Dining Guide

Student Union Dining

The Student Union dining facilities are open beginning at 7 am until 2 pm Wednesday through Friday. Options include a grill (breakfast and lunch), Taco Bell (Lunch) and Stacks Sub Sandwiches (lunch) as well as several To-Go options. Jazzman’s Coffee is open 7am through 4 pm Wednesday and Thursday and until 3 pm on Friday.

Near Campus

Across the street from campus to the east is the University Square Center with the following options:

- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Berry Blendz (smoothies)
- Noodles and Company
- Leeann Chin (Asian)
- Cold Stone Creamery (ice cream)
- Weggy’s (Burgers, fries, etc)
- Jimmy John’s (sandwiches)
- Johnny B’s (very good roast beef sandwich)

Also near campus is:

- Yu's Chinese Cuisine (inexpensive, but good, buffet) 1600 Monks Ave.
- Jake’s Stadium Pizza - 330 Stadium Road

Downtown

Shuttle Service and transportation

For those without vehicles, the conference will be providing a shuttle service to downtown Mankato on Thursday and Friday evenings for further dining options. The shuttle is a 12 passenger van and will run approximately every 15 minutes from 6 pm until 10 pm. The shuttle will pick up from the south entrance to the Student Union and drop off at the Cherry Street parking garage (or request alternative locations with driver). It will pick up from the Cherry Street parking garage for returns or call driver (Skye at 507.317.9684) for pick up.

For other times/locations cab rides to downtown from campus run around $7.25. Cab companies include Kato Cab (507.388.7433) and Taxi Pros (507.344.TAXI).

Parking

For those with a car, 4 free parking garages can be found at

- Near intersection of Cherry St. and Front St.
- On 2nd St. between Hickory St. and Jackson St.
- Off Riverfront at the Hilton Garden Inn
- Off Riverfront at the Civic Center
Downtown Restaurants

Downtown restaurants are mostly located within a short walk of the Cherry Street parking garage. Their address and a map can be found in the Guide to Greater Mankato booklet included in your registration packet. Some recommended options include:

Pub 500 (standard pub fare, fish and chips, etc)
Blue Bricks (burgers)
Olives (Mediterranean)
No. 4 (slightly more upscale)
Tandem Bagels
Pagliai’s Pizza
101 Main Restaurant

Further Afield

For those with a vehicle, the following are also recommended. See the Guide to Greater Mankato for address.

Neighbor’s (upscale Italian with good wine selection)
Pho Saigon (Vietnamese)
Papageorge (steaks)
Dino's Pizza (very good New York style)
Las Fronteras (Mexican)
Tokyo Sushi and Hibachi
Tav on the Ave (pub food, walleye)

There are also a variety of chain restaurants by the mall area.

Coffee Shops

The Coffee Hag
The Filling Station
Smiley Cup (drive through only)