare books and an extensive Wedgwood china collection.

* Mayborn Museum Complex *

1300 S. University Parks Dr., www.baylor.edu/mayborn,
254-710-1110, Mon.-Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Thur. 10 am-8 pm, Sun. 1 pm-5 pm, \$6 adults, \$5 seniors (65+), \$4 children 18 mos-12 yrs, group discounts with advance reservations

Bring the whole family to engage, enjoy and explore! The exhibits and education programs encourage families to learn together and design their own museum experience. This complex features a natural science and cultural history museum focusing on Central Texas with walk-in dioramas including one on the Waco Mammoth Site, and exploration stations for geology, paleontology, archeology, and natural history. Seventeen hands-on discovery rooms in the Jeanes Discovery Center explore topics including transportation, sound, health, and weather. Special traveling exhibits are featured in the summer.

* Red Men Museum and Library *

4521 Speight, 254-756-1221, www.RedMen.org, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-4:30 pm, weekends by appointment, free admission

Check out historical treasures including a bugle recovered from Gettysburg and a peace blanket from Apache warrior Geronimo. Extensive research library includes entire Nuremberg War Crimes Trials report.

* Tehuacana Creek Vineyards *

254-875-2375, www.wacowinery.com

* Valley Mills Vineyards *

254-848-4343, www.valleymillsvineyards.com



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Hotels/Motels

American Inn
4908 W. Waco Dr.
254-772-3110

Americas Best Value Inn
4201 Franklin Ave.
254-772-9440

Americas Best Value Inn & Suites
115 IH-35
254-754-1266

Astro Motel
3416 IH-35 S.
254-662-2950

Best Western Old Main Lodge
4th St. & IH-35
254-753-0316 • 800-299-9226

Budget Inn
1700 IH-35
254-756-7461

Clarion Hotel
801 S. 4th St.
254-757-2000 • 800-275-9226

Comfort Suites
2700 LaSalle Ave.
254-537-0413 • 800-517-4000

Courtyard by Marriott
101 Washington Ave.
254-752-8686 • 800-321-2211

Magnuson Hotel
1430 S. IH-35
254-752-1991

Hampton Inn & Suites Waco South
2501 Market Place Dr.
254-662-9500 • 800-698-0755

Hilton Waco University Parks
113 S. University Parks Dr.
254-754-8484 • 800-234-5244

Homewood Suites by Hilton
5620 Legend Lake Pkwy.
254-644-4663

Hotel Indigo—opens early 2012!
211 Clay Ave.
877-270-1392

Knights Inn
3829 Franklin Ave.
254-754-0363

La Quinta Inn
1110 S. 9th St.
254-752-9741 • 800-531-5900

Lone Star Motel
2428 LaSalle Ave.
254-753-1535

Motel 6
3120 S. IH-35
254-662-4622 • 800-466-8356

New Road Inn
4000 IH-35
254-662-2442

Oaklodge Motor Inn
1024 Austin Ave.
254-756-7018

Quality Inn & Suites
2410 S. New Road
254-296-0550

Relax Inn
3824 S. IH-35
254-662-3830

Residence Inn
501 University Parks Dr.
254-714-1386 • 800-331-3131

Rodeway Inn
3912 IH-35
254-662-3320

Sandman Motel
3820 Franklin Ave.
254-756-3781

Scottish Inns
500 E. IH-35
254-756-5371

Select Inn
1901 Valley Mills Dr.
254-756-3774

Super 8 University
1320 S. IH-35
254-754-1023 • 800-800-8000

Super 8 Waco Mall
6624 W. Hwy 84
254-776-3194 • 800-346-1581

Victorian Inns
720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
254-752-3388 • 800-935-1029

