

2008 AMS-SW Chapter Conference – Travel Information October 11, 2008 • Texas State University-San Marcos

Directions to the Music Building at Texas State University

Travel by Air: You may fly into Austin or San Antonio and rent a car.

Travel by Car: From Austin / Dallas / Waco and the I-35 Corridor North: Follow I-35 South to San Marcos, take **Exit #206** from IH-35. Stay on the access road. Turn **RIGHT** onto **Aquarena Springs Drive / Loop 82**. You will pass two traffic lights and cross over a railroad track. Bobcat Stadium will be on your left. At the second traffic light after the railroad tracks, turn **RIGHT** onto **Sessom Drive**. Driving on Sessom, turn **LEFT** on **State Street** just before the first traffic light. Drive on State Street up, through the open gate, over the hill to Pleasant Dr. Turn **LEFT** on **Pleasant**. The parking garage will now be on your left and the Music Building on your right.

From San Antonio / Corpus Christi / Laredo and I-35 Corridor South: Follow I-35 North to San Marcos, take **Exit #206** (Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82). Turn **LEFT** on **Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82**, going under I-35 towards the University. You will pass three traffic lights and cross over a railroad track. Bobcat Stadium will be on your left. At the second traffic light after the railroad tracks, turn **RIGHT** onto **Sessom Drive**. Driving on Sessom, turn **LEFT** on **State Street** just before the first traffic light. Drive on State Street up, through the open gate, over the hill to Pleasant Dr. Turn **LEFT** on **Pleasant**. The parking garage will now be on your left and the Music Building on your right.

Our meeting will take place in the Recital Hall, second floor of the Music Building.

Parking Information

On Saturday (October 11), you may park on campus without a parking permit. See the map on the following page. The arrows highlight your driving from Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82 to Sessom Drive, State Street, and Pleasant Dr. To view a general campus map, visit <http://www.maps.txstate.edu/>.

Hotel Information

The meeting hosts recommend the following accommodation:

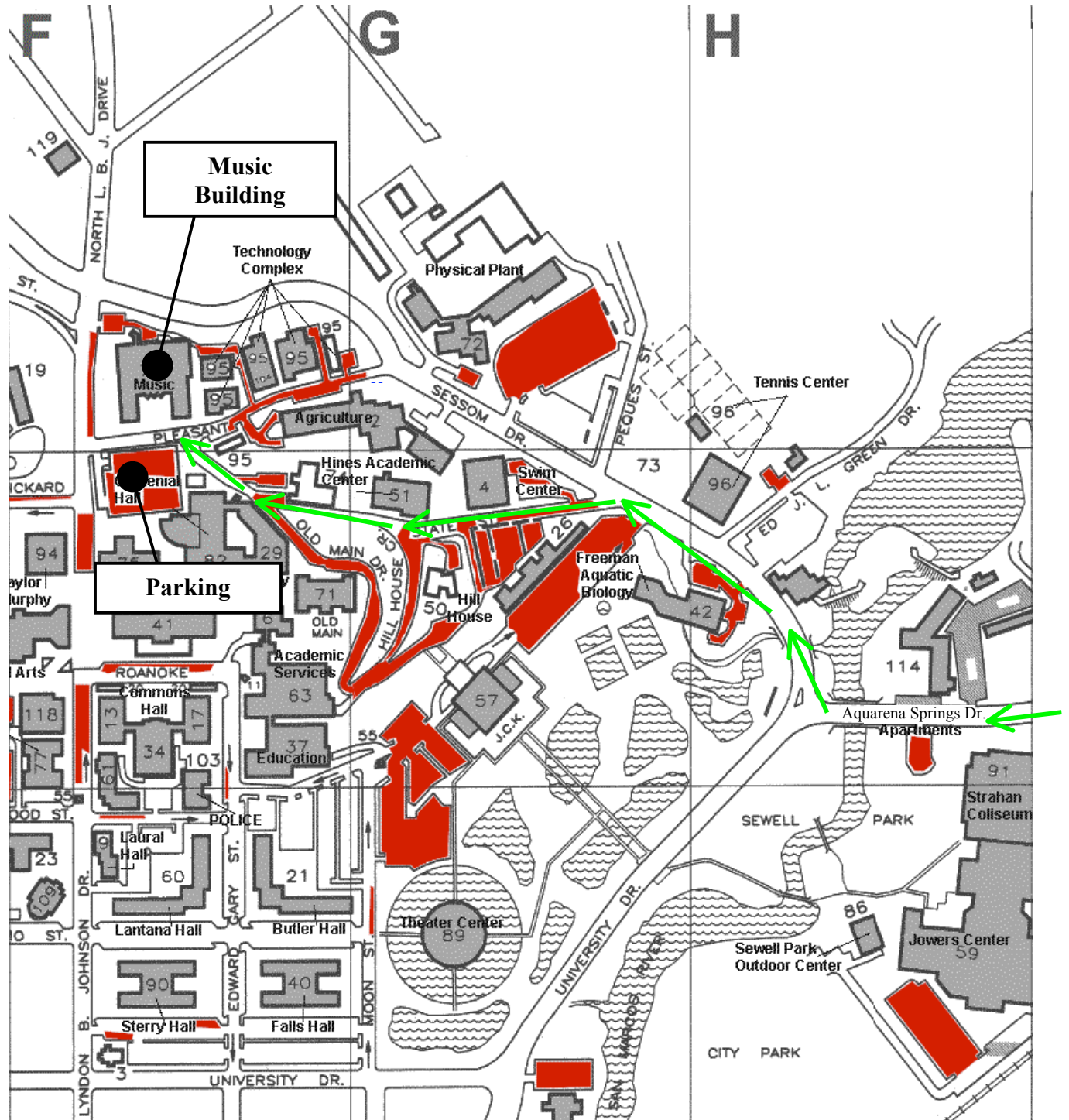
- Comfort Inn, 1611 IH-35 [Exit #206], San Marcos, TX 78666, Phone: 512-396-5665, Web: <http://www.comfortinnsanmarcos.com>. This motel offers hot breakfast, pool, hot tub, high-speed internet access, etc. This motel is about 2 miles away from campus.
- The only accommodation in relatively short walking distance to the School of Music is the Crystal River Inn (3-star) at 326 W Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666. Phone: 512-396-3739. Rooms are expensive; visit their website at <http://crystalriverinn.com> or call them.

