



February 16, 2009

Mr. Joseph Wells
Vice President
National Collegiate Table Tennis Association
2322 5th Street #204
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Dear Mr. Wells:

On behalf of our community, we invite the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association to host their 2010 Championships in Grand Rapids, the grand city of Michigan's West Coast. We appreciate your consideration and feel that once the NCTTA learns about Grand Rapids, you and your members will agree that we offer the ideal location to host your championship.

The benefits of selecting Grand Rapids include:

- 120 daily non-stop flights from 15 major U.S. destinations including Newark, Denver, Washington D.C., Atlanta, Houston and Dallas
- 60 dining and nightspots in the downtown entertainment district
- A downtown hotel ranked as one of North America's top 15
- A full-service convention bureau offering attendance-building services and seamless coordination of operations between the Bureau, meeting venues and hotels
- A world-class garden and sculpture park
- A new one million square-foot convention center linked by skywalk to 1,200 guest rooms, a 2,400-seat performing arts center and a 12,000-seat arena
- Four outstanding museums within walking distance of the convention center including the Gerald R. Ford Museum
- Minutes from Lake Michigan's most magnificent beaches

Mr. Wells, myself and our Sports Commission look forward to the opportunity to work with you and the rest of the NCTTA team. I truly feel that we can "partner" with you to make this a great event and show you the hospitality that our city has.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason P. Ryan".

Jason P. Ryan, CHSP
National Sales Director



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Dear Mr. Wells:

On behalf of our community, we invite the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association to hold its 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships here, in the year 'round sports playground of West Michigan.

There are a whole host of reasons why Grand Rapids and Michigan's West Coast is an ideal location for your event. You'll find many of them outlined in the following pages. But I want to focus on just one: the reception you'll enjoy from our community.

Quite frankly, we're crazy about sports here. All kinds of sports. You can see it in the abundance of great sports venues around our region, the astonishing rate of participation in school athletic programs and amateur leagues, the remarkable breadth and depth of sports coverage in our local media and most of all, the extraordinary passion of our local sports fans. If you want your event to be recognized and valued, if you want your members to feel supported and appreciated, Grand Rapids is the place for you.

Grand Rapids is also the place for you to access an unprecedented level of planning assistance. The West Michigan Sports Commission offers a wide variety of services to make your job easier, including:

- Destination services
- Presentation support
- Sponsorship procurement
- Venue selection
- Volunteer recruitment

We'll pull out all the stops to help ensure a successful event for you.

Mr. Wells, we encourage you to explore Grand Rapids, the grand city of Michigan's West Coast. We think you'll agree it's an ideal choice for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike Guswiler
Executive Director

City of Grand Rapids, Michigan
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GEORGE K. HEARTWELL
MAYOR

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Dear Mr. Wells:

The city of Grand Rapids is delighted to extend a cordial invitation to National Collegiate Table Tennis Association to host its 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships.

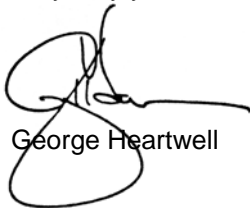
As mayor of Grand Rapids, I could go on and on about the many wonderful attributes of this city; it's bustling downtown, friendly people, clean and safe streets and good-old fashioned Midwest values. But instead, I'd like to highlight the unique collaboration between Grand Rapids and the other communities that make up Michigan's West Coast. We all work together to make it easy for sports organizers to conduct a successful event.

Outside of the event itself, visitors will enjoy the crystal-clear waters, sugar-sand beaches and breathtaking sunsets of Lake Michigan. The charming coastline villages and their one-of-a-kind shopping and dining choices. The pick-your-own fruit farms and roadside produce stands that dot the countryside. The parks, paths, bike trails, golf courses, lakes and rivers that make this region a outdoor-lover's paradise.

All of these are just as much a part of the Grand Rapids experience as the urban excitement of our downtown district. And the support provided by the Grand Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau along with the West Michigan Sports Commission is your passport to them all, working behind the scenes to customize and coordinate itineraries. All you have to do is show up and enjoy all the beauty our region has to offer.

It would be my pleasure to welcome the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association to Grand Rapids and Michigan's West Coast in 2010. I know you and everyone involved with your event will have a great time.

Very truly yours,



George Heartwell

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Re: Collegiate Table Tennis Championships

Dear Mr. Wells:

Please accept this letter showing our support of the Grand Rapids/Kent County CVB and the West Michigan Sports Commissions' proposal to host The Collegiate Table Tennis Championships.

Grand Rapids and the West Michigan area have an excellent record for hosting quality events. Excellent facilities, lodging, and recreation are readily available here due to the strong tourist industry. The Ford International Airport and transportation facilities are very convenient.

The Grand Rapids Table Tennis Club works in conjunction with table tennis clubs from Muskegon, Kalamazoo, and Holland to provide a strong table tennis reservoir to help promote, assist, and attend events being planned. I currently have over 100 names on our clubs' E-Mail list that will be informed of any events that are planned.

Sincerely,

Chase F Klinesteker
Grand Rapids Table Tennis Club
292 Eastmoor SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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Re: 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships

Dear Mr. Wells:

Please accept this letter in support of the Grand Rapids / Kent County CVB and the West Michigan Sports Commission's proposal to host the 2010 NCTTA Championships.

The Grand Rapids and West Michigan area has an excellent record of hosting quality events. The DeVos Convention Center in Grand Rapids and other nearby facilities have proven their ability to provide a national level venue for [event type]. With convenient lodging, a beautiful city and plentiful parking, Grand Rapids is an ideal location for the 2010 NCTTA Championships. Transportation to and from the event will be hassle-free with the easily accessed Gerald Ford Airport and excellent highway connections.

As a destination, Michigan offers a wealth of activities to attract participants and their families to the event. The weather is moderate and the location, surrounded by lakes big and small, will beckon the participants to come and play!

Muskegon Table Tennis will commit its full support to the event and provide assistance with all aspects of the Table Tennis Tournament. I urge NCTTA to select Grand Rapids as the site for the 2010 NCTTA Championships.

Sincerely,

Gary Shedd
Muskegon Table Tennis

2010 College Table Tennis National Championship

Bid Application Answers

- 1) Eric Engelbarts III will be the primary person responsible for assisting in planning this event. He is the Events Manager for the West Michigan Sports Commission. The main person from the college or university will depend on which venue NCTTA determines will be the best fit.
- 2) Eric Engelbarts III, eenelbarts@westmichigansportscommission.com (616) 233-3563. Jason Ryan, jryan@meetgrandrapids.com (616) 233-3547 will also be involved in coordinating the hotel side of the events. The remaining members of the organizing committee will be determined once a bid is accepted.
- 3) This will be supplied once our organizing committee is finalized.
- 4) My understanding is that Newgy would supply the tables and other equipment needed for this event. We have space for at least 16 tables in the championship area.
- 5) My understanding is that Newgy would supply the tables and other equipment needed for this event. We have space for at least 8 tables in the practice area.
- 6) We would work with NCTTA to determine these two positions.
- 7) We would look to NCTTA for a Competition Manager, unless we can determine an acceptable applicant from our local clubs.
- 8) We would look to our local clubs that have offered their support to assist with this.
- 9) My understanding is that Newgy would supply the tables and other equipment needed for this event.
- 10) Please reference the hotel / venue section of this document
- 11) Please reference the transportation section of this document. In regards to moving people from the hotels to the venue, we will work with a local charter company to do this, depending on the venue and hotels picked by NCTTA.
- 12) There are multiple Corporations in the Greater Grand Rapids area that we will target in addition to sporting equipment manufacturers and retailers.
- 13) We would work with NCTTA on the timeline that they would need
- 14) Please reference the hotel / venue section of this document.
- 15) Please reference the bid document as well as the hotel section for the specific functions. More details of local restaurants will be provided once a venue and hotel are selected.
- 16) We would plan the awards banquet at the host hotel and would work with NCTTA and the hotel to create an event that would impress all the participants.
- 17) The West Michigan Sports Commission has relationships with TV, print and radio medias and will work with them to promote the championship.
- 18) Please reference the hotel / venue section of this document

