

2008 Atheist Alliance International Convention

~ Unsinkable Atheism ~

“Unsinkable Atheism,” the 14th Annual Atheist Alliance International (AAI) Convention, will be held the weekend of September 25—28, 2008 on the beautiful and historic *Queen Mary*, which is permanently docked in Long Beach, California.

Thursday, September 25, 2008

The AAI Board of Directors will conduct a pre-convention business session from 1:00 PM—5:00 PM. AAI Board meetings are open to the public. Observers can also join in a dinner and social hour with the Board by participating in a catered buffet meal service (5:00 PM—7:00 PM). The Thursday dinner is described below. The meeting and dinner will take place in the Veranda Grill (Sun Deck, Stern).

Mexican Buffet

Jicama, Tomato and Cucumber Salad
Corn and Baby Shrimp Salad
Cole Slaw Tortilla Salad
Cheese Enchiladas
Chicken and Beef Fajitas
Black Refried Beans, Mexican Rice
Served with Salsa, Guacamole, Sour Cream and Shredded Cheese
Corn and Flour Tortillas
Churros
Coffee and Iced Tea

(See meal price section below)

The convention officially begins on Thursday night with a unique *Fun Raiser* in the Royal Salon (Promenade Deck, Stern). A secular wedding ceremony will take place at 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM). The marriage of **Larry Mendoza** and **Rebecca Rivera** will be solemnized by the Captain of the *Queen Mary*, **Roy Sorge**, and AAI President **Margaret Downey**, who is a certified Secular Officiant. After the beautiful public ceremony, guests will be treated to an elegant dessert service followed by a rocking wedding reception featuring DJ “**Joy**.” Professional dancer **John Edwards** will conduct a hip-hop demonstration and will give everyone a dance lesson during the reception.

Join the AAI family in a celebration of love and support by participating in this event. The cost is \$30 (\$15 for students). There will be a cash bar from 7:30 PM until midnight. Souvenirs and complimentary non-alcoholic champagne will be provided. **J. B. Wright** and **Susan Sackett**, a professional photography team, will be on hand to take photos of couples and individuals reminiscent of being on an actual cruise. Wright and Sackett will be set up to photograph people throughout the convention. Free photos will be available after the convention through a special website.

Friday, September 26, 2008

On Friday, September 26, convention attendees can participate in a number of activities:

1. AAI Board Meeting (9:00 AM—5:00 PM)

All AAI Board meetings are open to the public. Observers can also join in a noontime social luncheon with the Board by participating in a catered buffet meal service. The Friday luncheon is described below. The meeting and luncheon will take place in the Veranda Grill (Sun Deck, Stern).

Deli Lunch Buffet

Fresh Fruit Salad
Display of Roast Beef, Turkey, Smoked Ham and Sliced Domestic Cheeses
Pickles, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Onion and Shredded Lettuce
Assorted Sliced Breads
Mustard, Mayonnaise, Creamy Horseradish
Potato Salad
Pasta Salad
Chef’s Choice of Dessert
Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea

(See meal price section below)

2. Blood Drive

Ken Bronstein, AAI board member and president of New York City Atheists, and **David Cottun**, member of Atheists United, are coordinating a “Gift of Life” event beginning at 10:00 AM. Blood can be donated until 4:00 PM in the Board Room (Promenade Deck, Midship). Blood donors will be presented with an AAI stress ball at the time of their donation. A Certificate of Appreciation will be presented at the Convention Closing Ceremony as a “thank you for your participation” gift.

3. Queen Mary Exhibits and Area Attractions

Please visit the following website for descriptions of the many attractions available through the *Queen Mary* and in the Long Beach Harbor area:

www.QueenMary.com/index.php?page=prices

On-board tours include a Haunted Encounters Tour, Ghosts and Legends show, Ghost Sighting Scavenger Hunt, Behind-the-Scenes of World War II Guided Tour, free self-guided tours, and much more. In addition, a free trolley service, known as the Long Beach Passport, is available to take tourists to and from the *Queen Mary*, stopping at a shopping mall (Shoreline Village), the Aquarium of the Pacific, restaurants, and other local attractions. The trolley leaves the *Queen Mary* every 15 minutes on the quarter-hour.