Bed & Breakfast Inns

Camille House B&B
1515 Columbus Ave.
254-735-0768

Colcord House B&B
2211 Colcord Ave.
254-753-6856

Colonial House B&B
2301 Colonial Ave.
254-756-1968

Cotton Palace B&B
1910 Austin Ave.
254-753-7294

Creekside Garden B&B
115 N. 25th St.
254-744-8114

Spencer House B&B
2425 Colcord Ave.
254-537-4720

Cabins/Vacation Rentals

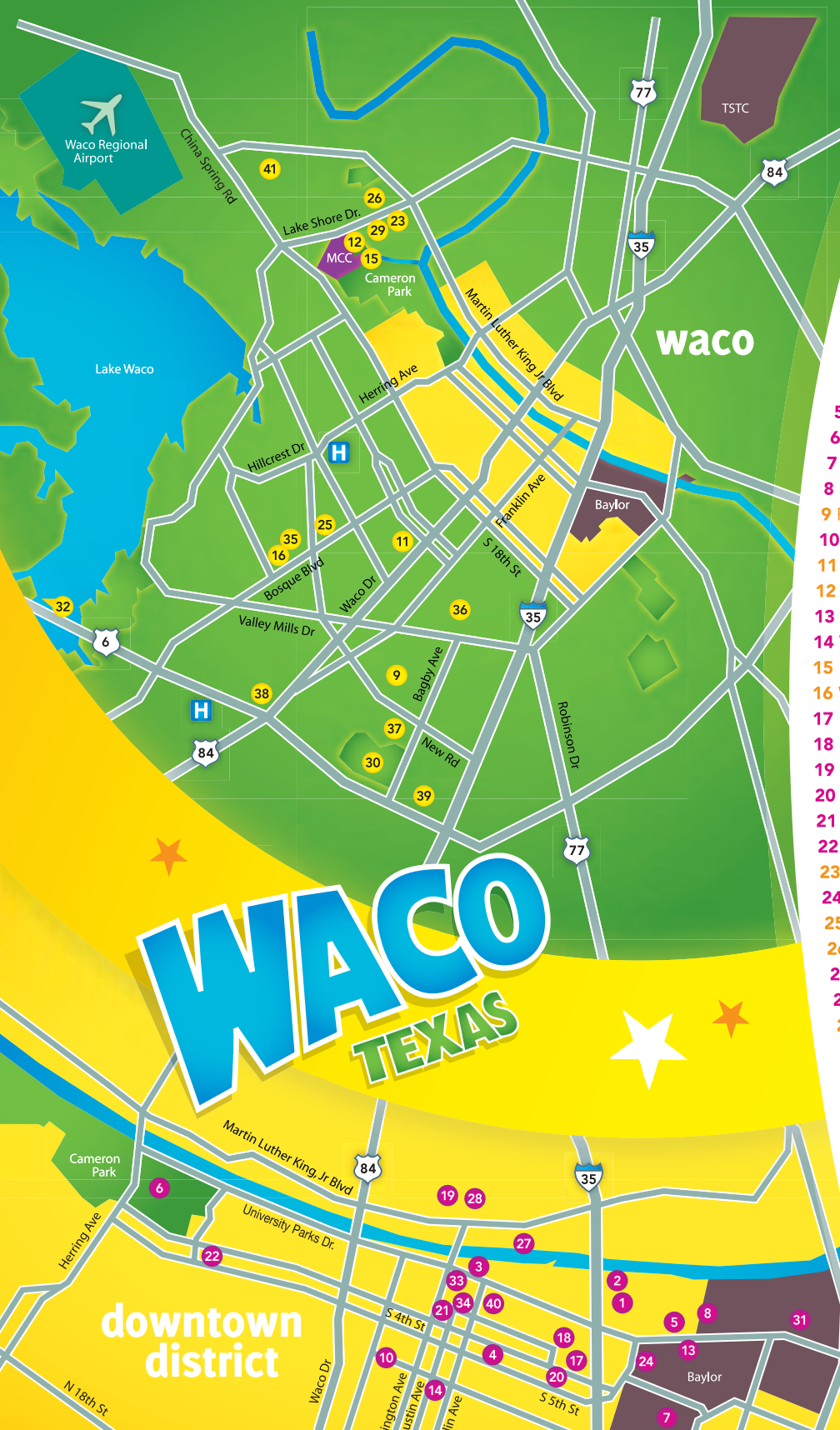
Lake Waco Marina Cabins
3201 Overflow Road
254-848-4471

Haley House
907-262-6123

This list includes all lodging establishments within the city limits of Waco. No guarantee as to the suitability of these accommodations is implied. For the most current list visit www.wacocvb.com/waco-hotels.asp.



lodging



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arts & culture



THEATRE

★ Waco Civic Theatre ★

1517 Lake Air Dr., 254-776-1591, www.WacoCivicTheatre.org

Box office Tues.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm, Prices vary

Schedule your visit to include one of the cast's stellar shows from *On Golden Pond* to *My Fair Lady*, *Noises Off* and *Barefoot in the Park*. Each season includes five or six main productions and a variety of special events.

