



HOW TO USE THE CONCIERGE SERVICE

ORDER TICKETS MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The delivery day for your building is every Friday by 12:00 pm; please pick up your tickets no later than 4:00 pm that same day.

All orders must be placed by 2:00 pm on Thursday, the day before, to make the Friday delivery.

3 WAYS TO ORDER

PHONE

972-770-4045

EMAIL

services@conciiergeconnection.org

WEB

texasconciiergeconnection.com

WE DO NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH.

We do accept ALL major credit cards, debit cards and company checks.

PLEASE have your credit card ready when calling. There is a \$25 NSF fee for all returned checks.

Candace Rozell
President & CEO

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(Please do not send ticket orders to this email.)

Conciierge Connection

"Helping Professionals Get Back to Business"

Make a Note

Please be advised the concierge desk will be closed on Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday.

All orders for the 1st week of April must be placed no later than 2pm on Wednesday the 1st and will be delivered to your building no later than noon on Thursday the 2nd.

Please pick up and check your order as soon as possible then contact us with any discrepancies immediately. Have a safe and happy holiday!

A New System for Car Tags & Inspection

Starting March 1, vehicles will no longer need both registration sticker and a safety inspection emissions sticker, thanks to a state law passed in 2013. Instead, owners of cars and trucks whose registration month is March or later will be issued only the registration sticker—but it's contingent on first getting the vehicle inspected. The inspection will go into a database that officials will check before granting the new registration sticker.

But the transition from two stickers to one could get complicated if your inspection date isn't lined up with your registration date. To avoid charging people twice within a year for an inspection, the state decided that car owners with a registration that comes due at least a month before their next inspection can forgo the inspection until their 2016

registration. But that's only for registration renewals after March 1.

Not much will change when getting an inspection. The certified inspection stations will be the same, and they'll still make the same examination of your vehicle. But the fee will change. Currently in Central Texas, passenger cars pay \$28.75 at an inspection station. The station owners, under state law, keep \$18.50 to compensate them for conducting the inspection and send \$10.25 to DPS as a fee. After March 1, car owners will pay the inspection station only \$18.50. However, that's not an indication you will be saving money. That \$10.25 fee for DPS will now be added to your registration bill from your county tax assessor-collector. So, instead of a bill for only \$64.25 for registering the vehicle (or more for trucks), the bill will be \$74.50. The assessor-collector will then send the money to the various agencies that get pieces of the registration and inspection fees, including county government. In the end, you will pay the same total.

Once you have paid the combined fee, you'll get a registration sticker in the mail and, as before, put it on the inside of the windshield on the lower left side. **Still confused?** The Texas DMV has set up a special website for the change – twostepsonesticker.com – and it includes a handy box to help vehicle owners know what to do during this transition. Users can enter their registration renewal date and inspection date, and the tool will tell them whether another inspection is needed.

- Info taken from the Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers

Texas Rangers 2015 season is near! Discounted tickets range from **\$2-\$24 off of the regular price**



and depend on your game date selection, seating preference, and availability. Opening Day is Friday, April 10. It is considered a premier game and we cannot order tickets. The only way to guarantee tickets to Opening Day is to purchase a season plan through the Rangers. We can make calls for you to obtain them through other sources but they will be sold at a premium price. However, you may begin ordering tickets for other games now. Contact your concierge for a calendar with pricing chart for this year as well as a parking map and schedule of promotional game dates.

There are four price-points this year: Mon/Tues games, Wed/Thurs games, Standard Weekend games, and Marquee games.

Gate prices and pricing for Premier games will be listed to the left of the price chart on all games (for comparison purposes) – these are not the prices you will have to pay UNLESS you want tickets in a seating area where the “Concierge Discount” is not offered.

Our discounts will apply in the following seating areas: **Club Box** (Sec 217-221, 231-235), **Lower Box** (Sec 14-17, 35-38, 115-136), **Corner Box** (Sec 10-13, 39-42, 112-114, 137-139), **AYCE Upper Home Run Porch** (Sec 246-252), **Lower Reserved** (Sec 3-9, 44-49), **Outfield Plaza** (Sec 50-54), **Terrace Box** (Sec 201-216, 236-245), **Upper Box** (Sec 323-329, lower of 316-322 & 330-335), and **Upper Reserved** (Sec 301-315 & 336-338, upper of 316-322 & 330-335).



