



Optimist International Convention (July 3-5, 2011)

General Information

Advertise in the Official Convention Program

Do you want to market your personal business, thought about running for the Board of Directors, personal or club birthday or anniversary announcements, congratulate people in your Club or District? Get your name and face out to everyone at the convention.

- Full page \$100.00
- ½ page \$75.00
- ¼ page \$25.00

For details contact Sharon Parton at partons@optimist.org or (800) 500-8130 ext. 207.

Airport Information

Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) is approximately 12 miles from the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront and Renaissance Harborplace.

Attire

Business attire is appropriate for all sessions and meal events. Formal attire is appropriate, but not required for the Monday Freedom Celebration Dinner. Casual dress is the accepted fashion any other time.

Back-to-School Workshops

Choose from many exciting workshops that will expand your education. Topics will vary from Optimist specific to personal development. There is no pre-registration for these sessions; seating is "first-come, first-served." A schedule will be available in advance online at www.optimist.org and onsite.

Bulletin Board

A bulletin board will be provided for posting messages, ticket swap forms, and District hospitality information. The bulletin board may only be used for information pertaining to the convention.

District Chairs Designate Training

The Leadership Development, New Club Building and Membership District Chair Designate training will be held on Sunday, July 3 from 1 – 5 pm. The focus of these sessions will be to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to be a successful District Chair. Chairs will receive more information closer to the convention!

Hotel Housing

All the Optimist Events take place at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. The JOOI Convention (July 5-7) will be held at the Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace Hotel.

Call now to secure your hotel room at either the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront or the Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace Hotel. Optimists can also make reservations by phone by calling (800) 266-9432. Be sure to mention you are attending the Optimist International Convention or go directly to the International Convention page of the Optimist website www.optimist.org to link to the hotel passkey website.

House of Optimism

Featured in this area are exhibitors of fund-raising products, endorsed organizations, displays of Optimist International programs, as well as an extensive array of Optimist International logo items by Promotions Corall. All vendors are allowed to sell their products.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Sunday 8 am

House of Optimism hours

Sunday 8 am – 4 pm

6 pm – 7 pm

Monday 8 am – 4 pm

Tuesday 8 am – Noon

Name Badges

You will receive a name badge when you pick up your registration. Badges must be worn to all Optimist functions for admission

Orientation for First Timers

Is this your first time attending an Optimist International Convention? Plan to attend the First Timers Orientation workshop on Sunday to orient yourself and learn your role as a delegate of the International convention.

Official Convention Program

You'll receive an Official Program when you pick up your packet. The program includes schedules, maps and details on the International Convention.

Refunds For Meal Tickets

There are no refunds on meal tickets. A form will be available at the registration desk to sell or purchase meal tickets with other members. Swap forms can then be posted on the bulletin board.

Registration/Meal Tickets Hours

Sunday 7:30 am – 6 pm

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Special Requests

If you require special needs or have a medical condition that requires a special dietary meal, please inform the Convention Department at (800) 500-8130, or E-Mail: convention@optimist.org

Volunteers Needed

Pre-registration assistance

Appreciation Luncheon host/hostess

Youth Chaperones

Contact Sharon Parton at Sharon.parton@optimist.org or (800) 500-8130 ext. 207.

Training For Elects –

Club President-Elect, Club and District Secretary-Treasurer Designate and District Lt. Governor-Elect Training will be provided on Sunday from 2 – 6 pm.

Responsibilities of a Delegate and Obtaining your Credentials

After picking up your Convention Registration packet, proceed to the Credentials Desk to pick up your voting material. Accredited delegates have the privilege and honor of representing their Club at this Optimist International Convention.

It is the responsibility of each accredited delegate to attend all business sessions of the convention; participate fully by listening and debating the issues within the framework of the convention rules and to vote on issues.

IMPORTANT: Credentials will not be available for distribution during business sessions. In the event of loss, the Credentials Committee may issue duplicate credentials during the times specified.

Credentials Hours

Sunday	7:30 am - 6 pm
Monday	7:45 -8:45 am
Tuesday	7 -8:45 am & 1 – 1:45 pm

To decrease the amount of time you stand in the registration and credential lines, pre-determine with your club members who will be picking up credentials for the club and verify with your Club Secretary-Treasurer prior to convention that the club is paid in full. The club listed on your badge is the club you will be obtaining Credentials (if applicable).

Rental Car Discounts

The following rental car companies are offering discounts

Avis – Reservations - (800) 331-1600 or www.avis.com Worldwide Discount (AWD) # B038399.

Budget – Reservations (877) 516-7275 or www.budget.com Budget discount # BCD# U160153

Enterprise – Reservations – (800) 261-7331 or www.enterprise.com. Discount # GE1025 code OPT.

Amtrak Discounts

Amtrak - Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest available rail fare to Baltimore, Maryland (BAL), between June 28 and July 9, 2011. To book your reservations, please call Amtrak at (800) 872-7245. Please refer to Fare Code X21E-912 to receive the 10% discount. The convention discount fare cannot be booked via Amtrak.com. This offer is not valid on Acela Express service or on the Amtrak Auto Train. Offer is valid with

Sleeper accommodations, Business Class or First Class seating with payment of the full applicable accommodation charges. Fare is valid on Amtrak Northeast Regional service for all departures seven days a week, except during holiday blackout dates.

Airfare Discounts

Air Canada Airlines

www.aircanada.com

Promotional code QCTP7HF1

Or (888) 247-2262 agent fees may apply.

American Airlines - The discount code is 3661BS www.AA.com or call the AA Meeting Services Desk at (800) 433-1790. There is a \$20 (US) charge for tickets purchased via phone.

Youth Activities Ages 5–18

A three day fun-filled event with meals included for only \$125.00 per child. Sunday day tour optional.

Sunday 2:00 – 4:30 pm – Urban Pirate Ship Ride (no meal included)
(Optional Tour for \$20.00 U.S.)

Sunday evening - 6 - 9 pm

Meet and Greet Party and Dinner

Monday - 9:30 am-4 pm (lunch included)

Monday evening -6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Games and Dinner

Tuesday - 9:30 am -4 pm (lunch included)

MEAL EVENTS:

Tickets are collected at all meal functions. All pre-paid tickets will be included in your registration packet. Additional tickets may be purchased at the On-site Registration Desk. Tickets

are sold based on space availability. You must be registered to purchase tickets.

Club Presidents-Elect and Lt. Governors-Elect Breakfast

If you are Club President-Elect or District Lieutenant Governor-Elect, you don't want to miss this breakfast on Monday - 7 – 8:15 am with International President-Designate, Jack Creswell. Breakfast served promptly at 7:00 am.

Appreciation Luncheon

Monday Noon – 1:45 p.m. . The luncheon is held in honor of all the spouses/guests who support members and Optimist activities. Kids Entertainment provided.

Freedom Celebration Dinner and Dance

Celebrate the future of the organization by joining President Danny and First Lady Jill -- Friday 7:15 pm – 10 pm. Formal attire is optional for this event. You will receive a coupon for each dinner ticket purchased. *The coupon(s) will be in your registration packet if purchased in advance. The coupon must be exchanged during the appropriate times as noted on the coupon. A reserved seating system will be used; tables of ten will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis*

Old Timers' Breakfast "Presidential Pajama Party"

What better way to start your day than with a hearty breakfast and a lot of laughs! Tuesday, July 5 7 – 8:30 am. Breakfast served promptly at 7 am.