- 19) We would look for a sponsor for the printed programs for the championships. We would work with NCTTA on the feasibility of producing championship merchandise.
- 20) The West Michigan Sports Commission has a volunteer database that they will use. These volunteers have worked many other events in the Greater Grand Rapids area. We also have support from local table tennis clubs and they will call on their members to volunteer as well.



Fun and Games

Places Rated Almanac ranked Grand Rapids the nation's #3 Fun & Recreation City. If only they had judged the entire Michigan's West Coast region – we know we'd have finished #1!

After all, Michigan's West Coast is teeming with sporting events – from pro baseball, hockey and arena football teams to college and high school contests to dozens of sports centers and clubs offering all styles of individual and team competition. Every year, we host the nation's largest 25K road race. We welcome the nation's elite cyclists to a 1.2-kilometer race looped through the historic brick streets of downtown Grand Rapids. And we cheer on Olympic hopefuls at the most publicly accessible luge and bobsled run in North America.



When it comes to recreation, it's all about the great outdoors: Fishing Lake Michigan for salmon, lake trout, perch and steelhead – off the shore or on a charter boat. Swimming the crystal-clear waters of the Big Lake. Hitting the links on a championship golf course. Jogging a nature trail or biking a converted railway through woodlands and wetlands. Skiing downhill or cross-country surrounded by forests and farms. Ice skating after sundown in the shadow of downtown skyscrapers.

For recreation of a different kind, ride a dune buggy up one of America's tallest sand dunes. Visit Michigan's largest amusement and water park. Discover the beauty and splendor of Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture

Park, the second most popular tourist destination in all of Michigan, where art and nature come together to offer a world-class experience.

Or, move indoors and browse through an incredible variety of shopping malls, specialty retailers and boutiques. Treat yourself to a delicious meal at your favorite chain restaurant or a one-of-a-kind "homegrown" restaurant. Take in a movie at one of the region's 90+ screens including an IMAX® Theatre. These suburban attractions are nestled amidst a wide range of hotels offering free parking and easy freeway access to your event's venue, the lakeshore and downtown Grand Rapids.

For the most fun-per-square-inch, head downtown. There are more than 75 dining, nightlife and entertainment options within a five-minute walk of downtown hotels. And that's not all – you can also stroll 2.5 miles of riverwalk, visit four museums, work out at a deluxe YMCA, picnic in a lush green park, catch a hockey game or stage show, cast a line into a salmon-rich river, browse more than 50 outdoor sculptures and much more. Sidewalks are wide and welcoming, and covered skywalks protect from inclement weather.

Wherever you go, you'll encounter friendly people, safe streets, breathtaking natural beauty and plenty of opportunities for fun and recreation. After all, we have a reputation to live up to!

Why Grand Rapids:

- Four museums downtown
- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum
- One of America's Top Waterfront Towns (*National Geographic Adventurer*)
- Sports for every season





Off the Field

West Michigan “sports” an endless variety of things to do after your event is done for the day.



Want more action? Anywhere you go, you’re never more than six miles away from a lake, river or stream – so fishing, boating and swimming are quick and easy free-time options. Running trails and bike paths crisscross the region, through city canyons and wooded wilds. Championship golf courses, bowling alleys, archery centers, climbing walls, tennis courts and gyms abound.

Even a casual stroll can get your pulse pounding – when it’s along one of our piers or boardwalks as a blazing sun sets over the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan. It’s positively breathtaking!

Looking for family-friendly entertainment? During Summer, head for the coast and Michigan’s Adventure amusement park – featuring more than 60 rides and attractions, seven roller coasters and Michigan’s largest waterpark. Ride a dune buggy up and down the towering sand dunes that overlook Lake Michigan. Watch the West Michigan Whitecaps, a Detroit Tigers affiliate, play baseball under the lights. Visit one of the nation’s largest Children’s Gardens, the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, an IMAX® Theatre, shopping malls or indoor amusements.

It’s all great fun for the young.. and the young at heart!

For fun of a different sort, head to downtown Grand Rapids, the entertainment hub of Michigan’s West Coast. You’ll find everything from sports bars, jazz clubs and live theater to museums, rock concerts and football games, all within a few blocks of each other. Stop by the B.O.B. (Big Old Building) for a one-of-a-kind evening. This four-story renovated warehouse hosts three different restaurants, a microbrewery, comedy club, dance club, billiards hall and wine cellar, all under one roof.



By now, you’ve worked up quite an appetite. Grand Rapids offers an abundance of culinary surprises. There are more than 60 restaurants downtown alone – steakhouses, pizzerias, seafood bistros, hamburger joints, and more – including one of America’s 50 best Hispanic restaurants. San Chez offers an authentic taste of Spain, with an extensive menu of paella and tapas (small plates of appetizers meant to be shared). Or treat yourself to the finest of fine dining at the 1913 Room in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel – it’s Michigan’s only five-diamond AAA restaurant.

West Michigan Offers:

- 60 restaurants within 5 minute walk
- Exciting nightlife with live entertainment
- Fun things to do for all ages





Stay & Play

Hotels throughout Michigan's West Coast are ready, willing and able to host your event. Wherever you choose to stage your event – city or lakeshore, college field house or convention center, soccer field or bowling alley – you'll find a hotel virtually right next door. Then again, everything here is so close and convenient that you might want to choose your hotel on the basis of after-hours recreation.



Grand Rapids' suburban hotels, for example, are a great choice if you want to maximize your shopping and dining options. Regional shopping malls, brand-name box stores, hometown retailers, restaurants with names you know and restaurants with names unique to Grand Rapids & you'll find them on every corner in the suburbs, along with plenty of family-friendly activities like movies, fishing holes and go-kart courses.

You'll also find some of the biggest names in the lodging industry, including Baymont, Best Western, Comfort Inn and Suites, Crowne Plaza, Hampton Inn, Hilton, Holiday Inn, Radisson, Ramada and more. These suburban sites feature such amenities as indoor water parks, outdoor pools, kitchenettes, free parking and more. Many offer complete meeting and banquet facilities, making them ideal for smaller events and gatherings.

"When people keep coming back that makes a statement about how they feel about a city. We were up against Akron, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; and Ft. Wayne, Indiana, but the voters voted to come back to Grand Rapids."