Dallas Blooms

Through April 12 at Dallas Arboretum

8525 Garland Road, Dallas, 75218
www.dallasarboretum.org

Dallas Blooms is one of the largest, most spectacular sights to behold in the spring. Stroll along the winding pathways through Dallas Arboretum to witness nature at work. For 30 years, the Dallas Blooms festival has offered one of the most spectacular floral displays in the world featuring over 500,000 blooming spring bulbs. Each spring visitors are invited to view our outstanding collection of tulips, daffodils, pansies, violas, poppies and thousands of other annuals and perennials. Highlights of the festival include the blooming of over 100 Cherry Blossom trees and the mass flowering of 6,000 azaleas that bloom into April.

In addition to these beautiful displays, the Arboretum also provides family-friendly activities on various days throughout the festival including face painting, petting zoos and concerts. This annual event, named a "one-of-a-kind floral exhibition" by *USA Today* is not to be missed!

While there visit the **Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden**, designed to connect children with nature. Education is the center focus, which is why they are delighted to be able to teach Life and Earth Science to both school children and their teachers as well as families. Enjoy 8 acres of fun overlooking the beautiful White Rock Lake. With over 20 individual kid friendly activities, the children's garden features The Texas Skywalk, The Moody Oasis, a Walk in the Clouds, and much more. Find out why the Rory Meyers Children's Garden is one of the best family friendly attractions in Dallas.

Advance reservations to the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden are strongly recommended and can be conveniently bundled with general garden admission. Child tickets and Rory Meyers available online. **Discounted adult tickets available through your concierge.** Discounted daytime parking passes may be purchased online for \$8 per vehicle (regular price is \$15). Passes are good for one-time use in any lot, and may be used any day through 12-31-15.



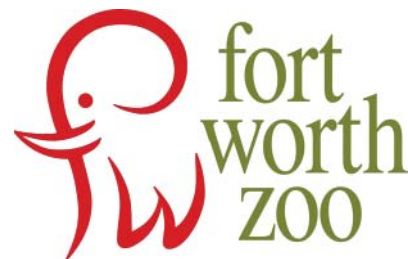
Six Flags Over Texas

New 3D Interactive Dark Ride Coming in 2015!

Justice League: Battle for Metropolis will make its debut at Six Flags Over Texas this year. It's the ultimate superheroes adventure mission during this 4D interactive dark ride experience. Get ready to match wits against Lex Luthor, The Joker and his henchmen as you join the Justice League Reserve team.

After touring the fully immersive 4D Hall of Justice, you'll receive your very own stun gun to battle the bad guys then it's a swift ride through a dazzlingly designed Metropolis cityscape, deep into the shadows of Lex Corp. Lifelike animatronics, cutting edge special effects, 4D video, eye-popping graphics, real-time gaming and a mind-tingling sound-scape make this journey to justice an utterly interactive experience. Help Superman and Batman rescue the other members of the Justice League from Lex Luthor's and The Joker's evil plans.

We will carry regular season passes and combo season passes (valid at both Six Flags & Hurricane Harbor). PLUS, as an added bonus customers that purchase four (4) or more regular season or combo season passes by April 24 will receive one free season parking voucher for every (4) season passes purchased (a \$65 value). As always, daily tickets will be available all season at a discount. **NOTE: Complimentary Season Pass Parking Voucher MUST be taken to Six Flags or HH and activated NO LATER than Sunday, April 26!**



With a heart-shaped spot on her neck, the Fort Worth Zoo's newest giraffe made her public debut — just in time for Valentine's Day. The calf, which hasn't been named, was 132 pounds and 5 feet 7 inches tall when she was born Jan. 11. After bonding with her mom, Corrie, out of sight for a month, the calf ventured into the giraffe yard for the first time last month, much to the delight of visitors. The calf is the 15th giraffe born at the zoo since 1991 and the first since her aunt Tatu's birth in 2012. To take a peek at the newest addition at the Fort Worth Zoo, **contact your concierge for discount tickets.**



Coming Spring 2015!

The area surrounding the sea lion facilities will be reimagined as Pacific Point Preserve - an immersive experience that has the look and feel of a Pacific coast town where guests will make powerful connections with sea lions and other coastal wildlife. This new realm will not only include a brand-new show, but will also feature a significant transformation to the park's sea lion exhibit that allows guests to experience a more enriching animal connection.

