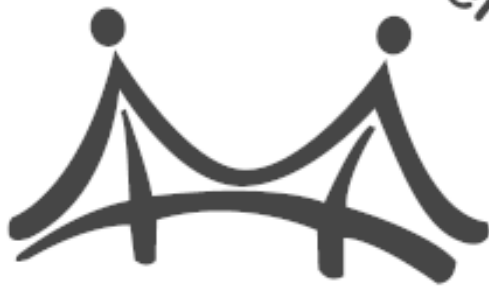


The Albinism Community

Coming Together



NOAH

San Francisco

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The National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation

9th National Conference

The Concord Hilton
July 18-21, 2002
Concord, California

If you've never attended a NOAH conference, expect a magically life-changing event!

If you're a NOAH conference veteran, brand new events await you!

Come see old friends and make new ones! Come Together and discover the amazing things we have in common as members of the Albinism Community.

For parents, adults, and teens, we're planning brand new sessions and panel discussions to get you hard to find answers to practical questions. The children will love the new *Kid's Konference*, with info sessions designed specifically for kids in the morning and fun field trips in the afternoon.

NOAH's Ninth National Conference is a unique opportunity to gather, share, learn and laugh. **Come share the magic!**



The Hotel:

The Concord Hilton
1970 Diamond Blvd Concord, CA 94520
Hotel rates: \$101.00/day plus local and state taxes (currently 10%)

The Hilton Concord provides maximum accessibility while keeping the room prices as reasonable as possible. The hotel is at the center of San Francisco's East Bay, near airports and public transportation, as well as great restaurants, shopping and attractions. There's even a shopping mall with children's activities within walking distance of the Hotel. The Hilton also has an on-site restaurant, heated outdoor swimming pool and fitness center.

Call the hotel directly at 925-827-2000 to make your reservation. Make sure you mention NOAH to get the special rate. To make your reservations online, visit the NOAH web site
<http://www.albinism.org/conference/>.

Either way, you must reserve your room by July 3, 2002.



Tentative Conference Schedule

Wednesday July 17th, 2002

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Albinism World Alliance Meeting
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm NOAH People of Color Special Interest Group Mtg

Thursday July 18th, 2002

Daytime Optional Tours of San Francisco
 6:30 pm Child Care Available
 5:30 pm Welcome Reception
 7:00 pm Keynote Session
 9:00 pm Hospitality Suite Open

Friday July 19th, 2002

7:30 am - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
 8:00 am Registration
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Positive Exposure Exhibit
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Child Care Available
 9:00 am - 10:15 am General Session
 10:45 am - 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions (4)
 12:00 noon Group Luncheon
 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Concurrent Sessions (4)
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Discussion Groups
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm NOAH General Business Meeting
 Dinner on your own

Friday July 19, 2002 (cont.)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Albinism World Alliance Meeting
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm NOAH People of Color Special Interest Group Mtg
 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm Optional Social Activity

Saturday, July 20, 2002

7:30 am - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
 8:00 am Registration
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Positive Exposure Exhibit
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Child Care Available
 9:00 am - 10:15 am General Session
 10:45 am - 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions (4)
 12:00 noon Group Luncheon
 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Concurrent Sessions (4)
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Discussion Group
 5:00 pm Group Photo
 Dinner on your own
 7:30 pm Entertainment, raffle and silent auction

Sunday, July 21st, 2002

8:30 am - 11:30 am Continental Breakfast
 Closing Ceremony
 Video wrap up

NOAH Conference Sessions

- Latest Information in Albinism Research
- Parenting with Albinism
- Handling Negative Issues
- Low Vision Driving - Vision Issues
- Albinism in the Cinema
- The Albinism Experiences Panel
- My Child Has Albinism, Now What? The Medical Perspective
- Make-up

We're working to confirm sessions on:

- √ Low Vision Driving: The Process of Getting a License
- √ Ocular Albinism
- √ Albinism at Mid-life
- √ Relationship Issues
- √ Low Vision Aides
- √ Employment Issues
- √ Possible Panel Sessions: Teens, Parents of Older Children and Careers.

We're adding more exciting speakers and topics to the list everyday. For an up to date program, see your conference registration confirmation packet or visit the NOAH web site <http://www.albinism.org/conference>. 2



NOAH Conference Registration Fees

Thanks to NOAH's generous supporters, your registration fees are the same as they were for the 2000 conference.

	Early Bird Registration (Before July 3rd, 2002)	Regular Registration (After July 3rd, 2002)
NOAH Members		
Adults & Teens	\$100.00	\$125.00
Children (12 & under)	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00
Professional	\$150.00	\$175.00
Non Members		
Adults & Teens	\$125.00	\$150.00
Children (12 & under)	\$ 85.00	\$110.00

Joining NOAH is easy! Call 800-473-2310, complete the form on page 7, or visit www.albinism.org, become a NOAH member, and get the member registration discount!

Register Early!

Your early registration not only saves you money, but it guarantees you will be part of the learning, sharing and fun.

Special discounts on TWO great airlines!