4. Locks of Love

AAI President Margaret Downey will coordinate a Locks of Love event. Willing donors must agree to have at least 10 inches of hair cut, collected and sent to the Locks of Love non-profit organization. The hair will be used to create wigs for cancer patients. Downey has arranged for participants to receive a “hair make-over” at the Stars Salon (425 East Ocean Blvd. #100, Long Beach, phone 562-495-0207). Mention the AAI “Locks of Love” Project to receive a special rate of \$45 (women), \$25 (men). All participants will be recognized at the Convention Closing Ceremony and will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

5. Shop at the EvolveFish Store

The EvolveFish store (www.EvolveFish.com) will open at noon on Friday. Visit them in the exhibition hall in front of the Grand Salon (R Deck, Midship).

6. Registration

Registration tables will open at 1:00 PM. Please make sure to receive your entire convention packet, which will include all meal tickets and the name badge all participants must wear throughout the convention.

7. Pre-Convention Workshop ~ 1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

“At Sea Dealing With Family? Clues for anchoring”

Early convention attendees can enjoy a three-hour workshop hosted by psychological consultant, educator and writer **Marlene Winell**, Ph.D. Even when you feel solid and happy about leaving your religion, you can still have quite the challenge dealing with family members. In her psychology practice, Dr. Winell helps people with their healing and growth in recovering from unhealthy religion. A huge area of confusion and pain is how to have relationships with parents, spouses, children, and other family (or friends) who remain in the faith. There are no easy answers, but in this workshop, Dr. Winell will share what she has learned and give participants a chance to explore strategies for their own situations. This workshop will take place in the King’s View Room (Promenade Deck, Stern).

Friday Night Happy Hour, Opening Ceremony and Plenary

The Friday Night Happy Hour (cash bar and complimentary vegetable crudité with assorted dips) starts at 6:00 PM in the Grand Salon (R Deck, Midship). Tight security measures will be in place. Please wear name badges and be prepared for the use of a metal-detection security wand. Please do not bring large bags or backpacks to this event.

The Opening Ceremony begins at 7:00 PM featuring **Margaret Downey** (AAI president) and **Herb Silverman** (President of the Secular Coalition for America).

The Friday night platform includes a special recognition to atheists in foxholes. AAI is pleased to host **Carlos Bertha** (associate professor of philosophy at the United States Air Force Academy), **Kathleen Johnson** (American

Atheists Military Director), **Jason Torpy** (president of Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers) and **Mikey Weinstein** (founder and president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation) as honored speakers. Army Specialist **Jeremy Hall** will receive the first “Valiant Atheist Medallion of Honor.”

Please plan to stay after the speeches to enjoy a late-night concert of “Freethinking Music” featuring original music by **Joel Pelletier**.

For late-night partying, The Observation Bar is open until 2:00 AM. Once the original First-Class Lounge, this chic art deco-style bar is the perfect place to enjoy a panoramic view of Long Beach Harbor. The bar features an array of historic artwork.

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Many educational and interesting workshops are available for convention attendees on Saturday morning. Please plan to attend as many as possible. All workshop presenters will host tables at the exhibition area (Grand Salon, R Deck, Midship) should you want to visit with them. The workshop schedule is as follows:

9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Jennifer Bardi ~ Editor of *Humanist* magazine
“Anchoring Your Atheist Story”

Looking to share your take? Explore ways to articulate your atheist perspective on a variety of issues and tell personal stories that will attract readers. This instructive and interactive workshop will inspire the writer in you and offer practical advice for getting published—all happening in the Grand Salon (R Deck, Midship).

