

MAKE THE JUNE 2008 GIG NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE THE STARTING POINT FOR YOUR FAMILY VACATION. TEXAS HAS ANYTHING YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!



[Grapevine](#)

www.grapevinetexasusa.com

Visit art galleries and shop 'til you drop. Approximately 5 miles from DFW Marriott Hotel. **Grapevine Mills Mall:** <http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=1248> (3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway, 76051). 2 miles west of DFW Marriott. It has 1.6 million square feet of shopping with 180 stores and 30-screen Grapevine Mills Theater. **Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center:** <http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylordtexan/> (1501 Gaylord Trail, 76051). **Bass Pro Outdoor World:** <http://www.basspro.com/> (2501 Bass Pro Drive, 76051). Amazing hunting, fishing and boating headquarters. A sportsman's paradise. **Great Wolf Lodge:** <http://www.greatwolf.com/Locations/Grapevine/> (100 Great Wolf Drive, 76051). Massive indoor swimming park and kid-friendly lodge centered around fun entertainment for kids.

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[Arlington](#) www.arlington.org

Get your thrill on at Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor Water Park or visit the Texas Rangers. Approximately 15 miles from the hotel. **Six Flags Over Texas amusement park:** <http://www.sixflags.com/overTexas/index.aspx> (at the intersection of highways I-30 and 360 in Arlington). **Six Flags Over Texas Hurricane Harbor water park:** <http://www.sixflags.com/hurricaneHarborTexas/index.aspx> (1800 E. Lamar Blvd, Arlington, 76006). Near Six Flags over Texas. **Texas Rangers Baseball:** http://texas.rangers.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=tex (1000 Ballpark Way, Arlington).

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[Dallas](#) www.dallascvb.com

See the Dallas World Aquarium or the Sixth Floor Museum (assassination of JFK). Approximately 20 miles. **Dallas World Aquarium:** <http://www.dwazoo.com/default.html> (1801 N. Griffin St., 75202). **Sixth Floor Museum:** <http://www.jfk.org/> (411 Elm St., 214-747-6660). Try to have a meal at the completely gluten free restaurant **Delicious N Fit**, 930 W. Parker Rd., #420, Plano, north of Dallas (972-599-1018).

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[North Richland Hills](#)

www.nrhtx.com. Cool off at a family-friendly water park, **NRH₂O:** <http://www.nrh2o.com/> (9001 Boulevard 26, 76180, North Richland Hills, 76180). Approximately 40 minutes from the DFW Marriott Hotel.

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Fun outdoor water park with **Mountasia** next door: <http://www.mountasiafamilyfuncenter.com/> Offering miniature golf, go karts, bumper boats, kiddie rides, arcade and batting cages ALL in one location.

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[Fort Worth](#)

www.fortworth.com. Loaded with museums and western culture. Approximately 25 miles. **Fort Worth Zoo:** <http://www.fortworthzoo.com/> (1989 Colonial Parkway, 76110). **Fort Worth Stockyards:** <http://www.fortworthstockyards.org/> (130 E. Exchange Ave, 76164). Experience the old West where cattle drives drove right through the center of Fort Worth. **Downtown Fort Worth Museums**, including the world-renowned Kimball Art Museum and the Museum of Science and History: <http://www.fortworth.com/01visitors/0106museums/0106museums.shtml> (817-882-8588)

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[Glen Rose](#)

Glen Rose Dinosaur State Park: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/dinosaur_valley/FM-205, Glen Rose, TX 76043 (254-897-4588). See huge dinosaur tracks in the river bed right here in Texas. **Fossil Rim Wildlife Center:** <http://www.fossilrim.com/> POB 2189, Glen Rose, TX 76043, (254-897-2960). Take a ride through Fossil Rim in your own car and get up close and personal with all kinds of wild animals that you can feed from your car window. 55 miles southwest from Fort Worth.

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[Austin](#)

www.austintexas.org

Headquarters of **Whole Foods** and home of some crazy nightlife. Approximately 200 miles south of the DFW area. Check <http://www.alamoceliac.org/acdd.html> for places to eat. Visit the **Wildwood Art Café**, a gluten free café and art gallery. Check out their menu online: <http://www.wildwoodartcafe.com/cafe.php>. They have a gluten free bakery that has every kind of GF baked good you could ask for and even GF lasagna. 3663 Bee Caves Rd., #4A, Austin, 78746. Open every day except Sunday. 800-420-4207. Visit historic downtown Austin, which is the State Capitol of Texas and home to the University of Texas. Contact the State Capitol to see about visitor's hours at: <http://www.tspb.state.tx.us/CVC/home/home.html>.