You can easily get to Concord California from three airports:

- Oakland International (the closest)
- San Jose International
- San Francisco International

Both United Airlines and Southwest Airlines are offering special airline discounts to help you attend the conference.

United Airlines offers up to a 15% discount on unrestricted fares or a 10% discount on restricted fares. For details and reservations, contact United Airlines Meeting Center at 1-800-521-4041 and mention tour code 593ST. United Airlines flies to all three airports.

Southwest Airlines offers a 10% discount on most of their already low fares. For



details and reservations, call Southwest Airlines at 1-800-433-4368 and mention code R9675. Southwest flies into Oakland and San Jose.

Activities for Kids

We'll have supervised childcare for children ages 0-4. We encourage parents to let your kids enjoy these programs. You'll get the most out of the conference sessions, while your children play and learn in a safe, supervised environment. (If your child is not accustomed to being away from you for extended periods of time, however, or isn't comfortable in group environments, please consider making alternative arrangements.)

We're thrilled to announce the *Kid's Konference*, a program structured specifically for kids 5 and up. During the morning, your child will participate in sessions on issues such as "What is Albinism," "Careers,"



"Tips and Techniques for Handling Bullies," and discussion groups. A special session on driving issues just for pre-teens and teens is also on the roster. While these sessions will be oriented around albinism, siblings are encouraged to participate, too. There will be separate discussion sessions just for siblings.

Friday afternoon kids ages 5-7 will be going to The Jungle (www.junglefunandadventure.com).

"The Jungle is the West's premier indoor family entertainment center. The Jungle includes: 20,000 sq. ft. play facilities, a massive play structure, a wide variety of skill games, hands-on activities all in a fun-filled environment that is adult friendly, clean, and secure."

Kids ages 8 and up will be going to "Rocktopia", an indoor climbing facility. (www.encoregym.com/PAGES/rocktopia.html):



"Rock climbing is a fun and challenging sport, for people of all sizes, and abilities. ROCKTOPIA is set up to meet the needs of all types of climbers, from

the first timer to the advanced climber who wants to crank down on our new campus board.

ROCKTOPIA's goal is to see that everyone has an enjoyable climbing experience.

Come step into the vertical at ROCKTOPIA."

Saturday Afternoon, kids ages 5 and up will be visiting the San Francisco Exploratorium. (www.exploratorium.edu):

"Housed within the walls of San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts, the Exploratorium is a collage of over 650 Science, art, and human perception exhibits. It provides access to, and information about, science, nature, art and technology."

Kids 7 and up will be able to explore The Tactile Dome. At the Tactile Dome, kids can "discover a world where the walls seem alive and your hands tell you more than your eyes. You will crawl, climb and slide through amazing textures in complete darkness, using only your sense of touch to guide you."

Thanks to the generosity of our members, these trips will be included in the cost of your child's registration.

Conference Tours



For those who are interested, we will be offering activities around the San Francisco Bay area. These tours will be booked on a first come first served

basis, so register early!

San Francisco The City By the Bay

\$12.25 per person (children 5 and under riding on a parent's lap free).
Join us for a fabulous four hour narrated

adventure as we explore San Francisco! The tour includes sights such as: Chinatown, Seal Rock, The Palace of Fine Arts Fisherman's Wharf, North Beach and the Golden Gate Bridge!

Muir Woods National Monument and Sausalito

\$25 per person (children 5 and under riding on a parent's lap free). Muir Woods is one of the San Francisco Bay Area's last uncut stands of old-growth redwood. It was made a national monument in 1908. This four and a half hour tour includes a walking tour in the woods with a professional guide and a one and a half hour stop in Sausalito to sight see and have lunch (on your own).



Wine Country



\$47 per person (This tour is for adults only. You must be 21 with valid ID to participate in this tour).

Join us for a taste of California's fine wines with an eight-hour tour of three of Northern California's fine wineries. We'll visit S. Anderson V. Suttui, and St. Supery. Price includes tours, wine tasting and lunch at V. Suttui.

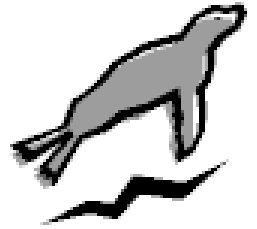


Friday Evening Out - Pier 39

\$12 per person (children 5 and under

riding on a parent's lap free). Dinner is on your own for Friday evening. Those interested can visit San Francisco's famed Pier 39 (www.pier39.com).

"Whether it's family fun, distinctive shopping, an up-close look at California's playful sea lions, an encounter with a street performer or superb dining with a Bay view, San Francisco's PIER 39 is the place to be - for PIER FUN."



The bus will depart the Concord Hilton at 6pm and Depart Pier 39 at 10pm.

Sunday Afternoon Oakland A's game

We have secured 25 tickets in the (section close to field along either the 1st or 3rd base lines) to the Oakland A's game vs. the Texas Rangers at 1:05 pm on Sunday.

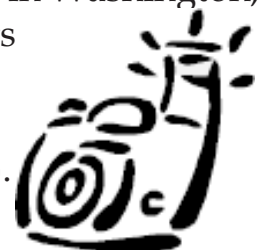
Transportation to the game will be as a group via BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit). The cost is \$30.00 per person and includes your BART fare.



