

Conference Site Information

The 29th Annual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness (SAC) will be held April 1 to 5, 2009 at the historic Edgefield Conference Center in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. Co-sponsor of the conference is The Association of Transpersonal Psychology.

Conference fees include lunch provided by Edgefield. Vegan and other meals will be offered. Please note your dietary needs on the registration forms.

Edgefield encompasses a lush 74-acre parcel of farmland at the mouth of the spectacular Columbia River Gorge with historic buildings of all sizes artfully restored and rich with cozy interiors, tranquil ponds and dazzling gardens. The stately main Edgefield building (circa 1911), with over 100 European-style guestrooms and hostel accommodations, is a national historic landmark. Edgefield offers a fine dining restaurant, classic pub, and numerous small bars. Edgefield's onsite brewery, winery, and distillery offer tasting rooms for handcrafted ales, wines, and spirits. Each spacious guestroom is furnished in charming turn-of-the-century decor. There are no televisions or telephones in the rooms, encouraging tranquility as do the rocking chairs on the verandas. Wireless internet connections are, however, available. On the grounds, you will find a plethora of diversions including trails, golf course, pool hall, onsite massage and spa, outdoor heated soaking pool, onsite glass-blower and pottery maker, artwork everywhere, recent-run movie theater, and the gift shop with treasures from the Pacific Northwest and the world over.

SAC has reserved a block of guestrooms which conference participants must reserve directly with Edgefield. Be sure to mention that you are coming to the SAC Conference. The block of guestrooms is reserved through January 31, 2009, after which time they will be released to the general public. So please reserve early!

The guestrooms at Edgefield feature whimsical artwork, comfy chenille-covered beds and vintage furnishings. Many of the rooms also feature original porcelain sinks and cotton bathrobes. Guests may choose from rooms with private baths or conveniently located common bathrooms. Room choices and current prices per night include:

Suite with private bath	\$110–\$145
European-style King	\$75–\$99
European-style Double Queen	\$80–\$105
European-style Queen	\$60–\$80
Family Room (up to six people)	\$150–\$175
Twin (single occupancy)	\$50

Besides the block of reserved rooms, Edgefield also offers hostel rooms featuring bunk beds and individual lockers. Rates are for one bed in either a men's or women's sleeping quarter and are currently priced at \$40 per night. Hostel beds are filled on a first come, first served basis. Add 13.45% city, state and county lodging tax to all room rates.

Rooms can be reserved on line at: [Edgefield Conference Center](#) or by phone at (503) 669-8610 or (800) 669-8610. This website also contains additional site and local transportation information.

Edgefield's address is 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale, OR 97060.

Alternative accommodations near Edgefield are listed below.

Weather: Portland's weather in April can range from beautiful sunny days to sprinkles, mist, and rain showers, sometimes with multiple changes and rainbows each day. High temperatures are typically in the low 60s and low temperatures in the 40s. Edgefield's gardens will already be in bloom with early spring flowers.

The rule of thumb for spring weather in Oregon is to dress in layers. Bring rain gear just in case. Oregonians typically avoid umbrellas in favor of rainproof clothing.

Site Seeing: The Portland area offers a rich natural and cultural environment. Edgefield is close to the fabulous Columbia River Gorge with dozens of waterfalls, hiking trails and wildflowers. Further afield are the spectacular Oregon Coast with its crashing waves and public beaches (all beaches in Oregon are public), Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens. Portland is home to world famous Powell's Bookstore, museums, symphony, opera, ballet, live theatre, blues and jazz clubs, and the largest number of brewpubs per capita in the U.S. Edgefield's founders, the McMenamain brothers, helped launch the microbrew industry in the Pacific Northwest. With no sales tax, Oregon is also a shopper's paradise.

Ground Transportation: Rental cars, door-to-door shuttles, and taxis are available at the Portland International Airport, just 15 minutes from Edgefield. Ground transportation providers are listed at the following website: [Portland International Airport](#). The Amtrak and Greyhound Stations are next to each other in downtown Portland. Edgefield is accessible from them via the MAX light rail and bus lines. Edgefield offers free parking.

Alternative Accommodations near Conference Site: The following hotels/motels are within about two miles of Edgefield.

Travelodge East Portland/Gresham

23705 NE Sandy Blvd
Troutdale, OR, 97060
Phone: (503) 666-6623
Fax: (503) 661-1308
Reservations: 1-800-578-7878
<http://www.travelodge.com>

Motel 6 Portland East - Troutdale #407

1610 NW Frontage Road
Troutdale, OR, 97060
Phone: (503) 665-2254
Fax: (503) 666-1849
Reservations: 800-4-MOTEL6 (800-466-8356)
<http://www.motel6.com>

Comfort Inn & Suites-Columbia Gorge West (OR127)

477 NW Phoenix Drive
Troutdale, OR, US, 97060
Phone: (503) 669-6500
Fax: (503) 669-3500
Reservations 1-877-424-6423
<http://www.comfortinn.com>

Best Western Cascade Inn & Suites

23525 NE Halsey Street
Troutdale, Oregon, 97060-2814
Phone: (503) 491-9700
Fax: (503) 491-9353
Reservations: 1-800-637-5958
<http://www.bestwesternoregon.com>

Americas Best Value Inn

790 NW Frontage Rd.
Troutdale, OR 97060 US
Phone: (503) 667-6212
Fax: (503) 666-7898
Reservations: 1-888-315-2378
<http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com>

Holiday Inn Express-Portland E

1000 NW Graham Rd
Troutdale, OR 97060
Phone: (503) 492-2900
Fax: (503) 492-1991
Reservations: 1-888-HOLIDAY (888-465-4329)
<http://www.portlandhotels.holidayinnexpress.com>