‘Fall’ into the California Dental Association meeting in San Francisco

CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry will hit the city by the bay Sept. 22-24 (Thursday through Saturday), and meeting organizers say the show is on tap to be one the best yet. The California Dental Association meeting’s premier convention experiences encompass dynamic speakers, an extensive tradeshow, numerous C.E. credit opportunities, and exciting social events in the heart of world-class destinations — Anaheim and San Francisco.

CDA Presents will feature more than 400 exhibiting companies showcasing the latest in dental technology, products and services. Attendees can stay ahead of the curve by exploring the innovative new products being launched in the exhibit hall.

Hours are as follows:

- **Grand Opening**
  Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

- **Exhibit Hall open**
  Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- **Family Hours**
  Daily, 9:30 a.m. to noon

- **Registration Hours**
  Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CDA Party**

It was created by a physicist and houses a geometry playground, microscope imaging station and a calculator powered by the force of gravity. It’s the Exploratorium, the destination of this year’s CDA Party. Attendees are invited to join CDA for a bountiful buffet, fascinating exhibits and live music from ‘80s cover band Tainted Love. The party is Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. The fee is $65 per person.

**Wine seminar and reception**

Meeting attendees can join CDA for a wine and food pairing demonstration, led by a chef, that illustrates how beautifully wine and food complement one another. This is a must-attend event for wine novices to aficionados. The event is Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at The Spot. The fee is $25 per person.

**Plenty for kids**

While you’re in a lecture or on the tradeshow floor, your kids can have a blast in the KiddieCorp programs designed just for them. KiddieCorp professionals are bonded, qualified child care specialists who are carefully selected and trained. Age-appropriate activities, games and movies will be provided in a structured environment for your child’s entertainment. Exhibit Hall family hours are 9:30-noon daily. For safety reasons, strollers are never permitted in the Exhibit Hall.

**About San Francisco**

San Francisco is famous for its scenic beauty, cultural attractions, diverse communities and world-class cuisine. This very walkable city is dotted with landmarks recognized throughout the world: the Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars, Alcatraz and the largest Chinatown in the United States. September is usually a beautiful time of year and an ideal time to visit. The average high is 73 degrees, with an average low of 55 degrees.

(Source: California Dental Association)

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