9:00 AM—10:00 AM

August Berkshire ~ President of Minnesota Atheists
“Catching the Wave: Start Your Own Atheist Radio Show”

If your group is ready to bring the upbeat news of positive atheism to a broader audience, attend this workshop to learn how to establish a radio program in your community. Berkshire, producer for Minnesota Atheists’ “Atheists Talk” radio program on Air America Minnesota, will discuss selecting topics, hosting guests, and finding sponsors; he will highlight what works and doesn’t work. This workshop takes place in the Royal Salon (Promenade Deck, Stern).

9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Mick Rabin ~ Representative for Scouting For All
“Throwing Prejudice and Bigotry Overboard”

Scouting for All is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose stated purpose is to promote tolerance and diversity within the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in the face of its policies requiring members to be heterosexuals who believe in God. Learn how you can prevent the now “private” BSA from recruiting in public schools, obtaining government gratuities, and receiving preferential treatment when they are not deserving. This workshop takes place in the King’s View Room (Promenade Deck, Stern).



9:00 AM—10:00 AM

James Underdown ~ Executive Director of the Center for Inquiry-Los Angeles
“Navigating the Media”

Nontheists always have difficulty getting media air time and print space. There are, however, certain techniques that not only help you get noticed by the media, but can also help you to do well once you're provided opportunities. How do you write a press release? Which letters to the editor get printed? How do you do a radio interview? How are TV interviews different? Learn about these issues and much more with Underdown. This workshop takes place in the Britannia (Main Deck, Stern).

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Lori Lipman Brown ~ Lobbyist for the Secular Coalition for America and **Sasha Bartolf** ~ Legislative Associate
“All Hands on Deck for Political Tempests”

One of the most powerful ways you can impact laws at the national, state, and local levels is to be an active citizen lobbyist. This workshop will give you the tools to make your voice heard. Congressional lobbyist Lori Lipman Brown will provide checklists for lobbying, where to find the necessary background information and step-by-step details of the lobbying process—from making the appointment to after-the-visit thank-you letters. Participants will have the opportunity to practice their own lobbying skills as part of this two-hour workshop. This workshop will take place in the Mauritania Room (Main Deck, Starboard).

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

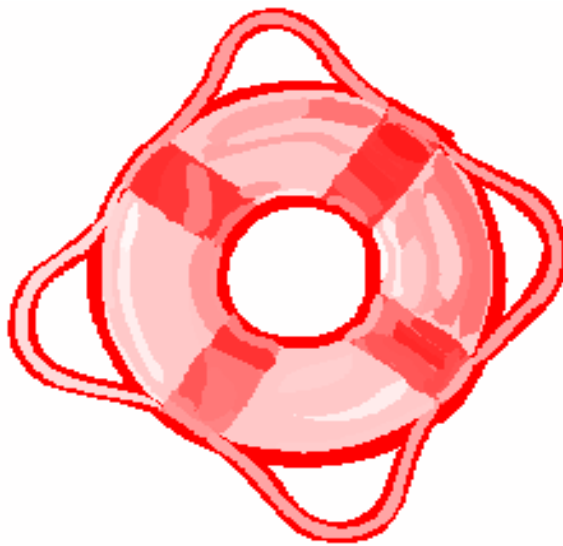
Troy Conrad ~ Comedian
“Manning the Humor Lifeboat”

Join us in a discussion examining how today's best, cutting-edge comedians make taboo subjects accessible. Learn “how-to” techniques to communicate a sense of humor in dealing with sometimes seriously dangerous religious beliefs. Yes, humor can be a real lifesaver and can be used to disarm and sometimes persuade people to laugh at subjects they never thought they could. Join Conrad and some great comedians in this fun and interactive workshop. This workshop takes place in the Windsor Room (R-Deck, Midship).

10:00 AM—11:00 AM

August Brunzman ~ Executive Director of the Secular Student Alliance

“Singing your Siren's Song on Social Networking Sites”
Campus atheist groups have been using social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook to draw new people to their events and new members to their groups for years. As ever growing numbers of non-students have started using these sites, there is no reason for off-campus local groups to avoid them. These tools are especially useful for groups that do not have a computer wizard to run their website. This workshop takes place in the Britannia (Main Deck, Stern).