Dorothy Irvin, President
Grand Rapids' Bowling Senate/Affiliate of the
National Bowling Association

If it's the urban experience you're after, with plenty of cultural and nightlife options, you'll want to stay in downtown Grand Rapids. Downtown is home to the Amway Grand Plaza, a shining beacon of full-service hospitality on the banks of the Grand River. The Amway is connected to both DeVos Place convention center and Van Andel Arena via enclosed skywalk. This skywalk also connects to a Courtyard by Marriott hotel and the new JW Marriott hotel – a luxury hotel brand that chose Grand Rapids as one of its first 40 worldwide locations (and the first in the Midwest). A Days Hotel just a few blocks away completes the lineup of downtown hotel choices.

Downtown is also home to all sorts of sports venues – a 12,000-seat arena, a state-of-the art convention center, a sparkling new YMCA, boxing gyms, the Grand River and more. And it's just minutes away from any venue anywhere in Michigan's West Coast.

Stay in Grand Rapids:

- Complimentary airport shuttle at most suburban hotels
- Complimentary parking at suburban hotels
- Easy access from major highways
- Minutes from West Michigan's greatest attractions
- Nearby shopping and dining





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Dear Joseph,

Greetings from the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

It was a pleasure learning of your interest in Grand Rapids, as well as the Amway Grand Plaza. We have an outstanding AAA Four – Diamond luxury convention hotel, located in the Mid-West, and would be honored to extend our facilities and services to you and your guests.

Based on the details I have received from Mr. Jason Ryan of the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel has dates available in April 2010 to host a successful conference for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association. The following proposal will help you learn more about our wonderful property.

Joseph, it is my sincere hope that you will select the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and I would like to have the opportunity to meet with you and show what we have to offer you and your guests. If you have questions, need additional information, or would like to schedule a site visit, please contact me at (616)776-6402 or via email at cschroeder@amwaygrand.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Schroeder", with a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Schroeder, CMP
National Sales Manager

CC: Mr. Jason Ryan, GR/KCCVB

CS/nlh

Package Information and Availability

Availability

The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel (AGPH) has guest rooms and meeting space available for your conference over the following days:

Wednesday, April 7 thru Monday, April 12, 2010

Room Block

Day	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Date	4/07	4/08	4/09	4/10	4/11	
Rooms	25	50	85	85	25	270

Rates

To indicate our desire to host the **2010 College Table Tennis National Championships** we are pleased to confirm the following special rates.

<u>Room Occupancy</u>	<u>Room Rates</u>
Single (1 person)	\$129.00
Double (2 persons)	\$129.00
Triple (3 persons)	\$129.00
Quad (4 persons)	\$129.00

*Rates include a \$5.00 rebate per room, to be paid back to the group.

These arrangements will be reserved on your behalf until **March 13, 2009**, by which time the AGPH must have received a confirmation verifying your acceptance. In the event we have a request for your dates from another organization prior to **March 13, 2009**, we will contact you for a definite decision to confirm or release these dates in writing within 48 hours. If we have not received your confirmation by **March 13, 2009**, the AGPH will release all space.

For comparison, below is the current GUEST ROOM RACK RATE for 2009:

Single - \$215.00*	Double - \$235.00*
Tower Club - \$275.00*	Plaza Luxury - \$525.00*

- Hotel Rack Rates are subject to change without notice.

Guest room rates are subject to an 8% occupancy tax and a 6% state tax.
(Tax rates are subject to change)

Complimentary Guest Room Accommodations and Concessions

The Hotel is pleased to offer you:

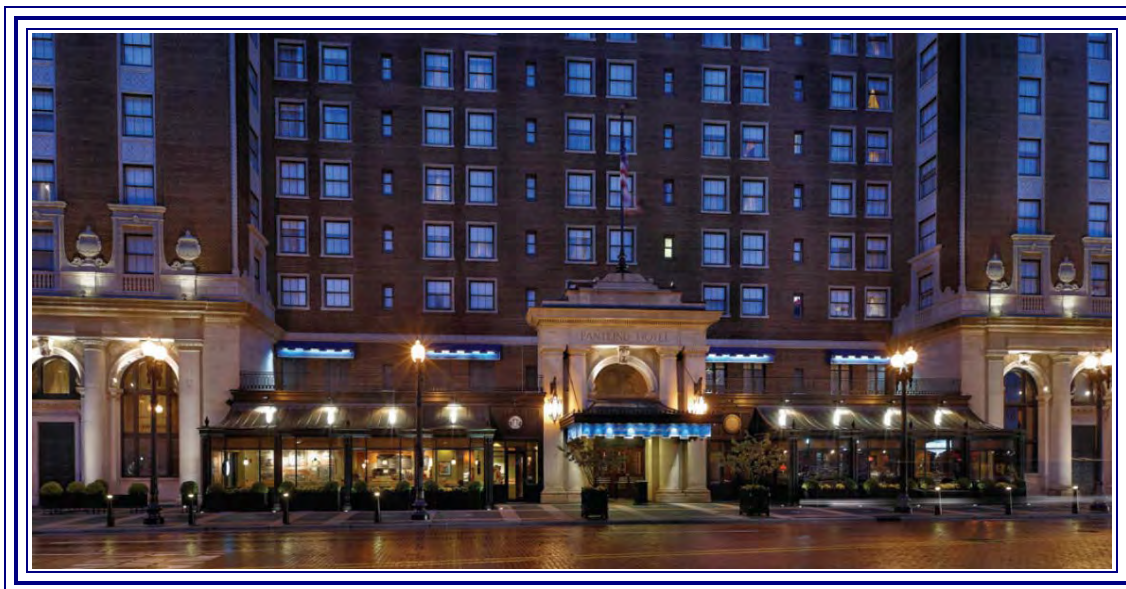
- **One guest room complimentary for every fifty rooms utilized on a nightly basis**
- **1 Plaza Luxury Suites at Group Rate**
- **2009 Food and Beverage prices**
- **An eighty-percent (80%) attrition policy**
- **Complimentary Meeting Space**
- **21 day reservation cut off**
- **Complimentary Fitness Center**

AGENDA/SPACE ON HOLD

National Collegiate Table Tennis Association - 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships

Date	Start Time	End Time	Function	Room	Setup	Agr
Wednesday						
4/7/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Pearl	Classroom	30
4/7/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald A	Classroom	30
4/7/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald B	Classroom	30
Thursday						
4/8/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Pearl	Classroom	30
4/8/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald A	Classroom	30
4/8/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald B	Classroom	30
Friday						
4/9/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald B	Classroom	30
4/9/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald A	Classroom	30
4/9/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Pearl	Classroom	30
Saturday						
4/10/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Pearl	Classroom	30
4/10/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald A	Classroom	30
4/10/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald B	Classroom	30
4/10/2010	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Dinner	Ambassador Ballroom	Rounds of 8	350
Sunday						
4/11/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald B	Classroom	30
4/11/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Emerald A	Classroom	30
4/11/2010	4:00 AM	4:00 AM	Break Out	Pearl	Classroom	30

Monday, February 16, 2009



Welcome to the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel www.amwaygrand.com

When does the hotel become the destination? When the moment you walk through the door you feel as if you've been transported - by the elegance, the details, and the gracious service. When your every expectation of what a hotel can be is exceeded.

Welcome to the Amway Grand Plaza, where every stay is marked by a memorable moment. Whether it's a stroll through the Pantlind Lobby, the great view from one of our Glass Tower rooms, the classical architecture, or your first bite of the Forbidden Apple at The 1913 Room. The Amway Grand Plaza is much more than a hotel. It's a true destination.

