

AIS/AES West Coast Reunion Packet

AIS-AES Alumni Reunion

June 13-15, 2008

Circus Circus Casino & Hotel, Reno, Nevada

It has been 18 years since a reunion was held on the West Coast -- the last one was in Lake Tahoe in 1990. Even though this is a "West Coast" reunion all Alumni, Faculty, Parents and Friends are invited to attend. This reunion will give the East Coast Alumni a great reason to visit the west and a closer location for those who live in the western half of the U.S. to gather and enjoy old friends.

You can register and pay by check through May 15, 2008. If you send your money in after May 15 please add a \$25 late fee. If for any reason you have to cancel you can do so up until May 31, by notifying at least one us by phone or email: Judy Newberry Ashley (916-444-9806) JudithLAshley@gmail.com or Cindy Jones Ondrak (406-777-4308) or at ondrak@montana.com. (Please note: you will also need to cancel with the hotel.) We will refund your balance minus the registration fee. After June 1, no refunds will be provided.

Where: Circus Circus Casino & Hotel
500 North Sierra Street
Reno, NV 89503
Tele: 775-284-5379 or toll free at 1-800-648-5010

We have blocked a total of 60 rooms and negotiated a special rate of \$99 per night for those who reserve rooms by May 14. A deposit is required, see further information below under **Hotel Reservations**.

When: Friday June 13, 2008-Sunday, June 15, 2008

Who: All AIS/AES alumni (whether a graduate or not), faculty, friends, and parents are invited. A list of attendees will be posted on our Web site once we begin receiving registration forms.

How Much: Reunion registration costs are as follows:
\$85 Per Alumni, Faculty, or Parent
- includes a small fee to cover miscellaneous expenses,
Friday night appetizer buffet & no-host bar, and Saturday night
Indian/American dinner.
\$60 Per guest accompanying Alumni, Faculty, or Parent
- includes Friday night buffet and Saturday night dinner.

Late Fee: For registrations received after May 15, 2008, add \$25.

1. Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday June 13, 2008

2:00 PM-6:00 PM *Reunion Registration* Check-in, outside hospitality room 3rd Floor of the Sky Tower. Let us know you've arrived!! Pick up your name badge.

3:00 PM *Hotel check-in time.*

6:00 PM-12:00 AM *Cocktail Reception*, Carson/Truckee/Tahoe Rooms, 3rd Floor of the Sky Tower. Cash bar with appetizers (this is not a dinner). Reacquaint yourself with old friends and meet new ones.

Saturday June 14, 2008

9:00 AM-4:00 PM *Hospitality suite* is open, Carson/Truckee/Tahoe Rooms 3rd Floor of the Sky Tower. Meet friends there. Or enjoy the activities the hotel has to offer. Take a drive to Lake Tahoe, visit area museums or parks.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM *Registration* table reopens, 3rd Floor of the Sky Tower. New arrivals can check in and pickup their name badge.

7:00 PM-2:00 AM *AIS/AES Mela!* American/Indian dinner, cash bar, and class pictures, Casino Ballroom

8:00 PM-8:30 PM *Dinner begins.*

Sunday June 15, 2008

9:30 AM-11:00 AM *Hospitality Room* open, Carson/Truckee/Tahoe Rooms, 3rd Floor of the Sky Tower. Pay-as-you-go brunch at hotel restaurant. Nothing scheduled... just a way to ease into "See Ya at the 2010 Reunion in DC!!"

2. Additional Information

The Location: (from www.10best.com/Reno/locationDetails.html)

Reno, Nevada, once known exclusively as a gambling town (it's still the #1 attraction with over 60 gaming locations). Reno now attracts visitors with its close proximity to the Sierra Nevada Mountains and picturesque Lake Tahoe. The entire Reno/Sparks area is surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty, affording tourists with numerous recreational activities. The region also boasts 18 world-class ski resorts and more than 30 championship golf courses. Other popular attractions include the National Automobile Museum, Ponderosa Ranch, Sierra Nevada Zoo, and National Bowling Stadium. The 72-mile drive along the shore of Lake Tahoe is called the "Most Beautiful Drive in America." The website above lists many activities and attractions in the local area that you might want to explore on Saturday down time.