10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Ellen Johnson ~ Executive Director of the Godless Americans Political Action Committee

“Let's Weigh Anchor and Start Using Our Power as Secular Citizens”

To have secular opinions count and to gain political power in America, the godless community must support a political action committee. To find out more about the demographics of the non-religious voter, who we are and how we vote please plan to attend this workshop. This workshop takes place in the Royal Salon (Promenade Deck, Stern).

10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Cathe Jones ~ Writer and Humorist
“Atheists and Loss: Navigating Grief”

In this 60-minute workshop, Jones will lead a discussion on the various forms of loss we face in the everyday world and the methods of handling unexpected tragedy. Whether it is the loss of a spouse, child, best friend, a pet, a job, or even the failure of conception, humans face failures and tragedies in life almost daily. It is a choice to either let the loss be all-consuming or let ourselves control our response to the loss. Topics will include “Why did this happen?”, “What do I do when someone offers prayers?”, and “Methods of getting through the ‘here and now’ of painful moments in life.” This workshop takes place in the King's View Room (Promenade Deck, Stern).

A very special Awards Luncheon will take place at 11:30 AM on Saturday, September 27, in the Grand Salon (R-Deck, Midship). The salon doors will open for lunch at 11:00 AM.

Saturday Awards Luncheon

Tight security will be in place for this event. Please be prepared, as security guards will be using a metal-detection security wand. A bomb-sniffing dog will also be used for this event. Please leave all backpacks and large bags in your stateroom or in your car. Name badges must be worn at all times. People without a name badge will be turned away.

Due to strict security concerns, those who do not want to join in the luncheon will be seated in a non-meal section of the ballroom located in the neighboring Windsor Room (R-Deck, Midship). Heavy security will be enforced at that entrance as well.

Julia Sweeney (the 2006 Richard Dawkins Awardee) will be on hand to give the 2008 Richard Dawkins Award to a secret person whose identity will only be revealed at the Saturday luncheon. Folk singer, composer and lyricist **Jill Sobule** will sing a special song to the honoree. Luncheon choices are listed on the next page:

Luncheon Selections

Chicken Caesar Salad

Breast of Chicken, Romaine Lettuce, Croutons,
Parmesan Cheese and Caesar Dressing

The Baguette

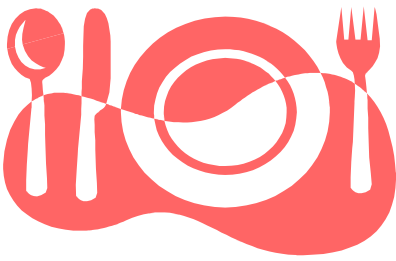
Sliced Roast Beef with Pommery Mustard Sauce, Brie Cheese
and Bermuda Onions Served on a French Baguette.
Served with Pasta Primavera Salad

Vegetarian Grilled Soy Chick'n Caesar

Romaine Lettuce with Parmesan Cheese, Croutons and
Vine Ripened Tomato Topped with Soy Chick'n and
Served with Caesar Dressing

Vegan

Tofu and Portobello Mushroom Napoleon
Served with Grilled Artichokes and Balsamic Vinaigrette



All lunch selections come with coffee and hot tea service, ice tea, and dessert. The lunch dessert is Lemon Mousse Cake.

(See meal price section on next page.)

Saturday Afternoon Plenary Session

Due to strict security provisions, convention name tags will be checked and must be worn at all times. Persons without name badges will be turned away.

The Saturday afternoon plenary speaker line-up is as follows:

1:45 PM—2:45 PM

Michael Shermer ~ Publisher of *Skeptical Magazine*

“Chicken Soup for the Atheist’s Soul: Finding Spirituality in a Godless Universe”

Without an outside source for meaning and morality—that is, without God—where can atheists find transcendency and spirituality? In this provocative talk, Shermer presents his theory on the evolutionary origins of morality and meaning, and how a naturalistic worldview offers the most spiritual sense of transcendency possible.

