

# Frequently Asked Questions

## AAC's Annual Benefit Gala

April 26 - 28, 2024 in Los Angeles, CA

### What is the Annual Benefit Gala (ABG)?

- Once a year, legends and newcomers alike shed their rock shoes and don their finest dresses and suits, and come together to celebrate the climbing community. During this weekend full of climbing, discussion, celebration, and festivity, old friends reconnect, new friendships are made, and we raise funds vital to the Club's work.

### How do I register?

- Go to [americanalpineclub.org/annual-benefit-gala](https://americanalpineclub.org/annual-benefit-gala), click on "Tickets".

### Refund Policy

- We are able to offer full refunds for ticket purchases until Sunday, April 14th. After April 14th, we are only able to offer partial refunds of the ticket price minus \$200 per person (i.e. you would only receive a \$100 refund for a \$300 ticket). However, given the uncertain and changing nature of these times, we are able to offer a full refund at any date for those affected by COVID-19. If you have been exposed or are feeling sick, please stay home.

### Where in LA is the ABG being held?

- The AAC's ABG will take place on April 27th from 5-10pm at the Hilton LA/Universal City, Sierra Ballroom. The address for the Hilton is 555 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City, California, 91608-1001, USA
- [Venue Virtual Tour](#)

### Where should I stay?

- [The AAC has a discounted room block at the Hilton from April 25th-28th](#). Our negotiated rate is \$249 per night and available until 04/04/2024 or sold out.
- Guests can also call our In-House Reservations Dept. at 818-623-1434 from 7am-7pm, Monday-Sunday (Please refer to group code ABD when booking).

### What should I wear?

- Climber Formal: Whatever that means to you, come as you are!
- [Pictures from last year](#)

### How do I get to the Hilton via...

- Public Transportation

- Unfortunately there are no airport shuttles from Hollywood Burbank Airport/Bob Hope Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, or John Wayne Airport/Orange County to the Hilton.
- To find the most up to date transportation information, [use this link from google maps](#) and type in your arrival airport and direct yourself from there.
- Carshare
  - Both [Uber](#) and [Lyft](#) operate in LA
- Bike, Scooter, etc.?
  - Rent a bicycle or scooter from [Jump](#), [Lime](#), [Bird](#) or [Lyft](#) located around downtown

#### **Where can I park?**

- Self-parking: On-site, \$40.00 per day
- Valet parking: \$50.00
- EV charging: On-site,
  - ® electric vehicle charging station available to guests and is compatible with most electric vehicles. The billing and rate is market set by ®. Charging for Tesla is also available but must be reserve
- Secured: Available
- Covered: Available
- In/Out privileges: Available
- Other parking information: Plus 10% city tax. Garaged - 6.4" Height Restrict

#### **Is the Hilton ADA Accessible?**

- The Hilton seeks to establish a safe and welcoming environment that ensures the widest range of people will enjoy during their visit and is fully ADA accessible.
  - Ramps, elevators and courtesy wheelchairs are available. Please see an usher for assistance.
- If you need additional accommodations, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing Xavier Bravo at [xbravo@americanalpineclub.org](mailto:xbravo@americanalpineclub.org) or calling (303) 384-0110

#### **What do I get with the different Gala ticket levels?**

- [View our ticket levels options here](#)

#### **Who gets access to the Thursday VIP Dinner?**

- Details to come!

#### **What is the Thursday VIP Dinner?**

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#### **What is "Saturday Sessioning"?**

- This year, we are shaking things up a bit; we want to enjoy the nice weather in LA with you all. Let the American Alpine Club LA Chapter show you the best climbing in the heart of the city! We

will have top ropes and crash pads available for our guests to climb at Stoney Point. There will also be a dedicated guest shuttle from the hotel to the crag and back at the end of the day (leaves the hotel at 8:30am and leaves the crag at 2pm).

**Who gets access to the Sunday Brunch?**

- Those who have purchased a Patron Ticket or VIP Table (with 4 select guests) to our Gala.
- Or by invitation

**Is there a Live Stream this year?**

- Although there will be no live-stream this year, we plan on recording the gala in full so people can watch the magic of the night from their own home after.
- Please pre-[register](#) to be sent a recording after the gala early.
- Otherwise, go to our [Gala website](#). We will embed the recording there, so no registration will be required to watch.

**What is the COVID policy and protocol for the Gala?**

- Following the protocols set in place by the Hilton and Los Angeles at large, there are currently no restrictions regarding vaccination status for our event.
- If you are feeling sick, please stay home.
- Guidelines are subject to change based on current CDC guidelines and new developments.

**What is the Send N' Social?**

- Join the American Alpine Club on Friday, April 26th at 6PM at a local gym for a night of socializing and sending! Come enjoy climbing games, a bouldering comp, hanging with the pros, chatting with community organizations, and more.

**Do I need to register for the Send N' Social?**

- No, everyone is welcome to attend!

**Is there transportation provided to the Send N' Social?**

- Yes. We have a free shuttle picking up guests from The Hilton starting at 5:30pm. The bus will drop guests off at the event site. The bus will not return to the hotel until the end of the night. The same will happen in reverse from the event site back to the hotel starting at 8pm & 9pm.

**When does the online auction close?**

- The silent auction closes at 7pm PST during the Gala on April 27th.

**Sustenance**

- Food: The wonderful folks from the Hilton will be catering the receptions with Hors D'oeuvres. Each Gala table will also have a variety of breads and a salad until our main Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian entrees arrive. Finish the night right with a dessert!
- Beverages: Water & Coffee—all you need to survive a night like this.

- Adult beverages: Yes please! During the Gala there will be an open bar.

**Can I bring my dog?**

- We can't answer this question without first saying that our team LOVES dogs. That said, because of the nature of this event, dogs are sadly not allowed unless they are service animals. Please respect those who do need to bring their service animals with them by leaving your (adorable but non-service) fur friends at home.

**Entertainment around Downtown LA**

- Universal Studios® Hollywood - 0.01 miles
- Hollywood - 1 mile
- Hollywood Bowl - 3 miles
- Dolby Theater - 4 miles
- Los Angeles Zoo - 6 miles
- Griffith Observatory - 7 miles

**Still can't find an answer?**

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