All 682 guest rooms and suites at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel are non-smoking and offer rich traditional décor. The east section was originally constructed in 1913 as the Pantlind Hotel. In 1978, a 24 million dollar restoration returned the Pantlind lobby, ballroom, and guest rooms to their Lumber Baron – era elegance. East rooms recollect the grandeur of the period with traditional furnishings in warm rich tones. The west tower was completed in 1982, with 29 stories overlooking the Grand River. Forty traditional luxury suites are available throughout the Hotel, and may feature one or two connecting bedrooms.

Meetings and conventions hosted at the Amway Grand Plaza are eagerly anticipated — for the convenience, the setting, and the attentive service. No matter the size of your function, you're sure to find a room, or combination of rooms, that will fit your agenda perfectly.

As West Michigan's largest and complete hotel/convention complex, the Amway Grand Plaza and the DeVos Place Convention Center, which is connected to our hotel, offer more than 60 meeting and banquet rooms with over 300,000 square feet of event space. You can trust that one our Certified Meeting Professionals will ensure that your Event will be a successful one!

AAA Four-Diamond Hotel & Preferred Hotel



Where is the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel?

Grand Rapids is Michigan's 2nd largest city and is located on the west side of lower Michigan.

- **DRIVE** - The Amway Grand Plaza is conveniently located in the heart of the downtown Grand Rapids' business and entertainment district. At the crossroads of both US-131 and I-196, the hotel is easily accessible and just a brief 18-minute drive from Gerald R. Ford International Airport.
- **FLY** - The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is served by ten passenger airlines with nearly 120 daily nonstop flights to and from 17 major market destinations. Approximately 5,500 travelers pass through Gerald R. Ford International Airport each day with an average of 275 takeoff and landings per day.
- **RAIL** - AMTRAK's Michigan Services trains provide several convenient options for getting around the Wolverine State, and beyond, linking the Grand Rapids area with many points in Michigan as well as over 450 cities and towns in the United States.

Current Parking Rates

The current parking rates for hotel guests are \$16.00 per night for self parking and \$25.00 per night for valet parking. There are over 7,000 parking spaces available in downtown GR within walking distance to the Hotel.

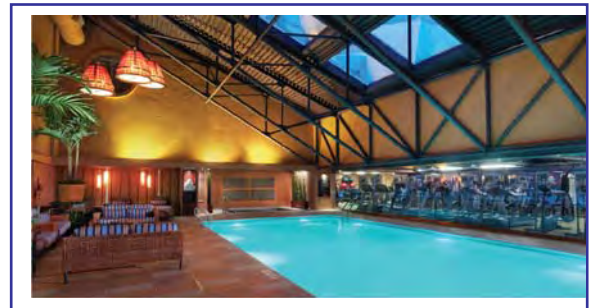
Full Service Concierge and Business Center

Our full service business center is available 24 hours a day and one of our friendly concierge can assist your guests with any request.

Fitness Center

The Amway Grand offers much more than your typical hotel fitness facility!

- Indoor Pool with two Hot Tubs
- Lighted outdoor Tennis Courts
- Racquetball Court
- Wide selection of Advanced Cardio Fitness Equipment
- Nautilus Machines & Free Weights
- Tanning Bed
- Women's Locker Room with Sauna
- Men's Locker Room with Steam Room
- Refreshment Bar



Audio Visual

For your convenience we offer full service, on-site, affordable audio visual equipment and production services through our in-house Audio Visual Department. You will find our Audio Visual Department to be well trained, professional, flexible and accommodating.

Is this Banquet Food?

Let our Executive Chef Josef Huber create a menu for your guests that will change your definition of "Banquet Food". Chef Josef's journey to culinary excellence began at age 16 in the 5 star, 5 diamond Elisabeth Park Hotel in Salzburg, Austria. Chef Huber's resume includes training in the Imperial and Bristol Hotel in Venice, Austria; The Regency in Bangkok, Thailand; the Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida; and the Mandarin Oriental in Hawaii and California. Notable chefs he has trained with include: Bocuse, Verge, Palmer and Le Notre. For the past nine years Chef Huber has orchestrated a culinary brigade which was awarded the first ever and only AAA, 5-diamond restaurant in the state of Michigan(1913 Room). Josef Huber is known for combining multi-ethnic cuisine with traditional cooking to bring forth a tour de-force for the palate. His recipes have been featured in Gourmet Magazine, The Palm Beach Post, Food Arts Magazine, the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner, and Rogue and Noir and he has appeared on several cooking shows.

Average Banquet Food and Beverage Prices

Breakfasts - \$16.00 AM/PM Breaks - \$8.00 Lunches - \$22.00 Receptions - \$20.00 Dinners - \$38.00

Restaurants, Lounges and Shopping www.amwaygrand.com

Whether you require private dining for a small reception or banquet service for 5,000, the Amway Grand Plaza offers an intriguing variety of menu selections – all arranged by our professional staff and prepared by our award winning chefs. Few hotels offer the variety of restaurants and lounges or the quality of cuisine which have made the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel famous. Here is a sample:

- **CYGNUS 27**
The hotel's AAA Four Diamond restaurant, serves up globally influenced American dishes in trend setting décor inspired by the Cygnus constellation: promising an epic casual dining experience with breath-taking views of the city. Private dining is also available in the Sky 1 and Sky 2 dining rooms. Sunday Brunch is available mid September through April.
- **THE 1913 ROOM**
Michigan's only AAA Five Diamond restaurant, offers exquisite French influenced cuisine paired with the finest selections of wines available in a Louis XVI inspired environment.
- **THE GRILL AT 1913**
A classic American steak house offering only the finest cuts of beef, lamb, pork and fish, as well as a carving station, salad bar and lunch buffet second to none in downtown Grand Rapids.
- **BENTHAM'S RIVERFRONT RESTAURANT**
This full service restaurant serves Bistro-style dishes with a serene vista of the Grand River. Enjoy Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner as you relax in this casual environment.
- **GARDEN COURT LOUNGE**
This excellent location in the heart of the hotel offers guests a relaxing atmosphere to admire Michigan's outdoor splendor.
- **CORNUCOPIA**
Offers European Deli style cuisine and tempting desserts. For a quick bite on the run!
- **G.P. SPORTS**
A restaurant centered around interactive games, pool tables and sporting events broadcast from over 40 televisions. The menu is exciting, invigorating and pleasing to the palate. The food is prepared and presented from our display kitchen featuring a wood burning Pizza oven.
- **ROOM SERVICE**
Our Room Service Department is available 24 Hours and features the same quality and spectacular service found in our restaurants.
- **STARBUCKS**
Full service coffeehouse located in the Pantlind side of the Hotel.
- **LUMBER BARON**
Settle into the warmth and charm of an historic bar – complete with fireplace, leather club chairs and a large selection of premium drinks and appetizers.
- **HOTEL SHOPPING**
Shop without leaving the hotel at some of Grand Rapids finest stores: The Plaza Men's Shop, Emmanuel (a women's boutique), Eastern Floral, Plaza Essentials Gift Shop and the Grand Gallery (fine art)

Downtown (all within a 3 block radius from AGPH)

