EVENT ACCESSIBILITY

inclusive events for all humans

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1 in 5 people have a disability

"Notably, none of the specific tasks we took on were particularly challenging, and many weren't even expensive"

Erin Kissane, "Making SRCCON Good For Humans"

do a walkthrough & pay attention

"Where is the wheelchair-accessible entrance?"

"Is handicapped parking available?"

"Are there steps into presentation rooms?"

do a walkthrough & pay attention

"Where is an accessible bathroom?"

"Do your elevators lock after office hours?"

MAPS

label any steps (even just one)
label all event rooms
label elevators & accessible entrances

for all venues!

bonus: directions to/from recommended hotels, with links to accessible transit options

space out seating
signs everywhere
quiet area
tape out walkways



talk to your speakers

Do you need any special accommodation (sign language interpreting, etc) to participate in WordCamp US? Meal preference? * Omnivore Vegetarian Vegan Gluten-free Kosher If you have a life-threatening food allergy, please let us know what you're allergic to.

FOOD

work with catering to match requested dietary preferences

keep a list of local restaurants

label everything

blog about it!

any new info = a blog post announce your schedule as early as possible

PRESENTATIONS

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CART ASL

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tell speakers to:

use the microphones
describe any visuals on slides
not overuse animations

SOCIAL EVENTS

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have seating throughout space keep focus off alcohol avoid disco/rave settings

POLICIES





SIGNAGE

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put signs everywhere

outside, label entrances inside, point to all rooms schedules

ACCESSIBILITY ORGANIZER

THANK YOU!

- AdaCamp photos: https://www.flickr.com/photos/evablue/albums/72157652192509765
- Autistics Present photo: https://www.facebook.com/ASNavigators/
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