



HERE COMES THE SUN



April 12 – 14, 2018

Happy Holidays to one and all. Below is all the travel information that you need for our convention in Phoenix. The CSC has been able to arrange some airline discounts and those are effective now. Get your airline reservations going as soon as possible.

Contest dates are April 12 - 14, 2018 and the discounts are good for 3 days before and after these dates.

Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel

This will be our headquarters hotel located at 100 North First Street Phoenix, AZ 85004. All members will stay in this hotel. You will supply your information through our registration process – do not contact the hotel directly for reservations. The rate will be \$149.70 plus 12.57% state and local taxes for standard rooms that have Queen/Queen or a King bed. Visit their website for other information on amenities. There is no self-parking at the hotel. Valet parking rates are \$18 per day with in-and-out privileges. Not all adjacent parking garages allow overnight parking. The closest non-valet parking garage is the Chase Tower Garage located at 201 N. 1st St., Phoenix, 85004 and current rates are \$15 per day without in-and-out privileges. www.Renaissancephoenixdowntown.com

Not competing? – Be our cheering section!

If your chorus is not competing, please come to Phoenix and be a spectator – as a Region 8 member, you've already paid for your All Event Ticket. See the competition from the other side of the

footlights. We'd love to have you in our audience supporting the region. If your chorus decided to not compete – but is having second thoughts about missing all the fun and friendship of our convention weekend – we'd love to have you there and there is room at the hotel for you. Keep in mind that the travel costs to Phoenix are the only expense that makes this convention different from any other we have. As a Region 8 member, your AET is paid for – you pay for a hotel room at every contest you attend and at approx. \$168.52 (including tax) for a room that will hold 4 – that comes to just over \$42 per person, per night! You have to eat no matter where we travel, and Phoenix has multiple restaurants and fast food options within walking distance of the hotel and venue, which are only 2 ½ blocks apart. Don't let a fear of extra costs keep you from sharing this weekend with your sisters in Region 8!

Southwest Airlines

Beginning on December 15, 2017 Sweet Adelines, Region 8 Phoenix Convention and Competition event attendees (competitors, friends, family) will receive a discount and bonus Rapid Reward points from Southwest Airlines through our SWABIZ® account. Southwest Airlines is offering an 8% discount off Anytime & Business Select® fares and a 2% discount off select Wanna Get Away® fares for travel to and from the event. Book your travel between December 15, 2017 & March 26, 2018 to take advantage of the discounted rates. Discounts are available for travel April 9, 2018 through April 18, 2018. By flying Southwest Airlines, as a Sweet Adelines traveler, you will also receive the following benefits:

- 50% bonus Rapid Reward points for your travel to & from the convention with Rapid Rewards # added to your reservation. To enroll in the Rapid Rewards program, visit www.southwest.com/corporaterapidrewards
- No baggage fees (first two bags)
- No change or cancellation fees
- No peak travel or fuel surcharges
- Consistently ranked the "Best in Customer Service" by DOT

***To take advantage of this offer, click on this link:

<https://www.swabiz.com/flight/search-flight.html?cid=99338794>

United Airlines

Region 8 Phoenix Convention and Competition event attendees (competitors, friends, family) will receive a discount from United Airlines similar to the

discounts offered by Southwest. Discounts are good for travel April 9, 2018 through April 18, 2018. When booking your travel go www.united.com Enter your flight details and then select "**all search options**" located to the left of the search button, in the lower left-hand corner of the book travel page. At the bottom of the at Promotions and Certificates – enter the offer code **ZEQ5277737**

Ground Transportation

Phoenix Sky Train - \$2 each way from airport to hotel. *Requires some walking to get to train station. The train will drop you directly off across the street from our hotel.
Taxi's – approx. \$ 25
Lyft or Uber – approx. \$20

Deadline Reminders

With competition being so late this year – registration information will be sent after the first of the year. Plenty of time to perfect your contest sets and get your paperwork prepared. IMPORTANT DATES and DEADLINES:

- o SAI mail competition packets to competitors (105 days) – December 29, 2017
- o Last day to register with SAI as a quartet and not incur a late fee – January 15, 2018
- o Region 8 forms available on rnr8.org – January 15, 2018
- o SAI Competition Entry Deadline (60 days) – February 12th and 13th, 2018
- o Draw for Order of Appearance – February 19, 2018
- o Region 8 AET/Hotel/Info Deadlines – March 1st, 2018

Attachments:

Things to do in Phoenix – you might consider extending your trip to take advantage of these.
Downtown map – we are right in the heart of downtown, walking distance for shopping, dining, etc.

If you have questions/concerns – feel free to contact your competition contacts:

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