15-Minute Break ~ Original Ticket Needed for Re-Entry!

Only ticketed people will be allowed back into the Grand Salon after the break. Please have your re-entry ticket with you at all times. Name badges must also be worn at all times.

3:00 PM—4:00 PM

P. Z. Myers ~ Biologist, University of Minnesota

“Science as an Instrument of Change”

Atheism is a natural consequence of the scientific way of looking at the world; furthermore, the scientific perspective is ascendant. Myers will explain why the new atheism is a reasonable and predictable product of our culture, and why that should give us hope for a more secular future.

4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Michael Newdow ~ Attorney and Physician

“Establishment Clause: Floaters and Sinkers”

Newdow will talk about his case to remove “In God We Trust” from United States currency and his case to remove the words “under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance that are pending in the 9th Circuit. A decision is expected before the convention date. Watch for updates at the AAI website. See: www.AtheistAlliance.org.

Saturday Night Happy Hour, Banquet, Plenary and Entertainment

Saturday Night Happy Hour (with cash bar and servings of soft pretzels and Dijon mustard dip) begins at 6:00 PM in the Grand Salon (R-Deck, Midship). Enjoy a jazz duo and slide show featuring beautiful natural scenery. The trio will play throughout the dinner service and the slide show will be repeated on a continual-display program.

Due to strict security concerns, those who do not want to join in the dinner will be seated in a non-meal section of the ballroom located in the neighboring Windsor Room (R-Deck, Midship). Heavy security will be enforced at that entrance as well.

Awards Banquet Selections

Chicken Macadamia

Grilled Breast of Chicken in a Crispy Macadamia Crust
with Tomato Tarragon Coulis,
Fresh Vegetables and a Chef’s Side Dish.

New York Steak

Served with Mushrooms, Onions and
Green Peppercorn Cream Sauce,
Fresh Vegetables
and a Chef’s Side Dish.

Baked Halibut

Served with Teriyaki Sesame Seed Sauce, Fresh Vegetables
and Chef’s Side Dish.

Vegetarian

Roasted Vegetables Served over Linguine with
Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Parmesan Cheese,
Garlic and Fresh Herbs

Vegan

Tomato Stuffed with Vegetable Macedonian, Served with
Balsamic Rice and Black Bean Sauce

All meals are served with dinner rolls, ice tea, coffee, and hot tea, and a dinner salad consisting of Bibb lettuce with Grapefruit, Red Beets, Feta Cheese and Raspberry Dressing. Dessert is Marble Cheesecake with Blueberry Sauce. A Queen Mary collectible tin filled with enough chocolate to serve one piece to each attendee will be placed on each table. A trivia game will determine who takes the tin home.

(See meal price section on next page)

Those who do not want to join in the dinner service will be seated in a non-meal section of the ballroom located in the neighboring Windsor Room (R-Deck, Midship). Please enter through the Windsor doorway to be seated for an 8:00 PM After-Dinner Plenary. Convention name tags will be checked and must be worn at all times.

The After-Dinner Plenary session will honor atheists in politics. **Eddie Tabash**, Esquire (who made a gallant run for the California State Assembly in 2000), will talk about electing atheists to public office.

A video presentation of **Congressman Pete Stark** accepting the first annual AAI "Freedom of Conscience Award" will be shown. The 2008 Freidenker Award and AAI's Second Annual "World of Thanks" Award will also be presented.

After the formal speeches, please stay for a late-night musical with **Michele Rundgren** and **Wanda Plimmer**. During a 15-minute break, the Grand Salon stage will be transformed into a scene from the new musical *Religiomania*. In this scene two moms are on a mission to take down organized religion between carpool and soccer practice. Yes, they would like to save the world... if they just had the time.

