

# Guide Book



DU CONVENTION

2024

WELCOME TO

# San Diego

## AND THE 87<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DUCKS UNLIMITED CONVENTION

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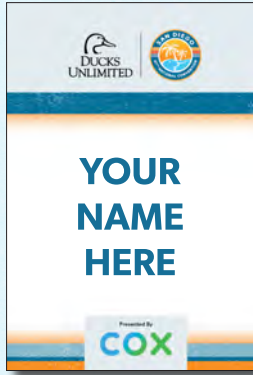


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## REGISTRATION POLICY AND IDENTIFICATION

Please check in promptly upon arrival at the Ducks Unlimited convention registration desk located on the Promenade Foyer, 3rd floor. Please wear your credentials for access to all convention functions. Gala-only registration does not provide access to convention events earlier in the week (hospitality and social events). Should you wish to upgrade your registration, please visit the DU registration desk!



## FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

If you indicated on your registration form that the 2024 convention is your first convention, the registration desk will have a special “First DU Convention” ribbon for you. Please attach the ribbon to your credentials so repeat convention attendees may welcome you, offer assistance, and generally enhance your enjoyment of convention activities. Welcome to the Ducks Unlimited convention family!

## DOWNLOAD THE CONVENTION APP

A few weeks before you travel, we request you download the Ducks Unlimited Convention app from the App Store. The app icon matches our San Diego convention logo. From the home page you will see maps to navigate around the hotel, up-to-date schedules for the week and a dining guide for those looking for options Thursday night!

## OUR HOST HOTEL

The Manchester Grand Hyatt is a gem on San Diego Bay. Ideally situated on the water and with easy access to the Embarcadero waterfront walkway, Seaport Village shopping, and hundreds of restaurants, you are sure to enjoy this location! Not only is the hotel's location to the bay impressive, its location to the Gaslamp Quarter and Little Italy will allow you to wander, shop, and eat!



The hotel has much to enjoy. With its rooftop pool with commanding views of the bay, or one of its many restaurants and bars on property, the Manchester Grand Hyatt has it all. Book a cabana for the day, enjoy a day at the spa, step out of the hotel to explore – it's all up to you! San Diego is a safe and walkable city!

Our meetings are conveniently located between the two towers of the hotel. Whether you are in the Harbor Tower or Seaport Tower, your elevators will deliver you close to our meeting space.

## AIRPORT

Delta is a proud partner with Ducks Unlimited for flights to our National Convention in San Diego. Visit the brochure at [convention.ducks.org](http://convention.ducks.org) to follow the steps for a 2-10% discount on Delta flights into San Diego (SAN).



Uber, Lyft, and taxi are the best way to get from the airport to the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

## EVENING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY

Opening Night Party aboard the USS *Midway*  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

#### \*\*\* 7:00 PM SPECIAL PRESENTATION \*\*\*

Kick off convention with an opening night party you won't forget! DU will take over the deck of USS *Midway*, the longest serving aircraft carrier in the 20th century. With California beach music, incredible food, and a cocktail or two, this will be a fun night. Dress this night is casual, but remember when the sun sets, the weather will cool down. Bring a light jacket. Buses will loop back, but plan to stay as this floating museum has over 30 restored historic military aircraft on display.

### FRIDAY

This is our time to celebrate our accomplishments at our Wings Over



Wetlands Celebration Dinner. This is not your typical awards dinner-be prepared to be entertained! This reception and dinner is located in the ballroom and dress is casual! Be sure to stay after dinner and be entertained by Blazing Pianos, San Diego's premier dueling piano players!

### SATURDAY

After an exciting and fun-filled week, it is now time to enjoy the last night with friends. The Saturday evening reception, dinner, and gala is an opportunity to get decked-out in that special outfit! Pants outfits to cocktail dresses for the ladies and blazers to suits for the gentlemen. This event is located in the ballroom of the hotel. After the gala, dance the night away to music from the Kicks Band!

## BUSINESS SESSION

This year will be BIG! We have planned two half-day business sessions on Friday and Saturday to keep you informed and engaged. With topics ranging from Third Term and DU Nation to California conservation and Pintails, our staff has been busy building content. The business session begins at 8:30 am with our opening act — you don't want to be late! Dress is business casual.



## Tours

When it comes to tours, San Diego was easy! With its rich history and beautiful vistas, you can't go wrong.

### PRE-CONVENTION SPORTS FISHING



Tuesday - 6:00 am – 4:00 pm

Big boat fishing off the San Diego coast! Be sure to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and jacket. \$250 per person - Space available

### USS MIDWAY PRIVATE BELOW-THE-DECK TOUR

Wednesday – 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Thursday – 8:30 am – 10:30 am



See the innerworkings of the *Midway* below the deck! Comfortable walking shoes recommended. \$80 per person – Limited space available



## **PACIFIC OCEAN WILDLIFE BOAT TOUR**

Wednesday – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thursday – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

From whales to dolphins and everything in between. Enjoy time on the water as a naturalist guides you through



San Diego's rich aquatic waters. Be sure to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and jacket. \$75 per person - Space available

## **CRUISE THE BAY TWO WAYS!**

Bay Lunch Cruise

Wednesday 11:00 am – 2:30 pm

Kick back and take in the gorgeous San Diego skyline! Cruise the bay on this lunch cruise! Be sure to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and jacket. \$125 per person – space available



Sunset Dinner Cruise

Thursday – 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Cruise the bay and watch the city's lights dance on the water. Bring a light jacket. \$150 per person – Limited availability



### **OPEN-AIR TROLLEY CITY TOUR**

Wednesday 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Thursday 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Sit back and let the guide share this incredible city with you. From the Gaslamp Quarter to the La Jolla Beaches, this is the best way to take it all in. Bring a light jacket. \$55 per person – space available.