Positive Exposure

NOAH is delighted to welcome the West Coast debut of Positive Exposure to the 2002 conference. Fresh from an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) in Washington, DC, Positive Exposure brings innovative perspective on albinism.

(www.positiveexposure.org).



Albinism Town Square

New to NOAH's 9th national conference, the Albinism Town Square is a place to take a break, relax and meet others with albinism. Stop in between sessions!



Exhibitors



This year's conference will feature exhibits of products and services for people with albinism and their families. For more information about exhibiting your

product or service, contact Jeannine Joyce at 603 358-3116 or jeannine.joyce@albinism.org



How you can help NOAH....



Volunteer! Attending a conference is tons of fun. Helping make the conference happen is even more exciting! You might have too much fun to notice just how hard you're working. But rest assured, your hard work will make the conference a magical experience for everyone!

To join the conference team, contact Jerrilyn Ankenman 925 552-6378 or jer@ankenman22.com

Raffle Items

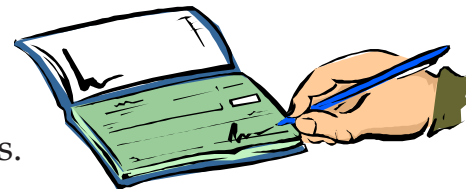
We are also looking for items to be raffled at the conference. We are requesting NOAH-esque items (things picturing Noah and his ark and animal friends, etc.), or, albinism related items (sun protective clothing, sun glasses, hats etc.). If you can donate any raffle items please bring them along.



Donate!

Your donations ensure that NOAH can

- maintain the website,
- answer the 800 number
- publish the newsletter
- keep conference registration fees affordable for everybody by funding children's day care and bus trips, audio visual equipment and other hotel conference costs.



Assistance

For information on organizations that might offer assistance with conference expenses, please visit the NOAH web site at <http://www.albinism.org/conference> or contact NOAH at 800-473-2310.



Registration Instructions:

Please list any special accommodations needed for any individuals attending. This includes dietary (diabetic, vegetarian, kosher) or physical (wheelchair access, assistive hearing devices etc) needs. For example: Joe is a vegetarian or Judy needs wheelchair access.

Name and Address

1. Verify and correct the name and address information on your mailing label (on the large white envelope that your packet arrived in). Affix the label to the registration form on the back of this page.
2. Enter today's date in the "Date" blank.

Attendees

In the "Attendees" box enter the following:

1. The first and last name of each person attending (add additional sheets if necessary).
2. Age of person **if under 20 years old**.
3. Enter a "Y" in the Daycare column if the child is 4 or under and needs daycare.
4. You will be filling in the "Tours" column later in the instructions.

Registration Costs

In the "Registration Costs" box enter the following:


1. In the appropriate "Number attending" box enter the number of "Adult members", "Adult non-members", "Child members", "Child non-members" attending. A child is under 12 years old. For the purpose of this conference registration, you are considered a "Member" if your renewal date is on or after 7/18/02. You are a "Non-member" if your renewal date is prior to 7/18/02. You may renew your membership or join NOAH by completing the form below.
2. Multiply the number attending by the appropriate cost and put the result in the "Total Cost" box.

Tours (See descriptions)

In the "Tours" box enter the following:

1. The number of individuals attending a tour in the appropriate "# Attending" box.
2. Multiply the "# Attending" by the "Tour Cost" and put the result in the "Total Cost" box.
3. Go back to the "Attendees Box" and in the "Tour ID" column, to the right of each person attending, place the code of the tour the person will be attending.

Add up all the "Total Cost" boxes and place the total in the "Registration Total" blank at the bottom of the form. Mail this form and a check or money order (made out to NOAH) in the enclosed addressed envelope. Please contact NOAH Administrative Services (800-473-2310) or info@albinism.org if you have any conference registration or membership questions.

 NOAH Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> New membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a person with albinism	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Grandparent/Guardian of a person with albinism	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 International (US funds)	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 Agency/Professional		

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Conference Registration

Please remove your address label from the large envelope your packet arrived in and affix it below. If you do not have a label, please clearly and legibly print the registration information below.

Date _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Affix address label here

Work Phone _____

Home Phone _____

ATTENDEES

First Name	Last Name	Daycare	Age	Tour ID	Person w/Albinism?	Sunday Breakfast?
		Yes/No				

REGISTRATION COSTS

<i>(Per registered individual)</i>	Cost if Mailed By 7/3/02	Cost if Mailed After 7/3/02	Number Attending	Total Cost
Adult member	\$100.00	\$125.00		
Child member	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00		
Adult non-member	\$125.00	\$150.00		
Child non-member	\$ 85.00	\$110.00		
Professional	\$150.00	\$175.00		

TOURS

Tour ID	Description	Tour Cost	# Attending	Total Cost
Bay	City By The Bay			
Wine	Wine Country			
Pier	Friday Pier 39			
A's	Oakland A's Game			

Add up the "Total Cost" column and place the total here: **Registration Total: \$** _____

Please return this form and check or money order payable to NOAH in U. S. Funds in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.