[San Antonio www.sanantoniocvb.com](http://www.sanantoniocvb.com)

Tour the Alamo and the Natural Bridge Caverns. Approximately 275 miles from DFW. San Antonio **Six Flags Over Texas** <http://www.sixflags.com/fiestaTexas/index.aspx> Visit **The Alamo**: <http://www.thealamo.org/> (300 Alamo Plaza, 78205)

Natural Bridge Caverns: <http://www.naturalbridgecaverns.com/> (26495 Natural Bridge Cavern Rd., 78266. Fascinating underworld of caverns.) A great place to go **Tubing down the Guadalupe River**: <http://www.riversportstubes.com/>.

Great family fun! GF places to eat: **Little Aussie Bakery & Café**, 3610 Avenue B, San Antonio. 210-826-7877. Check www.alamoceliac.org for other gluten aware places to eat. GF B&B to stay overnight: www.chickenparadise.com. Run by celiac, Anne Barfield. 210-340-0648.

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[Greater Houston www.visithoustontexas.com](http://www.visithoustontexas.com)

[Bay Area Houston www.visitbayareahouston.com](http://www.visitbayareahouston.com)

Experience the **Space Center** and the #1 children's museum in the country. Approximately 275 miles. Space Center Houston (1601 NASA Parkway, 77058) **Children's Museum of Houston** (1500 Binz, 77004)

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[Corpus Christi www.corpuschristi-tx-cvb.org](http://www.corpuschristi-tx-cvb.org) (1-800-766-2322). Relax on the beach or watch for dolphins. Approximately 420 miles south from DFW area.

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[South Padre Island www.spichamber.com](http://www.spichamber.com) (956-761-4412)

Get in touch with nature from the island and the Rio Grande Valley. Approximately 575 miles. **Schlitterbahn Water Parks**: <http://www.schlitterbahn.com/>. Voted the best indoor water park in America 10 years in a row!! Located in South Padre Island, New Braunfels (245 miles or 5 hours south of Dallas) <http://www.schlitterbahn.com/nb/default.asp>, and Galveston, TX (south on I-35 from Dallas, 8 hours from Dallas).



[Laura's Bistro / Delicious 'N Fit www.delicious-n-fit.com](http://www.delicious-n-fit.com) - An ALL-GLUTEN-FREE restaurant and bakery located in Plano, approximately 25 miles (930 W. Parker #420, 75075)

[Carino's Italian Grill www.carinos.com](http://www.carinos.com) - locations in Irving, Hurst, and Grand Prairie, and throughout the state. Has a GF menu.

[Rio Mambo](http://www.riomambo.com/locations.php) in Colleyville, TX (8 mi from DFW Marriott) and in San Antonio <http://www.riomambo.com/locations.php>. Tex Mex food at its best. Lots of GF selections of Mexican food. They have a GF menu.

[Rockfish Seafood Grill](http://www.rockfish.com/) has a new GF menu. They have 9 locations in the DFW area, 3 in Houston and 1 in Lubbock, TX. <http://www.rockfish.com/>.

Check out the new GF menu at [Saltgrass Steakhouse](http://www.saltgrass.com/). <http://www.saltgrass.com/>. A real taste of wonderful Texas beef! Locations in Texas: 14 in and around the DFW area, with one about 1 mile from the Marriott; 15 in and near Houston, 3 in San Antonio; 2 in Austin; and 1 in San Marcos.

[Risky's Steakhouse](#) can fix you GF fried catfish and a host of other great GF menu items. They have several locations in Fort Worth: 120 E. Exchange Ave. (817-624-4800 Stockyards area), 300 Main St.(817-877-3306) and 2314 Azle Ave (817-624-8662). Risky's also offers BBQ at the locations listed above and other areas of the DFW area. Outstanding BBQ for a real taste of Texas BBQ. Eddie Sullivan, owner, is finalizing his GF menu for his locations now and they will be ready by conference time.

Decorative footer with stars and a yellow box containing the text: **COME BY THE NORTH TEXAS GIG TABLE DURING THE CONFERENCE TO BUY A RESTAURANT GUIDE FOR GF MENUS FROM MANY LOCAL RESTAURANTS BESIDES THE ONES LISTED ABOVE AND WELL-KNOWN CHAINS.** An illustration of a cowboy hat and boots is also present.