- Within walking distance, you will discover over 50 restaurants and lounges that feature fine cuisine, ethnic dining, fast food, lively night life and relaxing entertainment.
- Located approximately two blocks from the Hotel is the Van Andel Arena complex. This state-of-the-art sports and entertainment complex is home to the Grand Rapids Griffins, IHL Hockey Franchise, the Grand Rapids Rampage, and Arena Bowl XV World Champions. With a capacity of 12,000+ seats, this facility will play host to top name entertainment programs and large trade show events.
- A short walk across a pedestrian bridge will take you to the Gerald R Ford Presidential Museum.
- Directly across the Street from the Ford Museum, the new Van Andel Museum Center features a fully restored, 50 animal 1928 carousel for visitors to ride in an enclosed pavilion over the River. The Museum also features an operating 1905 steam engine with an 18 foot flywheel, and a 275 seat auditorium equipped with an antique Wurlitzer theater organ.
- The new LEED Certified Grand Rapids Art Museum is located right across the street.
- The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is a short walk away.
- Across the street is Monroe Center and Rosa Parks Circle, which includes a outdoor skating rink (seasonal) outdoor theater hosting concerts when in season and has a park setting which is surrounded by specialty shops, variety of restaurants, and a world class spa.
- Fishing downtown on the Grand River is popular at the many parks along the riverbanks. Watch salmon jump upstream at the Fish Ladder sculpture.
- Enjoy a horse drawn carriage ride through the downtown area

Metropolitan Area (all within a 10 to 40 minute drive from AGPH)

- Visit the beautiful Frederik Meijer Botanical Garden. This one of a kind facility features a garden and conservatory that serves as a learning center, exhibit hall and research arena. The facility will allow for growth of plants from all over the world including those from tropical, sub-tropical, alpine and desert climates. The Crown Jewel of the Gardens is the 24 foot Bronze Sculpture of Leonardo Da Vinci's Horse.
- West Michigan Whitecaps Baseball: Take your organization out to a West Michigan Whitecaps Baseball Game. The Whitecaps are a minor league affiliate of the Detroit Tigers Baseball Team. We suggest that you might plan to do a group outing during your visit in Grand Rapids. The Fifth Third Park is also known for their pre-game picnics and parties.
- Should your group be interested in a group Golf Outing or individual tee times, we recommend four Resort-type public courses that are conveniently located to the Hotel. The Meadows at Grand Valley State University, the Golf Club at Thornapple Pointe, Thousand Oaks, or the new Mines which is 3 miles from the hotel.
- Shopping is abundant at our six indoor malls or variety of shopping districts.
- Holland, rich in Dutch heritage, features various attractions such as Dutch Village, Wooden Shoe Factory, and Windmill Island. Holland also has one of the nicest downtown's for shopping and has recently added a new mall and large outlet mall.
- Saugatuck, a picturesque lakeshore community offers shopping, antiques, Dune Schooner rides and the Queen of Saugatuck paddle boat.
- Grand Haven is home of the Coast Guard Festival and Musical Fountain. Stroll or take a trolley ride along the boardwalk from the downtown shopping district out to the sparkling Lake Michigan beachfront. Group beach parties or cook-outs are popular here.
- Exciting Charter Boat Fishing Excursions are available on Lake Michigan at the Ports of Holland, Grand Haven and Saugatuck.



Hilton

Grand Rapids Airport

National Collegiate Table Tennis Association
2010 College Table Tennis National Championships

February 12, 2009

Joseph Wells
National Collegiate Table Tennis Association
2322 5th Street, #204
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Dear Mr. Wells;

Thank you for your interest in the Hilton Grand Rapids Airport as a possible site for your scheduled National Collegiate Table Tennis Association event. We look forward to the possibility of hosting your event and feel the Hilton offers exceptional facilities for your event. I am sending our proposal to suit your guest requirements.

GUEST ROOM BLOCK:

The following would be arranged for National Collegiate Table Tennis Association:

<u>Day/Date:</u>	<u># of Rooms:</u>	<u>Type of Room:</u>
Wednesday, April 7, 2010	25	doubles
Thursday, April 8, 2010	50	doubles
Friday, April 9, 2010	85	doubles
Saturday, April 10, 2010	85	doubles
Sunday April 11, 2010	25	doubles
Monday, April 12, 2010	Check Out	

Check-in Time: after 3:00 PM

Check-out Time: 12 NOON

GUEST ROOM RATES:

To demonstrate our sincere desire to host your event, the Hilton Grand Rapids Airport guarantees the following rates to your group:

Single/Double: \$89.00 per room

The above room rates are net, non-commissionable and are subject to a Michigan sales tax of 6% and room occupancy tax of 8%.

COMPLIMENTARY ROOMS:

We will extend one complimentary guest room for every twenty paid rooms occupied per night.

LOCATION:

The Hilton Grand Rapids Airport is located only one half mile off I-96. Take exit 43A, the 28th Street west exit, also the airport exit. The Hilton is at the intersection of 28th Street and Patterson Avenue.

TRANSPORTATION:

Complimentary airport transportation is available on a 24- hour basis to and from Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Guests may call the Hilton from the courtesy phone in the baggage area. The Hilton is located only two miles from the airport, making this a timely service for our guests.

SPINNAKER RESTAURANT & LOUNGE:

The Spinnaker Restaurant presents an elegant atmosphere, fine dining and excellent seafood. There is live entertainment Friday and Saturday nights in the Lounge.

INDOOR POOL AND FITNESS ROOM:

Our indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna are open daily from 6:00 AM to Midnight. Weather permitting an outdoor deck is also open off the pool area.

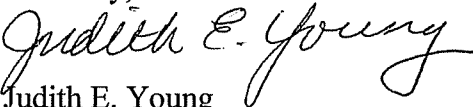
DECISION DATE:

It is our understanding that your site decision will be determined by February 24, 2009.

CONCLUSION:

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do contact me with any questions or to revisit any issues of concern.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Young
Senior Sales Manager
Hilton Grand Rapids Airport



Hilton Grand Rapids Airport

Personal Services and Amenities

- Complimentary 24-hour airport transportation
- Complimentary wireless internet throughout the hotel
- In-room coffee makers and hair dryers
- Complimentary national newspaper on weekdays
- Same-day dry cleaning service during the week
- On-site security staff 24 hours a day
- In-room iron and ironing board
- In-room Lodgenet on-command movies and Nintendo
- Alarm clocks with MP3 plug-ins

Recreational Amenities

- Large indoor swimming pool with skylights and outdoor deck
- Indoor Jacuzzi whirlpool
- Indoor cedar-lined sauna
- Private fitness area with cardio and free-weight equipment

Dining Services

- On-site upscale Spinnaker restaurant specializing in fresh seafood and steaks
- Large lounge with multiple flat screen TV's
- 24-hour room service, limited express menu 11:00 p.m. - 6:30 a.m.
- Award winning Sunday brunch 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Personal Business Services

- Two telephones with dual lines in each guest room (for simultaneous voice and data communications)
- Personalized voice-mail system capabilities
- Complimentary on-site business center with 24-hour access
- Additional workspace with power outlets

