Going to AAO? What to know

What
American Association of Orthodontists’ 110th Annual Session

When
Friday, April 30–Tuesday, May 4

Where
Walter E. Washington Convention Center (WWCC), 801 Mount Vernon Place, Washington, D.C., 20001

Online
www.aaomembers.org/mtgs/2010-AAO-Annual-Session.cfm

Exhibit hall hours
• 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday
• 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday and Monday
• 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Tuesday

Table clinics
2–5 p.m. Sunday in WWCC Hall C

Scientific posterboard exhibits
10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday in WWCC Hall C

Attire
The official dress code of the AAO is business casual, which includes slacks and skirts.

C.E. pavilion
While attending the AAO, record the lectures you attend and print your C.E. hours report. The pavilion can be found at east registration on street level.

Shuttle schedule
Daily shuttle service will be provided between the WWCC and all AAO-designated hotels. Washington, D.C., rush-hour traffic is heavy, so make sure you leave ample time for your commute. Shuttle hours are as follows:
• 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday
• 7 a.m.–6 p.m. Sunday and Monday

Shuttles operate at 15-minute intervals in the mornings from 7–10 a.m. and in the late afternoons from 5:30–6:30 p.m. and at 45-minute intervals from 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Friday–Monday. On Tuesday, intervals are 30 minutes all day.

Airport shuttle discounts
Two shuttle services, Shuttlefare and SuperShuttle/ExecuCar, are offering discounts to AAO attendees arriving at all three Washington, D.C. area airports. Reservations are required to receive the discounts.

To receive discounted pricing on your airport transportation, your reservation needs to be placed online through the links provided at www.aaomembers.org and you must use the coupon code at check-out.

AAOF Breakfast
Places were still available as of press time at $25 per person for the AAOF Breakfast, taking place at 7 a.m. Monday in the Renaissance Ballroom, West A. Breakfast includes the presentation of Blair Award to John Pershing for his service to the AAOF. Complimentary tickets will be offered to current orthodontic residents who sign up on site at the meeting. See the AAOF display at the meeting for more details.

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Tours
Tickets are still available, as of press time, for many of the AAO activity programs. Choices include:
• “A Special Look at Washington,” 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday, $32
• Mount Vernon with lunch at Gadsby’s Tavern, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Saturday, $89
• Shopping in Georgetown with lunch at Filomena’s, 1–5 p.m. Saturday, $75
• “A Special Look at Washington” with boxed lunches, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday, $65
• Historic Annapolis with lunch at Treaty of Paris, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday, $126
• Arlington National Cemetery, 1–5 p.m. Sunday, $32
• “A Splashing Good Time! Aboard the DC Duck,” 1–5 p.m. Sunday, $74
• Capitol Hill, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Monday, $66
• “Lincoln’s Life and Legacy” with lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Monday, $152
• “Monuments by Moonlight” with champagne and dessert, 8–11 p.m., $48
• Old Town Alexandria with lunch at Indigo Landing, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday, $110.

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One course highlight is a special risk-management program that will focus on common concerns at the beginning of an orthodontic career. This seminar, featuring legal and insurance expert panelists, will take place the afternoon of April 30.

In addition, there will also be live clinical procedures by orthodontists on patients and filmed and broadcast live to both doctor and staff seminars. Topics include mini-implant insertion and application of laser technology.

The hands-on workshops are always a popular attraction. As of press time, two sessions still have openings: “New Lingual Straight Wire Method: A Look at the Future” (8 a.m. Sunday) and “TADs Applications for Invisible Orthodontics in Adults” (1:15 p.m. Sunday). You can register for these sessions online at www.aaomembers.org.

Social activities

The AAO Annual Session is full of activities that will keep you busy when you aren’t attending classes or checking out the exhibit hall. One such activity is the AAO Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, May 1. Come listen to the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and see a performance of the comedy “Defending the Caveman,” the longest running solo play that has ever appeared on Broadway, where it opened in 1995.

There is also still plenty of space available for many of the AAO tours. Activities include such things as a “Monuments by Moonlight” tour, shopping in Georgetown, a ride on the DC Duck, a congressional visit and a tour of historic Annapolis.

For a complete description of all AAO’s tours and to register, visit www.capitalcityevents.net/aao2010.

Exhibit hall and more

More than 300 companies will show off their newest and best products in the exhibit hall from Saturday to Tuesday, and you don’t have to skip class to go shopping. Each day, 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. has been set aside as dedicated exhibit hall time.

Many companies are offering discounts, launching new products or putting on entertainment, such as political rallies, in their booths. (For more information on what will be in the exhibit hall, turn to Page 16.)

One company you’ll want to check out is Alliance Tech, which is providing smart phone applications that will enable attendees to review conference information and create schedules on their phones. Alliance Tech will rent iPod Touches to those who do not have smart phones but wish to use the technology. See www.aaomembers.org for details.

Ortho Tribune at the AAO

For plenty more information on this year’s AAO, including a look at new products and can’t-miss events, don’t miss the Ortho Tribune Daily Edition, available exclusively during the AAO Annual Session.
Finding something to do in Washington, D.C., is not a problem. Everywhere you look you can find an array of museums, monuments, outdoor activities and more. The real question is how to narrow it down.

Here are some destinations you might want to consider as you take in the sights of our nation’s capital.

**Passport D.C.**
Dozens of embassies and cultural centers open their doors to showcase their traditions, art, music, dance and cuisine in Cultural Tourism D.C.’s annual international celebration. It kicks off May 1 with 30 embassies offering various events and programs through Around the World Open Houses.

**Celebrate Elvis**
In honor of Elvis and the 75th anniversary of his birth, the exhibition, “Elvis! His Groundbreaking, Hip-Shaking, Newsmaking Story,” at The Newseum tells the story of Presley as he was portrayed in the news media and explores how his music and physicality pushed the boundaries of mainstream taste and free expression during a time when America was experiencing deep generation-al shifts. Produced in collaboration with Elvis Presley Enterprises, the display includes rare objects from the Graceland vaults that have never before been publicly displayed.

**Millennium Stage performance**
Take in a free performance at The Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage every evening at 6 p.m. Acts include everything from performances by the National Symphony Orchestra to gospel groups to jazz musicians to poetry slams.

**Making money**
Make money (or see money made) with a free tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

**Gargoyle Tour**
Explore the beautiful grounds of the National Cathedral, then take a Gargoyle Tour ($10/adult, $5/child or $30/family), and see how these whimsical creatures reflect history in stone. There’s even one fashioned after Darth Vader.

**National Archives**
See the original Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights at the National Archives, then stick around to research your own family’s immigration records.

**Relive history**
Sit in the lobby of the Willard InterContinental Hotel to imagine history unfolding. The hotel is where Julia Ward Howe wrote “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” where President Ulysses S. Grant popularized the term “lobbyist” and where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his “I Have a Dream” speech.

**Neighborhood exploration**
Get out into D.C.’s neighborhoods to learn about history beyond the National Mall by experiencing Cultural Tourism D.C.’s free self-guided walking trails. They are marked with illustrated signs revealing the stories behind Washington’s historic neighborhoods.

**D.C. from above**
For a great and inspiring aerial view of the city (without the wait you’ll find at the Washington Monument), visit the Old Post Office Pavilion on Pennsylvania Avenue.