The centerpiece of this new realm will be the animals' habitat. Guests will have the opportunity to visit and feed sea lions and seals inside the newly remodeled area, and reservations can be made for sea lion interaction programs, an in-water experience offering the closest connection the park offers with these amazing animals. In addition, Pacific Point Preserve will feature all-new educational elements designed to inform guests about animals and how to protect them in their natural habitat. Pacific Point Preserve will also feature a new restaurant called Harbor Market that's unlike anything SeaWorld has offered before. The restaurant will be themed as a west coast harbor, which is where California sea lions are naturally found.



New Show

"Clyde & Seamore's Sea Lion High," stars the comedic sea lion duo, Clyde and Seamore. This hilarious tale is filled with amazing animal behaviors and splashy audience fun. Clyde and Seamore find themselves in slippery pursuit of their high school diplomas and judging from the slapstick, high-energy pranks and hijinks, there's no doubt Clyde and Seamore will emerge as heads of their class following Sea Lion High's motto, "Education through Exploration and ... Imagination." When joined by mischievous otters, a Pacific walrus and a cast of goofy human characters swimming along in the fun, it certainly won't be a normal class.

For a limited time you can purchase your 2-day admission tickets from your concierge at the lowest price of the season. Ticket prices are due to increase in 2-3 months. This year we will once again have 2-day admission tickets for SeaWorld or 2-day Sea World/Aquatica combo tickets BOTH for less than the price of a single day admission at the gate! The pass for your 2nd day must be used within 14 days of your initial visit.

New for this year is a One-Day + All-Day-Dine ticket! This ticket includes a one day admission + all you care to eat and drink all day at participating restaurants until 30 minutes before park closing time. Participating restaurants include: Sea Star Market, Rio Grille, Azul Treats (limited menu), Rosita's Café & Shamu's Smokehouse (excludes baby back ribs and sampler platter). Child's price tickets include kids meal entrees only. Children under 3 may share with an adult or are welcome to purchase a child's plate. Menu and pricing are subject to change.

The above mentioned discounted 2-day tickets, 2-day combo tickets, and combo all day-dine tickets are ONLY available through your concierge and are NOT available at the gate or online, although you may certainly add those options for an additional fee if you purchase a one day ticket at regular price directly through Sea World. Other discounted ticketing options available through your concierge include a Sea World 1 year pass and Sea World/Aquatica combo 1 year pass. All tickets are valid for one full year from date of purchase so contact your concierge today to purchase.

Fort Worth Bridge to Become a Water Slide

The North Main Street bridge will become a 2,000-foot water slide June 6 as part of the city's 166th birthday celebration.

And a new festival, PantherFest, will also begin that day, according to a news release from the Trinity River Vision Authority.

The all-day festival will feature beer from local brewers Rahr & Sons, Martin House and Panther Island; live music from Chris Watson and local bands; and food from restaurants such as Reata and Fred's Texas Café.

But the slide down the Paddock Viaduct Bridge, aka the North Main Street bridge, will be the showstopper. The provider, Slide the City, says the monster slide is padded and has "more cushion than your grandpa's orthopedic sneakers." The Trinity River Vision Authority encourages you to "bring your floaties, and water guns (non-realistic), to squirt, spray, splash and get all attending soaked."

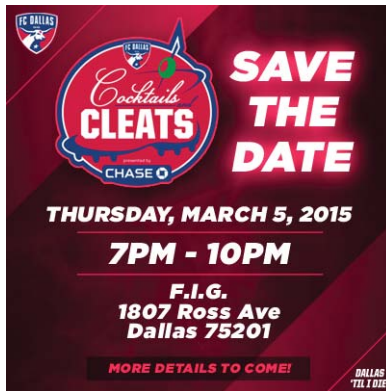
Admission to PantherFest is free, but those wanting to slip and slide must buy tickets from Slide the City which have already gone on sale. Keep an eye on both pantherfest.com and slidethecity.com for updates. The authority recommends buying slide tickets in advance because they are expected to sell out. PantherFest will be produced by the Trinity River Vision Authority with support from the city and the Tarrant Regional Water District.

Discount Ticket Listing

We continue to offer discounts to many theater, sporting events, theme parks, and attractions; however, due to space limitations in our monthly newsletter, we cannot list all of them. You will find an updated discount listing posted to our website each month. Simply log onto www.texasconciiergeconnection.com and click on the "newsletter" tab at the top of the page. Then scroll down to the hyperlink titled "Discount Tickets" to obtain a copy. In addition, many of you are unaware that you can utilize us for more than just discount tickets. We are a full service concierge company and can help you with many things on your to-do list. The management company/owners of your building have contracted us to provide these services to you. Although the services are complimentary for those of you who work in a building within our network, there will be a few things that require additional manpower and fees will apply. Those will be discussed prior to fulfilling your request. Let us know how we may be of assistance to you and consider it done!