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Sunday morning kicks off in the Queen's Salon (Promenade Deck, Midship) with an 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast service (coffee, tea, and assorted breakfast pastries). The Sunday morning program will highlight the challenging subject of freeing women from the constraints of religion. The following speakers will each deliver 30-minute presentations. A 30-minute panel discussion moderated by **Bobbie Kirkhart** on the subject will follow with the panelists listed below:

Margaret Downey ~ AAI President

Downey will highlight traditions and biblical rhetoric that subjugate women around the world. Downey's presentation encourages tossing religion overboard.

Bobbie Kirkhart ~ Vice President of the Secular Coalition for America

"A Word Sweeter: Women Freethinkers and their Struggles" Kirkhart will profile and salute the courage of foremothers and contemporaries who, as infidels, have enriched our social, political and cultural lives.

Kathleen Johnson ~ Spokesperson and Board Member of American Atheists

Johnson will provide a first-hand report on how fanatic religious beliefs are impacting women in third world countries.

Please plan to attend the Convention Closing Ceremony at 11:00 AM (same room). Activities include an awards ceremony acknowledging AAI and convention volunteers, a memorial to atheists who have died within the year, a 2008 convention highlights slide show, The Camp Quest Players, and an announcement about the 2009 AAI convention.

Convention Costs

(Effective only until August 31, 2008):

\$140 (AAI Member)

\$150 (Non-Member)

\$70 (Full-Time Student Rate—Student ID required)

(after August 31, 2008 and at the door):

\$150 (AAI Member)

\$160 (Non-Member)

\$80 (Full-Time Student Rate—Student ID required)

Includes a souvenir speakers booklet, Friday-night hors d'oeuvre and entertainment, a Friday night concert, admission to the exhibition hall, Saturday morning workshops, Saturday afternoon plenary, Saturday Happy Hour with hors d'oeuvres and music, Saturday night plenary with a musical presentation, Sunday Continental Breakfast, Sunday plenary, and Closing Ceremony.

Thursday Night Fund Raiser

\$30 (AAI Member and Non-Member)

\$15 (Student)

Meal Costs (completely optional)

As a "thank you" for helping AAI meet food minimums, a 2008 convention souvenir will be given to those who purchase both meals on Saturday.

Thursday Board Dinner

\$35 (AAI Member) **\$40** (Non-Member)

\$15 (Full-Time Student—Student ID Required)

Friday Board Luncheon

\$25 (AAI Member) **\$30** (Non-Member)

\$12 (Full-Time Student Rate—Student ID Required)

Saturday Luncheon

\$25 (AAI Member) **\$30** (Non-Member)

\$15 (Full-Time Student—Student ID Required)

Saturday Night Banquet

\$50 (AAI Member) **\$55** (Non-Member)

\$25 (Full-Time Student—Student ID Required)

Registration

Please visit the AAI website to sign up online. Follow the 2008 AAI Convention link at www.AtheistAlliance.org.

If students want to register online, they are required to obtain a password by sending a copy of their student ID to:

Atheist Alliance International

P. O. Box 234

Pocopson, PA 19366

A copy of a student ID can be faxed to (610) 793-2569 or emailed to President@AtheistAlliance.org. Please contact the AAI office should you have any questions or concerns. The phone number is (610) 793-2737. Also email questions to President@AtheistAlliance.org.

Hotel Information

Queen Mary Hotel

1126 Queen's Highway
Long Beach, CA 90802

Phone: (800) 437-2934 or (562) 432-6964

Reservations only available via telephone!

Room Rate: \$149 (single or double)

(Mention AAI to receive the discounted rate.)

Parking at the *Queen Mary* is \$12 per day. A limited number of suites are available at the *Queen Mary*. The cost for a suite is \$199 (single or double) a night. The AAI discount offer expires at 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 31, 2008. Please make your hotel reservations before that day.

The AAI discount room rate is available two days prior and two days after the scheduled AAI convention dates of September 25—28, 2008. Arrive early or stay later to enjoy pre-convention activities and the local sites!