Reservation Services

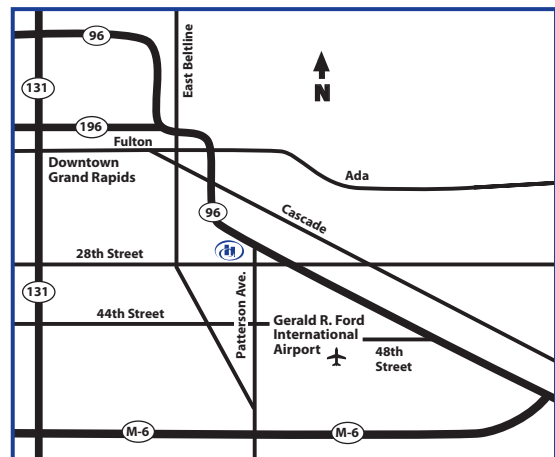
- Toll-free room reservation service 24-hours a day: 1-800-HILTONS
- Special rates and services for groups of 10 or more

Local Attractions

- 2 miles from Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR)
- 2 miles from major shopping centers
- 4 miles from Frederik Meijer Gardens
- 10 miles from downtown and Gerald R. Ford Museum, Van Andel Museum and Van Andel Arena



Conveniently located within 2 miles of Gerald R. Ford International Airport, minutes from downtown and the industrial center of Grand Rapids, just west of I-96 on 28th street, Exit 43A



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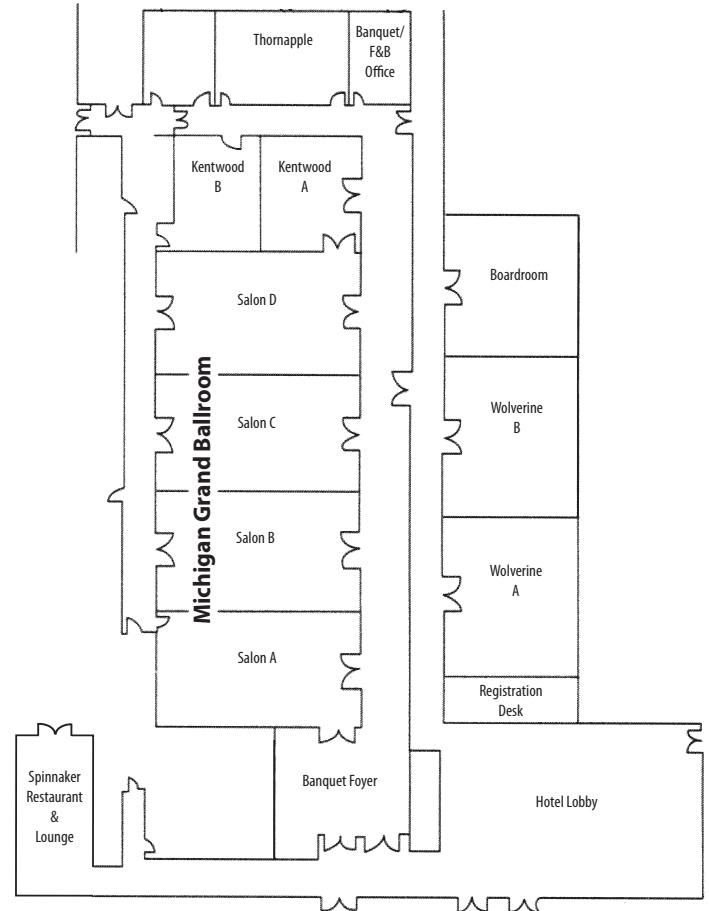
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Grand Rapids Airport



Meeting, Banquet, and Event Services

- 7,000 square feet of flexible meeting space
- Ballroom with capacity for up to 400 guests
- Executive meeting rooms
- State-of-the-art boardroom featuring high-end electronics and leather chairs
- Complimentary wireless internet access
- Analog phone line in all meeting rooms
- Personalized packages for business meetings, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, and other social occasions



Hilton Grand Rapids Airport • Banquet and Meeting Room Capacities

	Dimensions	Sq. Feet	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	U-Shape	Reception	Conference
Michigan Grand Ballroom	100 x 40 x 12	4,000	450	250	300	—	400	—
Salon A	25 x 40 x 12	1,000	100	50	65	30	100	35
Salon B	25 x 40 x 12	1,000	100	50	65	30	100	35
Salon C	25 x 40 x 12	1,000	100	50	65	30	100	35
Salon D	25 x 40 x 12	1,000	100	50	65	30	100	35
Kentwood A	20 x 26 x 10	520	30	20	25	15	30	10
Kentwood B	17 x 26 x 10	442	30	20	20	10	30	10
Kentwood A and B (combined)	37 x 26 x 10	962	100	40 Max	50	30	75	30
Thornapple	18 x 26 x 10	460	30	20	32	12	25	20
Boardroom	25 x 26 x 10	650	—	—	—	—	—	12
Wolverine A	26 x 27 x 10	702	50	30	35	15	50	20
Wolverine B	26 x 27 x 10	702	50	30	35	15	50	20
Wolverine A and B (combined)	26 x 54 x 10	1404	150	75	90	35	125	40

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5700 28th Street S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546

February 16, 2009

National Collegiate Table Tennis Association
Mr. Joseph Wells
Vice President
2322 5th Street #204
Santa Monica, CA 90405

RE: 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships

Dear Mr. Wells,

Thank you for inquiring about the Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids for guest rooms for April 7-12, 2010. The Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids has guest rooms available over these dates and we would be honored to host your travelers in West Michigan.

The Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids is an upscale, full-service, hotel located on 10 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds. Although Grand Rapids is the 2nd largest city in Michigan, our suburban environment can offer a break from the typical big city feel. With a peaceful setting, a well appointed guestroom, full service restaurant and a variety of meeting services, we can help you do it all under one roof. When you combine our reputation for friendly service with our elegant atmosphere, you will know you are at the best hotel in Grand Rapids.

ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION

Our convenient location, just off I-96 on 28th Street, lends itself well to either airport or ground travel. Grand Rapids is within an eight-hour drive of almost any Midwest city. Upon arrival, you can take advantage of our complimentary parking only yards from our front door. Our location allows you easy access to all that Grand Rapids has to offer. Gerald R. Ford International Airport provides a full range of air transportation services. A total of more than 160 flights per day provide round trip air service to more than 240 U.S. cities and 40 foreign destinations. Once you have claimed your bags, use the courtesy phone to arrange stress-free transportation in our hotel shuttle at no cost to you.

FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS

Each guest room at the Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids is designed with you in mind. To make traveling more convenient, you will notice a large desk with data port, two phones and private voicemail in your room. For your comfort, each room is equipped with a coffeemaker, hair dryer, cosmetic mirror and an iron and ironing board. Watching a pay-per-view movie, playing a Nintendo game or surfing the web with our complimentary High Speed Internet are options that make the Crowne Plaza feel like home.

GUEST ROOM AVAILABILITY

The Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids currently has availability over your preferred dates of April 7-12, 2010 and would be delighted to hold rooms for you. The room block below will represent 270 room nights.

	WED 4/7/10	THURS 4/8/10	FRI 4/9/10	SAT 4/10/10	SUN 4/11/10
Single/Double	25	50	85	85	25

RATES

Rates are subject to applicable taxes and assessments, currently 14%. For budgeting purposes, group rates are provided below and represent substantial savings off our 2008 published rack rate of \$129.00.