San Marcos also offers many other hotels and motels. All common hotel chains are represented.

Texas State University and its School of Music

Texas State University has more than 29,000 students and offers programs through the doctoral level. Visit the university website at <http://www.txstate.edu>. The School of Music has more than 600 students, and offers Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music education (choral, instrumental, general, Kodály, Latin Music), most performance areas (including Latin Music), conducting, music theory, musicology, jazz studies, sound recording technology, as well as

Kodály and a Music Performance Certification. For more information on our Masters degrees, visit <http://www.MasterOfMusic.us>.



Area Attractions

Aquarena Center is situated along the headwaters of the San Marcos River and provides the Austin and San Antonio area with the opportunity to discover a natural wonder created by the Edwards Aquifer, a major water resource for Central Texas. Open to the public, this environmental education center offers a variety of exhibits focusing on the endangered species of the San Marcos Springs, including the Texas Blind Salamander, San Marcos Salamander and Fountain Darter, the importance and diversity of wetlands, and the native and exotic species found in this area. The Aquarium with an Endangered Species Exhibit, the floating Wetlands Walkway, Glass Bottom Boat tours and Hillside Nature Trail combine to give visitors a unique experience of the San Marcos Springs and the diversity which it creates. For more information see <http://www.aquarena.txstate.edu>. San Marcos is also the host of the largest Outlet Mall in the State of Texas. To go to the outlet mall, take exit 200 on I-35. For more information on San Marcos visit <http://www.visitsanmarcos.com/>.

Selected Restaurants

Gordo's Burgers, 804 Chestnut Street, San Marcos, TX 78666. Phone: (512) 878-0653. The best burgers in town.

Grins, 802 N. LBJ Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666. Phone: (512) 396-4746. Family owned since 1975. Good burgers, some veggies. Indoors or on outdoor decks.

Palmer's Restaurant, 218 Moore Street, San Marcos TX 78666. Phone: (512) 353-3500. Featuring Texas hill country cuisine – Angus steaks, fresh seafood, chicken & pasta specialties, fresh fruit & vegetables, abundant salads, homemade & gourmet deserts. More expensive, but arguably the best restaurant in town.

Rose Garden Chinese Restaurant, 700 N. LBJ Drive # 114, San Marcos, TX 78666. Phone: (512) 805-0880. Traditional Chinese food.

The Thai Thai Café, 829 N. LBJ Drive # 101, San Marcos, TX 78666. Phone: (512) 395-8424. Traditional Thai food.