★ Jubilee Theatre ★

1319 N. 15 St., 254-753-4900, www.jubileetheatre-waco.org

Call for current programs and ticket prices

The Jubilee Theatre offers an exciting mix of plays, dances, concerts, and activities for children, youth and adults.

MUSIC

★ Waco Symphony ★

Concerts performed at Waco Hall, corner of 7th & Speight, 254-754-0851, www.WacoSymphony.com

Since 1963, the Waco Symphony Orchestra has been a cornerstone of Waco culture, performing classical concerts featuring world-renowned soloists, as well as special events ranging from holiday pops concerts to Sunday afternoon chamber music performances.

★ Bosque River Stage ★

1400 College Dr., McLennan Community College, 254-299-8283, www.BosqueRiverStage.com, **Box office Mon.-Fri. 1 pm-5 pm**

Enjoy a wide variety of musical and theatrical events in a beautiful, modern amphitheatre on the banks of the Bosque. Each Thursday in June, the Bosque River Stage presents a River Sounds concert free to the public. Other performances feature every musical style from jazz to rock and roll.

★ Waco Community Band ★ 254-299-8220,

www.wacocommunityband.org

These musical ambassadors of Central Texas provide lighthearted entertainment at local events.

ART

★ Art Center Waco ★

1300 College Dr., McLennan Community College, 254-752-4371, www.ArtCenterWaco.org, **Museum & shop: Tues.-Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 1 pm-5 pm, Sculpture garden open daily**

Art Center Waco showcases the work of new and established artists from across Texas as well as exhibitions of other top award-winning photographers and painters. Take a stroll through the beautiful sculpture garden and admire the elegant grounds of the Center's Mediterranean-style architecture. Or shop for unique, hard-to-find gifts in the Gift Gallery.

★ Martin Museum of Art ★

Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center, 60 Baylor Ave., 254-710-1867, www.Baylor.edu/MartinMuseum, **Tues.-Fri. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. noon-5 pm**

Visit this permanent collection of modern and contemporary painting, sculpture & prints. Be sure to check the museum's online calendar for frequent exhibits of national and international artists.



historic homes

outdoor fun

★ **Historic Waco Foundation**

254-753-5166, www.HistoricWaco.org, admission to each home is \$3 adults, \$2.50 seniors and \$2 students

Four landmark Victorian homes and their furnishings, along with the Heritage Collection of preserved garments, tell the story of early Waco lives.

Fort House — 1868 Greek Revival style
503 S. 4th St., 254-756-4161, **Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm and Tues.-Fri. 11 am-3 pm in April, May, June**

East Terrace — 1872 Italianate Villa
100 Mill St., 254-756-4104, **Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm and Tues.-Fri. 11 am-3 pm in July, August, September**

Earle-Napier-Kinnard House — 1869 Greek Revival style
814 S. 4th St., 254-756-0057, **Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm and Tues.-Fri. 11 am-3 pm in October, November, December**

McCulloch House — 1872 Greek Revival style
407 Columbus Ave., 254-756-2828, **Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm and Tues.-Fri. 11 am-3 pm in January, February, March**

★ **Earle-Harrison House and Pape Gardens** ★

(circa 1858) 1901 N. 5th St., 254-753-2032, www.EarleHarrison.com, All visits are by appointment only, and conducted during these times: **Mon.-Thurs. 8 am-8 pm, first Sunday of each month 8 am-8 pm**, \$5 per person

Surrounded by five acres of towering live oaks, a 75-foot rose arbor, and a lily pond, this stately Greek Revival Style mansion offers a stunning collection of 19th-Century heirlooms. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the grounds.