Single/Double Occupancy

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Single/Double	\$94.00*	\$94.00*	\$94.00*	\$94.00*

*\$5.00 per room night rebate to offset the cost of the tournament site.

NOTE: The above quoted rates will be honored until March 31, 2009.

THE CROWNE ROOM & TAVERN

Whether you are looking for a quiet corner to dine or an area for a group to share some time together The Crowne Room provides an inviting and elegant atmosphere. Our continental menu has a wide variety of house specialties and traditional favorites to tempt any appetite.

EXERCISE FACILITY

Whatever your fitness routine, you will find that we are outfitted for your needs. The unique layout of our pool keeps you in close proximity to the sauna and whirlpool. Our fitness room is open 24 hours a day for your convenience. It is equipped with treadmills, stationery bikes and a Universal station.

RECREATION

As an added bonus, Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids is pleased to present and arrange a day at the private Centennial Country Club for golf or tennis. Our location offers you easy access to all of the Grand Rapids attractions and city wide events, as well as those on the lakeshore. For those shoppers, located just minutes away are two of West Michigan's largest shopping malls. If nature and the arts are more your taste, excursions to attractions such as John Ball Park Zoo, Frederik Meijer Gardens, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, and the Van Andel Museum Center can be arranged.

Mr. Wells, it is my hope that this information will serve as a convenient reference tool in your decision making process. For additional information regarding the hotel, please visit our website at www.crowneplaza.com/grr-airport. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 616-942-3175 or e-mail me at mhickman@crowneplazagr.com if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Regards,

Michele J Hickman, CHSP
Sales Manager



Additional Hotels

While outside your original specifications, these hotels have expressed an interest in offering additional accommodations during the dates of your meeting.

Hotels are close to Grand Rapids' most popular attractions: championship golf courses, world-renowned botanical gardens, superb shopping malls, and more.

DOWNTOWN

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
 187 Monroe Ave. NW
 Grand Rapids, MI 49503
 Contact: Chris Schroeder
 Phone: (616) 774-2000
 Rate: \$129

Days Hotel Downtown
 310 Pearl St. NW
 Grand Rapids, MI 49504
 Contact: Amanda Hall
 Phone: (616) 235-7611
 Rate: \$109

NORTHEAST

Comfort Suites Grand Rapids North
 350 Dodge Street NE
 Comstock Park, MI 49321
 Contact: Mike Winick
 Phone: (616) 785-7899
 Rate: \$89.99

Country Inn & Suites East
 3251 Deposit Drive NE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546
 Contact: Ed Wilson
 Phone: (616) 942-7000
 Rate: \$99

NORTHWEST

Baymont Inns & Suites
 2151 Holton Ct. NW
 Grand Rapids, MI 49544
 Contact: Ed Kwantes
 Phone: (616) 735-9595
 Rate: \$94

NORTHWEST

Hampton Inn North
 500 Center Dr. NW
 Grand Rapids, MI 49544
 Contact: Heather McDowell
 Phone: (616) 647-1000
 Rate: \$99

SOUTHEAST

Best Western Hospitality Hotel & Suites
 5500 28th St. SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
 Contact: Fernanda del Campo
 Phone: (616) 949-8400
 Rate: \$74

Country Inn & Suites
 5399 28th St. SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
 Contact: Kayla Busiok
 Phone: (616) 977-0909
 Rate: \$74

Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids
 5700 28th St. SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546
 Contact: Michele Hickman
 Phone: (616) 957-1770
 Rate: \$94

Hampton Inn & Suites Airport
 5200 28th St SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
 Contact: Valarie Taffs
 Phone: (616) 575-9144
 Rate: \$99





SOUTHEAST

Hilton Grand Rapids Airport
 4747 28th St. SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
 Contact: Judith Young
 Phone: (616) 957-0100
 Rate: \$89

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Grand
 Rapids Airport
 5401 28th Street Ct. SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546
 Contact: Andrea Zelasko
 Phone: (616) 940-8100
 Rate: \$94

Holiday Inn Select
 Grand Rapids-Airport
 3063 Lake Eastbrook Blvd.
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
 Contact: Kristen Nohr
 Phone: (616) 285-7600
 Rate: \$99

Homewood Suites by Hilton
 3920 Stahl Drive SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546
 Contact: Brad Allarding
 Phone: (616) 285-7100
 Rate: \$99

Prince Conference Center
 at Calvin College
 1800 E. Beltline Ave. SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546
 Contact: Amanda Campbell
 Phone: (616) 526-7200
 Rate: \$94

SOUTHEAST

Sleep Inn & Suites
 4284 29th St. SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49512
 Contact: Katherine Stawicki
 Phone: (616) 975-9000
 Rate: \$69.99

SOUTHWEST

Comfort Suites of Grandville
 4520 Kenowa Ave. SW
 Grandville, MI 49418
 Contact: Carole Krzeminski
 Phone: (616) 667-0733
 Rate: \$85.49

Hampton Inn
 755 54th St. SW
 Wyoming, MI 49509
 Contact: Scott Zeien
 Phone: (616) 261-5500
 Rate: \$99

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
 255 28th St. SW
 Grand Rapids, MI 49548
 Contact: Jessica Vaglica
 Phone: (616) 241-6444
 Rate: \$69.5

These rates will be confirmed upon contract. Please contact the West Michigan Sports Commission directly if you would like to contract with any of these hotels.



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Rates listed above subject to availability.
 Please mention the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association to receive discounted rates.



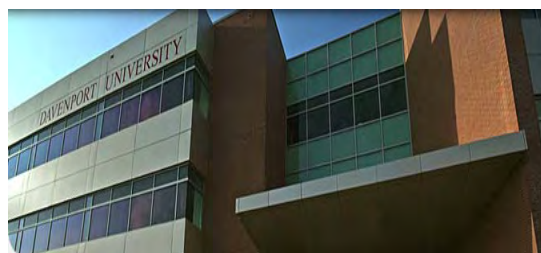
Venues

Davenport University Student Center

Davenport University's new Student Center is one of the premier multi-purpose facilities in West Michigan. Built in 2008, the facility is rapidly becoming the epicenter for university and area events. Located 10 minutes from Gerald Ford International Airport, 20 minutes from downtown Grand Rapids cultural attractions, and 30 minutes from Lake Michigan, the university is served by several interstate expressways.



With two large facility spaces and many attractive lounge and leisure areas, this is an ideal venue to host the 2010 Collegiate Table Tennis Championships in late April. This site and the customer service and amenity offerings will surpass other competitive venues. The Director and Assistant Director offer over 30 years of combined facility and special event experience, and are well versed in championship events of all types.



The 87,000 square foot facility features two large spaces, a competition arena and auxiliary gymnasium. Multiple conference and meeting spaces, officials spaces, hospitality areas, and an in-house Starbucks Café and Concessions stand will meet all event needs well. The facility is technologically advanced with over 20 flat screen televisions and wireless internet capabilities. Television coverage of the event will be possible through developing local partnerships.

Davenport University will be committed to support this National Championship event in every way.

Estimated Venue Rental - \$8,100.00

Contact: Mike Stodola, Student Center
Director - 616-893-7314





Venues

Grand Rapids Community College Ford Fieldhouse

Grand Rapids Community College

Grand Rapids Junior College (GRJC) was founded in 1914 by the Grand Rapids Board of Education after a resolution was passed by the University of Michigan's faculty which encouraged the establishment of junior colleges in Michigan.



