



Dear Fort Wayne GLS Friends,

On behalf of myself, Kelly Byrd, Chuck Surack and Sherri Miller, we wanted to reach out today to let you know we are excited that you will be joining us at this year's Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit, powered by Sweetwater Sound.

This email will be a great resource for you as you are planning to arrive Thursday, August 10 at the War Memorial Coliseum. The Coliseum just sent pictures this morning as the stage is being set! **Please take time to read through the details as we have many plans in place for your arrival:**

- **Parking**

We are excited to have solved a very large parking issue of years past with moving to the Coliseum. A beautiful big lot and an easy, uncomplicated walk to a beautiful facility. There will be a **\$5 cash** charge for parking each day and if you leave for a portion of the Summit, you will have to pay another \$5 to re-enter. Have your **cash** ready when you enter into the parking area.

- **Registration**

Registration will open at 8 A.M. with the conference beginning at 9 A.M. — come early, enjoy coffee and find a great seat! There will be Express Registration outside of the Coliseum for those of you who have printed off paper tickets or have them accessible on your phone. Drop off your ticket and you will be handed your materials for the day. If you have not yet received your e-ticket, **NO WORRIES**, come inside to Registration, located behind the escalators in the rotunda, and you can check in quickly and easily by just saying your name.

After registration, you will be given a notebook and badge. Your badge will need to be worn at all times while you are in the Coliseum. You will also receive a Fort Wayne Site Guide for this year's Summit. It will have maps of the Coliseum letting you know where everything is located, from restrooms, concessions, resource centers, and vendor tables. Be sure to keep yours handy!

- **Breakfast**

Coffee and water will be available at no cost. Tim Horton's will have a coffee stand with specialty coffee available for purchase (cash and credit/debit card accepted). Come early and enjoy the concessions with light breakfast items available for purchase (cash and credit/debit card accepted).

- **Breaks**

Our morning break will be late morning each day. At that time, you will be provided a snack box at no charge full of great snacks that should keep you satisfied throughout the day.

- **Lunch**

Lunch is on your own. With being in the Arena, concessions will be open with healthy options and old favorites, plenty to choose from! If you've pre-ordered a box lunch, those will be available for pick up in Expo III, which will also include great seating to allow you to walk away from the arena and enjoy each other's company in a relaxing setting. There will be additional seating, outside on picnic tables, concession areas, and lobbies around the facility. Local restaurants in close proximity have been notified when our lunch break will be on each day and have promised to have extra staff ready if you choose to leave.

- **Outside food and beverage**

Due to security, no outside food or beverages will be allowed in the building. Water bottles from home are also not allowed. There will be water coolers available throughout the building. And of course beverages available at the concessions for purchase.

- **Resource Center**

There will be four Resource centers open throughout the Arena with Books and DVD's of the speakers **payable with check and/or credit/debit card only.**

- **Vendor Tables**

Enjoy 34 vendors placed in various locations in the arena halls. We are excited to have them and I know you will want to visit each one and hear what they are doing within our community.

We have also attached the Itinerary for both days. **Please note that the Fort Wayne site doors open at 8 A.M. and Session 1 begins at 9 A.M.** For additional event questions, please contact me, by replying to this email or emailing me at lori.whitman@parkview.com.

We are ready for you! See you soon!

Lori Whitman

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