The Hotel:

Circus-Circus Reno hotel is located in downtown Reno, Nevada. Our group will be staying in the Sky Tower. It has a variety of restaurants and games. The Big Top, where the likes of the Moscow Circus, Cirque du Soleil, and Ringling Brothers have performed, is the heart of this hotel. Acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, and clowns present free shows daily. The surrounding Midway features 33 classic carnival games. The hotel has a fitness center in the Sky Tower. In addition to the Circus Stage and Midway, the hotel has a video arcade with 77 games. And of course, many gaming tables and slot machines. There are 6 in-house shops and 6 in-house restaurants. Visit www.circuscircusreno.com to learn more.

Airport Shuttle:

A complimentary airport shuttle, to/from the Reno Tahoe International Airport, is available, on a first come first serve basis to all registered Hotel guests. Scheduled pick up from the airport to the Hotel is every quarter after and quarter to the hour. Scheduled departure from the Hotel to the airport is on the hour and every half hour.

Rental Cars:

Rental agencies are available at the airport and a few downtown. A brief internet search turned up Reno car rentals from Dollar, Enterprise, Advantage, and Hertz. If you plan to explore the local area on Saturday it looks like you have several choices available.

Parking:

Circus Circus Hotel provides complimentary valet parking to all guests, along with complimentary self-parking in two well lit and security patrolled parking structures.

Hospitality Room:

Carson/Truckee/Tahoe Rooms, 3rd Floor of the Sky Tower we will try to have this room open and available through the entire weekend.

Children at the Reunion:

No activities are planned for children. We encourage you to come to the evening events without them (lots more fun for you! and for your children too!!). We won't be able to provide any baby sitters; however, we will pass along any resources we find for child care services in the area. Contact Cindy or Judy if you have questions.

3. Hotel Reservations

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We have negotiated a special room rate of \$99.00 per night for a block of 60 rooms with Circus Circus. **You must identify affiliation with the AIS/AES School Reunion to receive this rate (rates will not be changed if you fail to do this!!!). You must make your reservations by May 14, 2008 to receive this reduced rate.** However, we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible as we find rooms go quickly at our reunions. The hotel will continue to honor the rate if they have rooms available.

This rate is for single or double occupancy, per room, per night and does not include Washoe County room tax, which is 13.5%. A charge of \$10.00 will be added for each guest over double occupancy with a maximum of 4 guests per room (children 17 and under, in the same room, are free of charge).

Attendees may upgrade their standard room to a mini-suite, **at the time of reservation**, for an additional \$30 per suite, per night plus tax. These mini-suite upgrade requests will apply only if space is available at the time the reservation is made. [For attendees who wish to arrive early or stay late the hotel will charge the prevailing rate \(which may be as low as \\$49.00 per night\) check with the hotel for specific information on rates.*](#) Rates change for Friday and Saturday nights.

At the time of reservation you must provide a credit card number, or a deposit equal to one (1) night's room/suite rate, plus tax as a guarantee. **Your credit card will be charged the one (1) night's room/suite rate plus tax at that time.** Room reservations not guaranteed will be automatically canceled by Circus Circus Hotel within fourteen (14) days of the reservation date.

Reservation refunds will be issued on reservations canceled at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the confirmed arrival date. All guaranteed reservations will be held until 6:00 a.m. on the day after attendee's confirmed arrival date. Attendees must pay the balance of all room, tax and incidental charges upon check-out. If you cancel your reservation less than 48 hours ahead you will be charged one nights lodging and applicable taxes.

4. Reunion Registration

Please print out and complete the [Registration Form](#): Your registration form and check should be mailed to:

Cindy Jones Ondrak
150 Lone Star Road
Florence MT 59833

Be sure to include your email address (written very neatly) on your form so we can send you a confirmation email. Registration forms are due by May 15, 2008 to avoid a late fee.

See you in Reno!!

[*Clarification added at the request of the hotel, 02/13/08](#)