# San Diego



### **BALBOA PARK TOUR**

Wednesday 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Friday 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Part history, part gardens, part architectural, this tour has it all. Enjoy an afternoon in this beautiful park! Originally built by civic leaders in 1868 and expanded for the Panama Exposition in 1910, this city park is an architectural landmark. Bring a light jacket. \$50 per person – space available.





# Meeting Schedule

*Meeting times and locations are accurate at time of printing.*

## **MONDAY, MAY 27**

Registration for early arrivals  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## **TUESDAY, MAY 28**

Registration  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Gathering and DU Pin Trading – cash bar  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Personnel Policy Committee Meeting\*  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Gathering and DU Pin Trading – cash bar  
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**

Registration  
7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Emeritus Board Breakfast Meeting\*  
7:00 am – 9:00 am

Sustainability Committee Meeting  
9:00 am – noon

Technology Committee Meeting  
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Summit Meeting with working lunch\*  
Noon – 2:00 pm

**Development Committee Meeting**

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**Conservation Leadership Team Meeting\***

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Event Fundraising Directors Meeting\***

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Merchandise**

1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**Nominating Committee Meeting\***

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Development Staff Meeting\***

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Hospitality**

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**Public Policy and Inspiring Youth in  
Conservation, a Panel Discussion**

(All welcome)

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Ducks Unlimited de México Reception**

(by invitation)

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

**Opening Night Party**

aboard the USS *Midway*

presented by Cox Communications

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Hospitality**

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

**Merchandise**

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm



## **THURSDAY, MAY 30**

### **Registration**

**7:30 am – 5:00 pm**

### **Conservation Programs**

#### **Meet & Greet**

**7:00 am – 7:30 am**

#### **Conservation Programs Committee Meeting**

**7:30 am – 11:30 am**

### **Merchandise**

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

#### **Board Governance Committee Meeting\***

**9:00 am – 10:00 am**

#### **Membership Committee Meeting\***

**9:30 am – 11:30 am**

#### **Board of Directors' Luncheon\* (by invitation)**

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

#### **Ducks Unlimited Board of Directors Meeting**

**1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

### **Hospitality**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

#### **Ducks Unlimited Canada Reception\* (by invitation)**

**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

### **Dinner on your own**

#### **President's Council Reception & Dinner\***

**(by invitation)**

**Buses depart at 6:00pm**

**6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**



**Merchandise**

8:30 pm – 11:00 pm

**Hospitality**

8:30 pm – 11:00 pm

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

**Morning Coffee & Pastries**

7:00 am – 8:30 am

**Registration**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**General Business Session I presented by Purina**

8:30 am – 11:30 am – doors open at 8:10 am

**Merchandise**

10:00 am – Noon

**New Board Orientation with working lunch\***

Noon – 2:00 pm

**DUMAC Board Meeting**

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**Enterprise Risk Management**

**Committee Meeting**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Joint Corporate Relations and  
Marketing & Communications**

**Committee Meeting**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Hospitality**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Sushi Roll Competition**

presented by Montna Farms

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm



**Wings Over Wetlands Reception**

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Wings Over Wetlands Dinner**

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**Merchandise**

9:00 pm – midnight

**Hospitality**

9:00 pm – midnight

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

**Morning Coffee & Pastries**

7:00 am - 8:30 am

**General Business Session II presented by Purina**

8:30 am - Noon - doors open at 8:10 am

**Merchandise**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Registration Desk**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Management Committee Meeting**

with working lunch\*

Noon – 2:00 pm

**Registration**

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Board and VIP Photographs**

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**87th National Convention Reception**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**87th National Convention Gala & Dancing**

6:30 pm - Midnight



# Super Duck Raffle

**THE SUPER DUCK PACKAGE IS \$300  
AND LIMITED TO THE FIRST 225 BUYERS.**



**RESERVE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE TODAY.**

Remaining packages will be for sale at the raffle desk or Hospitality starting Wednesday while supplies last.

Super Duck buyers who reserve and pay for their package prior to **10:00 am on Friday, May 24** will be entered into a special early bird drawing for a **PRIVATE YACHT SAIL IN SAN DIEGO BAY!** Invite a few friends - this sail is for up to 10 people. We will have cocktails and appetizers on board! We cannot imagine a better way of capping off convention!

**SUPER DUCK** buyers who purchase their package prior to 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 30 will receive additional Lucky Duck Gun tickets.

**★★★★ INCLUDED IN ★★★★★  
THE SUPER DUCK RAFFLE:**



**Ten Tickets for the Convention Raffle**

**Winner receives an all-expense paid trip to the  
2025 National Convention in  
Baltimore, Maryland at the  
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.**

**Nine Tickets (three each day) for the  
Ducks Unlimited Lucky Duck Gun**

**Four lucky winners each day  
(Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).**

**One Ticket for the Grand Prize**

**1 in 225 chance for winner's choice from  
our dream vacation package.**

**Dining in and around the hotel:**

**With its proximity to the border, San Diego  
is known for its excellent Mexican cuisine.  
In addition, the hotel is only steps from the  
Gaslamp Quarter and Little Italy.**

**VISIT THE DU CONVENTION APP  
FOR A LISTING OF RESTAURANTS  
CLOSE TO THE HOTEL.**

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