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Dear Sponsors,

My name is Kevin Gong, and along with my colleague Anna Crockett, we will be your primary points of contact for CTMUN2010 as your Undersecretaries General of Delegate Services and Registration.

Austin is a vibrant city with many options for food, entertainment and rest. Accordingly, we have come up with a brief guide for those delegations coming from out of town.

Attached to this letter will be details on hotels that we are recommending as well as restaurants for team meals and local sites of interest outside of our official CTMUN Dinner and Social in the Texas Union. We hope that delegations from out of town will take the time to experience some of our landmarks, and explore one of the world's leading institutions of higher education.

We are also considering a package of CTMUN merchandise to delegates wishing to bring home symbols of their participation: t-shirts and pins will be available at the conference, but pre-orders may be available depending on demand.

We wish to thank you for considering CTMUN2010 as a forum for international affairs and diplomacy.

Sincerely,
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Undersecretaries General of Delegate Services and Registration
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Hotels

We recommend the following hotels in the Downtown and University area for delegations to consider staying at the weekend of our conference. Mention you are in town for CTMUN!

- The Doubletree Hotel Austin – University Area is a close and affordable option, offering rates at \$89 per room per night. Please contact Cara Englishbee, Sales Manager at 512-479-4000 or cara.englishbee@hilton.com for more details.
- The Holiday Inn Express – Austin Town Lake is offering a reduced rate of \$99 per room per night for those attending our conference. Please contact Bridgette Ards, Sales Manager at 512-634-1274 for more details.
- The newly opened AT&T Center on The University of Texas campus is by far the closest option to our conference facilities, with rooms starting at \$150 per night. Reservations can be made at www.meetattexas.com or by calling 1-877-744-8822.

Restaurant Recommendations

Central Texas Model United Nations would like to offer you a variety of dining options should you be staying in our beloved Austin beyond the duration of our conference. Austin has a vibrant, multicultural dining community that is sure to satisfy any visitor. Among CTMUN's favorites are:

Downtown

- **Spaghetti Warehouse**
 - Located in the heart of downtown, Spaghetti Warehouse offers classic Italian cuisine. Casual and family-friendly, Spaghetti Warehouse has the sophistication of downtown Austin with affordable prices and a friendly atmosphere.
- **The Clay Pit**
 - The Clay Pit serves Indian cuisine with both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. The service is friendly and the food is prepared exactly how you like it. A great choice for multicultural dining!
- **Austin Java**
 - More than just a coffeehouse, Austin Java provides a wide array of dishes from breakfast to sandwiches to pasta. Its eco-friendliness and bottomless coffee make Austin Java an Austin staple! Also located in South Austin.

North Austin

- **Ruby's BBQ**
 - Just north of the UT campus, Ruby's BBQ serves classic Texas barbecue with all the fixings. A favorite of Austin residents and UT students alike. Don't miss out on the famous brisket!
- **Aster's Ethiopian**
 - Located just north of the UT campus on I-35 is Aster's Ethiopian restaurant. Aster's is a vegetarian-friendly establishment that blends a variety of flavors that will satisfy any palate.
- **Trudy's**
 - Just a couple of blocks north of campus, Trudy's is the best choice for Mexican food near campus. With a lively atmosphere, friendly service, and delicious food, Trudy's will not fail to impress!


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- **Threadgill's**
 - Threadgill's serves traditional Southern cuisine with generous servings that don't leave out any butter. Friendly and accommodating to large groups, Threadgill's is the place for any delegations that crave Southern home cooking.
- **Hyde Park Grill**
 - Hyde Park Grill serves traditional American cuisine that will accommodate any craving. From burgers to pasta to seafood, Hyde Park Grill offers a variety of delicious dishes accompanied with excellent service. Come try the best fries in Austin!

East Austin

- **Red House Pizzeria**
 - Located just east of I-35, Red House Pizzeria is some of the best pizza in town. In addition to the great value in taste, Red House also offers half price pizza happy hour and friendly service!
- **Hoover's Cooking**
 - Just northeast of campus is Hoover's, the go-to place for traditional Southern cooking. Known for their fried chicken and big portions, Hoover's will make any out-of-towner feel right at home.

