

CPC Attendee's Guide

Transportation

Chicago is a great commuter city that has a variety of ways to travel in and around the city. When coming from the airports, both O'hare International Airport and Midway Airport have trains that connect to the airport transporting commuters in and around the city. All trains in Chicago are labeled by colors, so in this case, the "Blue Line" will connect O'hare travelers into the city, while the "Orange Line" will connect Midway travelers into the city.

Uber, Lyft and Via are also widely used in the city, if you don't mind the extra cost!

Supplies

As with most conferences, people are unsure what supplies that would be needed at the Chicago Planner Conference. You can bring as many planner and planner supplies that you feel comfortable with, just remember... you may not even use them! If you are not staying in the hotel, you will have a lot to carry. We like to say, stick to your planner basics! Rolling bags are great, but you do have to be mindful of them in smaller classrooms.

Craft/Planner Stores

There are several craft stores, which includes Michaels and Joann's, throughout the Chicagoland area. Additional planner/crafting shops are listed below:

- PaperSource
232 W. Chicago Ave.
- Michaels
1101 S. Canal St. #002
- Joanns
555 W. Roosevelt Rd.
- KinoKuniy (closer to O'hare Airport)
Mitsuwa Marketplace
100 E. Algonquin Road
- Atlas Stationers
227 W Lake St

- The Field Notes
401 N Racine Ave
- Steel Petal Press
2321 N. Milwaukee

Restaurants

There are no shortage of places to eat near and around the Loews Hotel, which is steps away from the Mag Mile. The closest grocery store that has a hot bar would be Whole Foods, located across the street from the conference hotel. Here is a list of other close coffee shops and places to catch a quick meal:

- Dollop
345 E. Ohio St.
- Dunkin Donuts
200 E. Huron St.
- Yolk
355 E. Ohio St.
- Bockwinkels
320 E. Ohio St.
- Timothy O'Tooles
622 N. Fairbanks
- Dao
230 E. Ohio
- Dublin 4 Irish Pub/Cafe
345 E. Ohio
- West Egg
620 N. Fairbanks
- Stan's Donuts & Coffee
259 E. Erie
- Target/Starbucks
401 E. Illinois
- Northbridge Mall (Food Court)
520 N. Michigan Ave.
- Bellwether Meeting House & Eatery
302 E. Illinois (across the street from Lowes)
- Bombay Wraps
330 E. Ohio #3308
- Ramen Misoya
213 E. Ohio



Newbie Advice

For first time conference goers, be prepared to make new friends or meet your online friends! Chicago planners and conference goers are friendly and welcoming. Remember that you are with like minded people who understand the crazy obsession with stickers, multiple planners, organization and special pens!

Table Gifts

At planner conferences, people like to bring small gifts for their table mates at the general session. Some of these items might include snacks, gum, stickers, pens, etc. Table gifts are not mandatory or required so please don't feel obligated to have to bring table gifts. If you do choose to bring table gifts, please remember that there are 10 seats to a table (including yourself!)

Conference Hangover

Yes, it's a thing! Please allow yourself the time to recover from the weekend events. From Friday to Sunday there is so much to do, and you may not feel the effects from the long weekend until Monday. By Tuesday, you will have to conference blues and will be asking about CPC 2021!