★ **Waco Regional Tennis and Fitness Center** ★

900 W. Lake Shore Dr., 254-753-7675, www.WacoTennis.com, **Mon.-Thurs. 5 am-10 pm, Fri. 5 am-8 pm, Sat. 8 am-8 pm, Sun. 12 pm-6 pm**

Winner of the national 2006 Outstanding Tennis Facility Award for large parks and rec tennis centers given by the United States Tennis Association, Waco's center welcomes non-member visitors. Enjoy one of 18 outdoor, lighted, hard courts; receive a lesson from a USPTA tennis professional; or participate in a weekly clinic. For more information, call the Pro Shop at the number above.

★ **Waco Water Park** ★ 900 Lakeshore Dr., 254-750-7900, www.waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation **hours vary, call for information**, \$6 for 48 in. or taller, \$4 for under 48 in., 3 and under free, **twilight discount \$2 off Mon.-Fri. 5 pm-7 pm**

This complete water adventure for people of all ages includes two 22-foot twisting towering water slides, tumbling water buckets, a vortex pool, current channel, tot pool, and zero-depth entry pool.

★ **Spray Parks** ★ 254-750-8080, www.Waco-Texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation

Cool off the kids with a dash through one of Waco's five free spray parks, located at Cameron Park, Chapel Park, Dewey Park, Kendrick Park, and Mountainview Park.

★ **Lake Waco Wetlands** ★

1752 Eichelberger Crossing Road, 254-848-9654, www.lakewacowetlands.com **Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4 pm and alternating Sat. 8 am-noon**

A thriving ecosystem along the shores of the North Bosque River, this 180-acre wetlands beckons to bird watchers and environmentalists.





good time diversions

* Shop *

www.WacoCVB.com/Waco-Shopping.asp

Fabulous finds await your shop-till-you-drop gene! From the meandering collection of boutiques at *Spice Village* to the best-loved brands found at *Richland Mall* or *Central Texas Marketplace*, you'll tote home the treasures. Ask the locals for tips that take you off the beaten path to specialty shops hoarding antiques, artisan jewelry, imported crafts, and fashion flair.

* Dine *

www.WacoCVB.com/Waco-Restaurants.asp

Gaze at your honey across a candle-lit glass of wine in a restaurant known for continental cuisine. Kids along? You can find sawdust on the floor and piles of barbecue or famed hamburgers and malts on the Circle. From spicy tamales to Teriyaki rolls, mouth-watering Cajun to lip-drizzling steaks, the menu selections are as varied as our colorful culture.

* Be Entertained *

www.WacoCVB.com/Waco-Entertainment.asp

The stars come out and the Entertainment District comes alive! Restaurants, pubs, coffeehouses, and performing arts venues offer everything from open mike poetry readings to 99 brands of beer on the wall (over 100, actually). Live music, jam sessions, one-act plays — yes, and *your* worst karaoke rendition — keep the options lively.

* Accommodations *

Whether you prefer a Bed & Breakfast Inn, or a hotel right in the middle of the action, Waco has more than 2,300 rooms to suit your need. For more information and reservation information, please visit www.WacoCVB.com or call our **Tourist Information Center** at 800-WACO-FUN (922-6386). Both are also your prime sources for the latest information on events and attractions.

* Important Phone Numbers *

Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau 800-321-9226

Waco Tourist Information Center 800-WACO-FUN • 254-750-8696

Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce 254-752-6551

Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce 254-235-3204

Cen-Tex Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 254-754-7111

* Ground Transportation *

Waco Transit Services (City Buses) 254-750-1613

Waco Streak (Transportation to/from DFW and Love Field)
254-772-0430

Yellow Cab Company 254-756-1861

Several of Waco's accommodations offer free shuttle service to/from Waco Regional Airport

* Air Transportation *

Waco Regional Airport 254-750-8656

American Eagle 800-433-7300

Continental Connection 800-523-3273



* Conferences and Conventions *

Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave., 800-321-9226,
254-750-5810, WacoCVB.com/conv.asp

The Waco Convention Center has served as the premier meeting facility for Central Texas since 1972 and recently underwent a \$17.5 million renovation. Modern decor, new meeting space and a user-friendly configuration add to the many existing reasons the Waco Convention Center would be the ideal site for your next meeting or event.

* Emergency *

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center 254-202-2000

Providence Health Center 254-751-4000

Poison Control Center 911 or 800-222-1222

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