UT Campus

- **Madam Mam's**
 - Madam Mam's is the UT students' go-to place for great Thai food. The menu offers a wide variety of both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes that won't disappoint.
- **Mellow Mushroom**
 - It is a well-known fact that Mellow Mushroom is the best pizza within walking distance of campus. Its hippie character and mouth-watering pizza pies make Mellow Mushroom a student favorite.
- **Kerbey Lane**
 - Kerbey Lane is a 24/7 restaurant that offers breakfast, burgers, and Tex-Mex all day long. No matter what you choose from the high-variety menu, it is sure to be an instant favorite.

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- **Player's**
 - Player's is another 24/7 restaurant that caters to the all-American cravings of students. The famous burgers, fries, and milkshakes are late-night favorites of student who need some extra brain food.
- **Pluckers Wing Factory & Grill**
 - Located in the West Campus area, Pluckers is undeniably a UT student favorite. Its famous chicken wings and fried pickles are on the must-see list of Austin dining.

South Austin

- **Chuy's**
 - Located in the Barton Springs area just up the street from Zilker Park is Chuy's, one of the go-to places for Tex-Mex. With a casual atmosphere and affordable prices, Chuy's will leave you with a full stomach and memorable experience.
- **Austin Java**
 - See "Downtown"

Austin Area Landmarks and Attractions

Austin is a beautiful city filled with a variety of cultural and historic attractions. Attached is a brief list recommended by CTMUN staff. We encourage you to do more research on these sites to determine if they are appropriate for your delegation to visit.

State Government and History

- **Texas State Capitol**
 - The seat of government of the State of Texas. Worth visiting even though the Legislature will not be in session.
- **The French Legation**
 - One of the oldest free-standing wooden structures in Austin. Originally constructed to represent the interests of France in the young Texas Republic.
- **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum (IMAX)**
 - A state museum dedicated to “telling the story of Texas.” It houses a number of exhibits on Texas history, and an IMAX theater showing several different productions and movies a day.

The University of Texas

- **Campus Tours**
 - We are working with campus groups to provide a series of campus tours during conference breaks. Details will be available at the conference.
- **Texas Memorial Museum**
 - The primary exhibit hall of the Texas Natural Science Center on UT Campus. The Museum houses a number of exhibits on geology, paleontology, biology, wildlife and nature.
- **Harry Ransom Center**
 - A library and archive on campus housing rare historical artifacts and works of art. The Center hosts rotating exhibitions of
- **Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library**
 - Located on the east side of campus near Darrel K. Royal Memorial Stadium. The museum has permanent exhibits on the life of the first U.S. President from Texas, and a rotating special exhibit. The Library also houses all of the Johnson administration’s presidential archives.


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- **The University of Texas Tower (Main Building)**
 - The historic icon of our University. Tours of the Tower are available to the public, but must be scheduled in advance with the Texas Union.
<http://www.utexas.edu/txunion/ae/tower/index.php>

Parks and Culture

- **Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin**
 - The largest university art museum in the US. It currently houses over 17,000 works of art from all over the world.
- **Zilker Park**
 - Known as the "Central Park" of Austin, it is a great place to relax and explore on a sunny day. Of course, being that CTMUN is a winter conference, you might not be inclined to make it down there. Houses Barton Springs Pool, the Botanical Garden and is the annual site of the Austin City Limits Music Festival and the Zilker Park Kite Festival.
- **Guadalupe Street (The Drag)**
 - A nexus for student life, right to the west of campus. Features a number of restaurants and retail shops.
- **South Congress**
 - An artsy shopping district. There are several notable businesses including the Continental Club, a historic music venue.
- **Waterloo Park**
 - Austin's primary downtown park. It is the location of several of Austin's smaller but energetic festivals.
- **6th Street**
 - Less a recommendation, and more a warning to sponsors, 6th Street is a nexus of bars and nightclubs appropriate for adults. Try to steer your delegates away from here during the evening. Appropriate for exploration during the day. Whole Foods headquarters and Waterloo Records can be found down the western end, away from the bars.