Today, GRCC's eight-block downtown campus includes several classroom buildings, a learning center (including the Diversity Learning Center) and library, Spectrum Theater, the Applied Technology Center (which features a green roof), a remodeled music building, a fieldhouse with natatorium, a student center, Bostwick Commons, and the Calkins Science Center. An off-campus "Learning Corner" has been added to serve the East Hills and Easttown neighborhoods with another proposed for the West side of Grand Rapids.

Ford Fieldhouse

First operated in 1976, the building and its resources have continued to grow with the college around it. In addition to serving as the center of the athletic programs at the college,

this facility provides numerous benefits to the students, faculty and community who use it.



One of the primary purposes of the Ford Fieldhouse is the athletics programs which practice and compete in the facility. The main Gymnasium in the fieldhouse has a capacity for nearly 4000 fans. The natatorium in the north portion of the facility has seating for 2000 fans. Last year, 230 students participated in the intercollegiate sports at GRCC, and the facility hosted 32 home games, 415 practices and nearly 23,000 visitations during these events. This number does not include the sports which take place outside of the Fieldhouse. In addition to our intercollegiate programs, the intramural program draws an equal number of athletes to the facility annually. As important as intercollegiate athletics are to the college and its pride, they comprise only a small fraction of the visitations to the facility.

Estimated Venue Rental - \$9,200.00

Contact: Rick VanderVeen, Events Director,
616-234-4261





Event Services

#1 in Assists

The West Michigan Sports Commission is dedicated to making your event a great success. We offer a wide variety of services that can assist you at different phases of the event planning process. We can help National Collegiate Table Tennis Association with:

Presentation Support

We provide insight, advice, promotional materials, targeted data and more to help you build a winning presentation for boards and governing bodies, members and athletes, and potential sponsors.

Destination Services

We collaborate with the Grand Response™ team of the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau and other area communities to make your job easier. We'll help you plan, coordinate and publicize your event, and make sure your athletes, officials and fans enjoy their time in West Michigan – both on and off the field.



Venue Selection

West Michigan is jam-packed with unique facilities, fields, parks and playgrounds. We'll help you locate and secure just the right one for your specific needs.

Sponsorship Procurement

With our vast network of contacts in the local sports and business communities, we can help you identify potential sponsors for your event – and then make the connections that can lead to mutually beneficial relationships.



Volunteer Recruitment

We maintain a database of committed volunteers eager to assist with sports events, and we reach out to the community for additional support of individual events.

We'll assign you a dedicated Events Manager who will coordinate and expedite all of these services, and act as a liaison between your organization and all the convention bureaus, venues, hotels and attractions involved.





Bureau Services



We take the success of your event very personally – so the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau Grand Response Team bends over backwards to help you plan, coordinate and promote it, and to make sure your attendees enjoy their time in Grand Rapids. The attention and expertise we devote to your event is so unique that we've given our services a distinct identity: Grand Response™.



Our Grand Response™ team springs into action the moment you choose Grand Rapids to host your event. First, we take the time to find out your needs and goals, then personalize a service package to help you meet them. Second, we make ourselves available to you at every step of your process, from beginning to end. Third, we make you feel like yours is the most important group ever to visit our city. We want your event to be a success – and we'll do all we can to make it so!

Here are just a few of the services we can provide for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association. We'd be happy to brainstorm additional ideas with you!

Planning Assistance

Media Announcements

We maintain excellent relationships with local media outlets, and we will work on your behalf to publicize your event, your organization and your mission. We can also provide you with a list of local media for distributing your own press announcements.

Site Inspections

We will coordinate site inspections at various area attractions, hotels and alternative venues upon request

Personalized Assistance

We are your one-stop resource for planning and coordinating activities. We can help the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association arrange entertainment, speakers and more; outside, we'll help with ideas for sightseeing and orientation tours around the city.





Attendance Building

Promotional Materials

You can use our Grand Rapids Marketing Kit to promote the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association to potential attendees.



GrandRapidsAttendee.com

This attractive, concise, easy-to-use web site will help the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association build attendance and enthusiasm for your Grand Rapids event. It gives your members the opportunity to explore Grand Rapids in advance of their visit – with details on events, attractions, shopping, recreation and more. The web site can be personalized with a dedicated page spotlighting your event.

Streaming Video

Leverage today's technologies to reach out to potential attendees in a dramatic and impactful way. We can work with you to create a streaming video email invitation encouraging recipients to register for and attend your event.

On Site Service

Local Welcome

Hosting the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association will be a community-wide effort. You'll know that we're glad you're here – thanks to welcome signs in local business windows, special-edition newspaper, dining alert, and overall level of service that can't be duplicated anywhere else.

Visitor Information

When requested, the Bureau will provide visitor information materials at your event. Volunteer ambassadors (STARS) are available to assist with greeting attendees and to act as information specialists.





Transportation

Grand Rapids Airport

Each year, over two million people travel through the Gerald R. Ford International Airport on the 7 passenger airlines serving Grand Rapids. First-time visitors are always astounded at the comfort, ease and speed of arrival and departure. Lines are short. Employees are helpful.

Gerald R. Ford International Airport, the state's second busiest, has direct air service to many cities throughout the United States.

- Driving to Grand Rapids is hassle-free
- Grand Rapids is only a few hours drive from most major Midwestern cities
- You can travel to Grand Rapids by plane, train, bus, ferry or automobile

Direct Flights:

- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Atlanta | Chicago | Cincinnati |
| Cleveland | Dallas | Denver |
| Detroit | Houston | Memphis |
| Milwaukee | Minneapolis/St. Paul | New York—LaGuardia |
| New York—Newark | Toronto | Orlando |
| Washington DC | | |





Transportation

Road Trip

Wherever the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association attendees are coming from, getting to and around West Michigan is hassle free. Grand Rapids, the hub city of West Michigan, is located at the intersection of two major expressway systems and is an easy two and one-half hour drive from Detroit and only a three hour drive from Chicago.



Getting Here Is Half the Fun

If you'd rather leave the driving to someone else, consider Amtrak which provides many convenient routes including the Pere Marquette, offering daily rail service between Grand Rapids and Chicago. The Lake Express, a high speed ferry, allows passengers to relax and enjoy on-board dining while making the two and one-half hour Lake Michigan crossing between Milwaukee and West Michigan.

I was impressed with the friendliness and cleanliness of the city and it offered several culturally diverse activities. I give the experience 5 Stars.

Ms. Melanie Dungan
National Farmer's Organization



Around Town

Smart street layouts and light traffic make our West Michigan communities a visitor's dream – you can get from downtown Grand Rapids to the suburbs (and vice versa) in about 10 minutes. You can make it to our lakeshore communities of Holland, Grand Haven or Muskegon – enjoying the sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters of Lake Michigan – in more than a half hour. So traveling from your hotel to your tournament venue will be a snap.

Parking in and around downtown Grand Rapids is surprisingly simple. Meter-lined streets offer convenient car-to-door accessibility. More than 30 parking lots and structures offer public parking throughout the city. One of these structures, the Monroe Center Ramp, offers one hour of free parking when entering before 6:00 p.m.

Why West Michigan:

- 95% of flights are jet service
- Daily inventory of 10,000 seats