The recommended overflow/alternate hotels are:

Hilton

701 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90831
Phone: (562) 983-3400

Website for Reservations: www.LongBeach.Hilton.com

Room Rate: \$185 - \$279 per night

Parking: \$15 per day

Rodeway Inn Long Beach

50 Atlantic Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90802
Phone: (562) 435-8369

Website for Reservations: www.Rodeway.com/hotel/ca340

Room Rate: \$80 - \$120

Parking: Free

(located 2 miles from the *Queen Mary*)

Please note that the City of Long Beach Ordinance Number C-7132 prohibits smoking in most public areas such as buildings, restaurants, and convention room/halls. Smoking on some outdoor decks on the *Queen Mary* is permitted. Please observe "smoking" and "no smoking" areas.

Air Travel

Please visit the AAI website (www.AtheistAlliance.org) for information about the AAI Travel Club. Special discounts are being offered to AAI convention attendees through Suzi Davis Travel. Call (888) 677-8728 or visit www.suzidavis.com/aai.



More Air and Ground Travel Information



The closest airport to the *Queen Mary* is located in Long Beach, California. Catch either a taxi (about \$20) or the Super Shuttle to get to the *Queen Mary* (about \$15). The number for the Super

Shuttle is (800) 862-7771. Advance reservations can also be made via the Internet at:

www.SuperShuttle.com

The next closest airport north of the *Queen Mary* is the Los Angeles International Airport located in Los Angeles, California. Catch either a taxi (about \$30) or the Super Shuttle to get to the *Queen Mary* (about \$20). The number for the Super Shuttle is (800) 862-7771. Advance reservations can also be made via the Internet at:

www.SuperShuttle.com

The closest airport south of the *Queen Mary* is John Wayne Airport located in Santa Ana, California. Catch either a taxi (about \$40) or the Super Shuttle to get to the *Queen Mary* (about \$25). The number for the Super Shuttle is (800) 862-7771. Advance reservations can also be made via the Internet at:

www.SuperShuttle.com

To travel from the Los Angeles International Airport to the *Queen Mary* via Mass Transit, please see the following website:

http://socaltransport.org/tm_pub_start.php?place0=lax&place1=101+S+Pine+Ave+lon

Camp Quest West Information

Chris Lindstrom and **Amanda Metskas** will run a Mini Camp Quest for the children of conventioners. Reservations are required and can be done at the AAI website. Children ages 6—13 are welcome.

Teens who would like to help as volunteers are also welcomed and encouraged to participate. Camp Quest activities will take place in the Board Room (R Deck, Midship). The room is perfect for games, crafts, and hanging out. The Camp Quest program will highlight science, critical thinking, fun, and education. The program includes a field trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific. Thanks to some generous donors the Camp Quest fee is only \$50. The fee will cover the use of the room, all activities, and food. Camp Quest hours and days of operation are:

Friday 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Saturday 8:30 AM—9:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM—Noon

Exhibitors

A large exhibition hall is available for use by organizations and friends of AAI. The space can hold up to 20 tables. AAI is offering exhibition space that includes a 6-foot table, tablecloth, and two chairs for the following rates:

Individual Table Reservations by the Day	\$75
Individual Table Two-Day Package (Friday and Saturday)	\$130

Exhibitors already scheduled are:

American Atheists
American Humanist Association
Americans United for Separation of Church and State
Atheists United
The Brights' Net
Center For Inquiry-Los Angeles
Charlie's Playhouse
Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers
Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science
Secular Coalition for America
Secular Student Alliance
Scouting For All

Book Signing Table

AAI is extending convention invitations to a wide variety of authors and entertainers. A special book, CD, and DVD signing table will be located in the Exhibition Hall. A signing schedule will be posted on a daily basis.