Cocktails and Cleats 2015

Mark your calendars! The date has been set for Cocktails and Cleats 2015 presented by Chase and the annual season kickoff event is returning to F.I.G. in downtown Dallas. This is the season's largest fundraising event for the FC Dallas Foundation and an opportunity for fans and guests to mingle with the 2015 roster. Any consideration in donating an item for the silent auction is much appreciated. Your company's information will be featured on their website with the item. You're also invited to join the event. The details are below as well as a link for a video summary of last years event.



Details:

Thursday, March 5, 2015

7pm to 10pm

f.i.g. (Fashion Industry Gallery; 1807 Ross Ave. Dallas, TX 75201)

Complimentary valet

Open to the public at no cost; donation encouraged

Cocktails & Cleats 2014:

<http://www.fcdallas.com/video/2014/03/12/cocktails-and-cleats-2014-fcdtv>

FC Dallas Foundation:

The Foundation strives to positively impact the health and well-being of disadvantaged youth through the sport of soccer. Through such programs as Kicks for Kids, the Gear Up Project, Field Development, Special Olympics FCD, healthy lifestyles partnerships, and many other initiatives, they are able to touch the lives of so many children locally and globally. Please visit www.fcdallasfoundation.org for more information.

Fort Worth's New Dog Park will be a Rare Breed

The 10-acre, \$1.48 million park — which will also feature obstacle courses, play areas and swimming holes — is expected to open in August with the aid of hefty private donations. In 2008, Fort Worth euthanized about 70 percent of the animals that entered the city shelter, with the rest rescued or adopted. The vision is for the new park to be an “anchor” for nonprofits and animal-welfare groups, a place where they can set up mobile adoption units, provide spay-and-neuter programs and low-cost vaccinations, and offer pet education.

The new dog park will be state-of-the-art. Initial funding came from the city — \$500,000 from the 2014 bond program and \$137,000 from gas revenue — to provide infrastructure and build a large parking lot for the entire 138-acre park, which extends from Camp Bowie West Boulevard north to Calmont Avenue just south of Interstate 30.

The master plan for the park — which was home to the Z Boaz Golf Course for more than 80 years before it was closed in 2012 — calls for soccer fields, outdoor basketball courts, open play spaces and a wildflower area. But for some people, Z Boaz's crown jewel will be the dog park, which is getting a big boost from private and in-kind donations. Fundraising is about halfway to its \$847,000 goal, with the Amon G. Carter Foundation, the Ryan Foundation, the Molyneaux Charitable Foundation and the Community Foundation of North Texas topping the list of big donors. In-kind donations have included architect plans and engineering designs.

The first phase of the park will include a 7-acre off-leash play area for large breeds and a 3-acre zone for small breeds. Both areas will be irrigated and will have water stations and swimming ponds for the pooches. Future phases will include park benches, shaded pavilions, agility equipment, vending machines, stone columns and wash areas. Those additions will depend on how fast the private money is raised. Contact Judy Needham at judyneedham@msn.com or call 817-223-0552 for information on donating to the dog park.

2015 GE Irving

Marathon

Saturday, April 4 at Irving Convention Center

The GE Irving Marathon will be held once again in 2015 as a Boston Marathon Qualifying race. The USATF certified course will run from the Irving Convention Center through beautiful Las Colinas and the majestic Campion Trails. The Irving Marathon is looking for the FASTEST office in DFW! The Corporate Challenge 5k is a fun way to get your office coworkers out of their cubicles and hit the pavement! All Corporate Challenge participants receive a 2015 Irving Marathon Race Shirt and Finisher Medal!

This family friendly event offers something for everyone, including the 1 Mile Fun Run, 5K Run, Valley Ranch 10K Run, Half Marathon, and Marathon. The entire family can participate as runners or spectators cheering during the race. A portion of your race fee goes to the Irving Healthcare Foundation to benefit Our Children's House at Baylor Irving offering specialized childcare for children with medical and special needs.

Race Fees:

- 1 Mile Fun Run: \$15 through race day
- 5K & 5K Corporate Challenge: \$50 through race day
- 10K: \$60 through race day
- Half Marathon: \$85 until April 1, \$90 through race day
- Marathon: \$105 until April 1, \$115 through race day

Visit irvingmarathon.com to register online and find additional information. **To receive a 10% discount on race fees, enter the special Concierge Connection code: CC2015.**