Live Internet Streaming of the Convention

For those who are unable to attend the 2008 "Unsinkable Atheism" AAI convention, AAI once again offers a live video Internet streaming option. Thanks to the initial investment in the technology, AAI is pleased to sell passwords at a lower price than what was charged in 2007. If you can't attend the convention, please plan to purchase a password as per the following list:

1. \$75 for all three days (Friday night-Sunday morning)
2. \$20 Friday night only
3. \$40 Saturday (all day and all night)
4. \$20 Sunday morning only

To purchase a password, please visit:

<http://www.onsitestreaming.com/index.php>

In 2007, many passwords were used for viewing at colleges, group meetings, and in private homes. This is a great way to see a convention in progress without investing in travel, hotel, convention fees, and other expenses related to attending a convention.

2008 Convention DVD Sales

Visit the AAI website a month after the convention to purchase DVDs of the entire convention activities.

Sponsor a Student

Participating students are receiving an across-the-board 50% discount, as reflected in the above price structure. Many students will still find the expense too much to handle. Please contact AAI to sponsor a student. Donations earmarked for "student convention participation" are 100% tax-deductible!



Don't miss the boat!

Sign up now to guarantee "first class" accommodations on the beautiful *Queen Mary!*

**Anchor new friendships,
hear great speakers,
attend interesting workshops,
launch your activism and help
AAI toss religion overboard!**

Please see text in this convention booklet for complete convention details. Please clip this page and return it to the Atheist Alliance International (AAI) in order to register through the mail. Mail to: P. O. Box 234, Pocopson, Pennsylvania 19366. All students must provide AAI with a Student ID copy.

Convention Early Bird Price

- \$140 (AAI Member Convention Fee)
- \$150 (Non-Member Convention Fee)
- \$70 (Full-Time Student Rate)

Convention Prices After August 31, 2008

- \$150 (AAI Member Convention Fee)
- \$160 (Non-Member Convention Fee)
- \$80 (Full-Time Student Rate)

Thursday, September 25, 2007 Thursday Night "Fun" Raiser Wedding and Wedding Reception

- \$30 (Member and Non-Member Entry Fee)
- \$15 (Full-Time Student Rate)

Note: Please complete your meal choices below. See booklet for meal descriptions.

Thursday Night Board Dinner

- \$35 (AAI Member)
- \$40 (Non-Member)
- \$15 (Full-Time Student Rate)

Friday Board Lunch

- \$25 (AAI Member)
- \$30 (Non-Member)
- \$12 (Full-Time Student Rate)

Saturday Luncheon

- \$25 (AAI Member)
- \$30 (Non-Member)
- \$15 (Full-Time Student Rate)

Saturday Night Banquet

- \$50 (AAI Member)
- \$55 (Non-Member)
- \$25 (Full-Time Student Rate)

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Luncheon Selections

- Chicken Caesar Salad**
Breast of Chicken, Romaine Lettuce, Croutons, Parmesan Cheese and Caesar Dressing
- The Baguette**
Sliced Roast Beef with Pommery Mustard Sauce, Brie Cheese and Bermuda Onions Served on a French Baguette. Served with Pasta Primavera Salad
- Vegetarian Grilled Soy Chick'n Caesar**
Romaine Lettuce with Parmesan Cheese, Croutons and Vine Ripened Tomato Topped with Soy Chick'n and Served with Caesar Dressing
- Vegan**
Tofu and Portobello Mushroom Napoleon Served with Grilled Artichokes and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Awards Banquet Selections

- Chicken Macadamia**
Grilled Breast of Chicken in a Crispy Macadamia Crust with Tomato Tarragon Coulis, Fresh Vegetables and a Chef's Side Dish.
- New York Steak**
Served with Mushrooms, Onions and Green Peppercorn Cream Sauce, Fresh Vegetables and a Chef's Side Dish.
- Baked Halibut**
Served with Teriyaki Sesame Seed Sauce, Fresh Vegetables and Chef's Side Dish.
- Vegetarian**
Roasted Vegetables Served over Linguine with Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Parmesan Cheese, Garlic and Fresh Herbs
- Vegan**
Tomato Stuffed with Vegetable Macedonian, Served with Balsamic Rice and Black Bean Sauce

My special dietary needs are: _____
