

Fact Sheet about CNCH San Luis Obispo, August 3 – 6, 2023

Those who attend CNCH 2023 in San Luis Obispo will have an opportunity to choose from a wide variety of weaving, spinning, dyeing and other fiber arts classes - all offered on the campus of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Here are some basic details about the conference beyond the descriptions of the classes.

Registration:

The early registration fee, for those registering between April 29 and June 10, will be \$475 for those who belong to CNCH member guilds and \$505 for those who do not belong to CNCH member guilds. Registration fees will increase by \$30 for both categories after 5 p.m. on June 10. Every registrant will receive a ticket to a Friday night barbecue and a Saturday night reception, included in the cost of registration. More information will be included in the registration materials.



Poly Canyon Village – Photo courtesy of Barbara Schneiderhan

Housing:

Optional apartment-style housing will be available at the Poly Canyon Village on the Cal Poly campus. The apartments include living room/common rooms and kitchen facilities in addition to multiple bathrooms and bedrooms. The cost will be \$395 per person for the three nights of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. More information about the housing will be provided in the conference registration materials. To view the apartment-style housing, please visit Cal Poly's website, but please note that the beds will be lowered

for conference registrants: [Poly Canyon Village Apartments - University Housing - Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.](#)

On-campus housing is entirely optional. Conference registrants also may commute from home, rent a local hotel room or a vacation rental – the choice is yours.



Meals:

With the exception of the Friday night barbecue and Saturday night reception, no other meals are included in the cost of registration or housing. Optional Meal Plans may be purchased for \$95 per person and will cover the cost of other meals in Cal Poly's Vista Grande complex during the conference. Those who do not purchase a Meal Plan may purchase ala carte food on campus or elsewhere in the San Luis Obispo area.

Vista Grande Dining Complex – Photo by Barb Schneiderhan

For more information about dining facilities in the Vista Grande complex on the Cal Poly campus, please view:

[Cal Poly's Vista Grande Dining Complex Opens with Seven Dining Venues, Neighborhood Market - Cal Poly News - Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo](#)

[Cal Poly Campus Dining Virtual Tour 2022 - YouTube](#)

Schedule:

Workshops will be held during the day on Friday, Aug. 4, Saturday, Aug. 5 and until noon on Sunday, Aug. 6.

The barbecue will be held on Friday evening. A workshop walkabout/reception/informal fashion show will be held on Saturday evening.

More details regarding the hours of the above functions will be included in the registration materials.



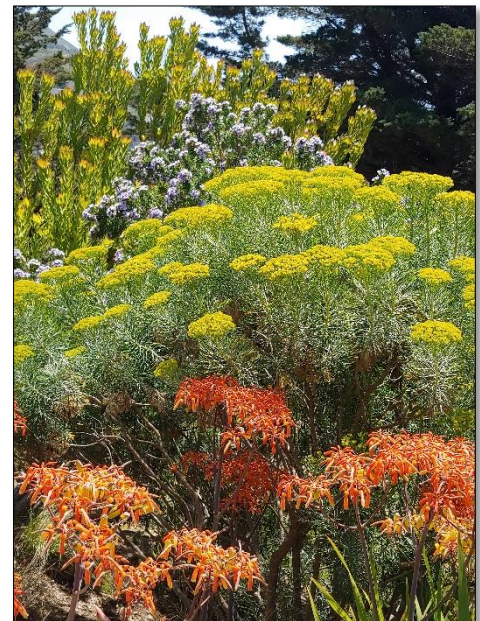
Marketplace:

Because this year's conference is a retreat-style conference, only one vendor will be available in the conference marketplace.

Eugene Textile Center will provide a variety of weaving and fiber arts materials and supplies and will have hours at various times throughout the conference. More information will be included in the registration materials. Please visit [Eugene Textile Center - Fiber Art Classes and Supplies](#)

On-Campus Recreation:

Those who want to get some fresh air between conference sessions may want to visit the Leaning Pine Arboretum on the Cal Poly Campus. Admission is free of charge. This garden features Mediterranean plants and is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. from Monday through Saturday. Benches and gazebos are available for those who bring a picnic lunch, and restroom facilities are close by in the greenhouse area. For more details, please see [Visiting the Leaning Pine Arboretum - Plant Sciences - Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo](#)



Cal Poly's Leaning Tree Arboretum – Photo courtesy of Yvonne Smith

Transportation:

By Car:

San Luis Obispo is located along Highway 101 and lies about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.



San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport – Photo courtesy of SLO County Regional Airport

Airlines:

San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport is served by **Alaska Airlines**, **American Airlines** and **United Airlines**, which provide direct service to Seattle, San Diego, Portland, Phoenix, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The regional airport is located about 15-20 minutes from the Cal Poly campus. For more information, please visit [Airline Information - San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport \(sloairport.com\)](http://sloairport.com) Please check with the individual airlines to determine their policies for traveling with oversized luggage, such as weaving and spinning equipment and supplies.

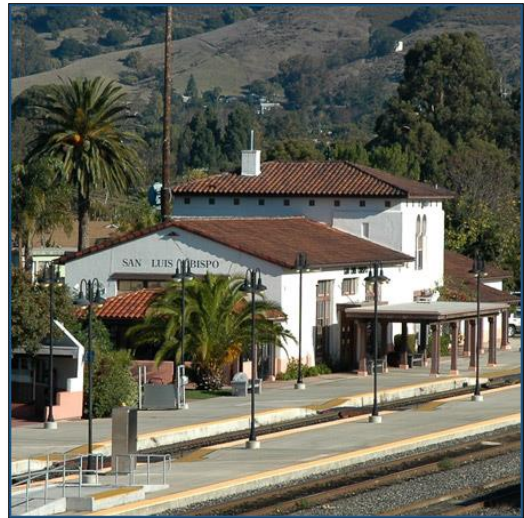
Train:

San Luis Obispo also has a train station located about 10 minutes from the Cal Poly campus.

Amtrak's Coast Starlight provides service between San Luis Obispo and Seattle, with 22 stations in between. The Coast Starlight also provides service between San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles, with four stations in between. For more information, please visit: [Coast Starlight Train | Amtrak](http://amtrak.com)

Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner provides service between San Luis Obispo and San Diego, with 27 stations in between. For more information, please visit: [Pacific Surfliner Train | Amtrak](http://amtrak.com)

Please see Amtrak's checked baggage restrictions about traveling with oversized luggage, such as weaving and spinning equipment. Please note that not all stations accept checked baggage, and you might want to check with your local moving or storage company to determine whether there are boxes available for packing your weaving or spinning supplies. For information about Amtrak's checked baggage policies, please view: [Checked Baggage Policy | Amtrak](http://amtrak.com)



Amtrak Station, San Luis Obispo – Internet photo

Shuttles:

Information about shuttle service between the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport, The Amtrak Train Station and Cal Poly will be included in conference materials.

Other Points of Interest in the San Luis Obispo Area:

Those traveling to CNCH might consider arriving a few days early - or staying a few days late - to enjoy the many attractions and recreational opportunities in the area.

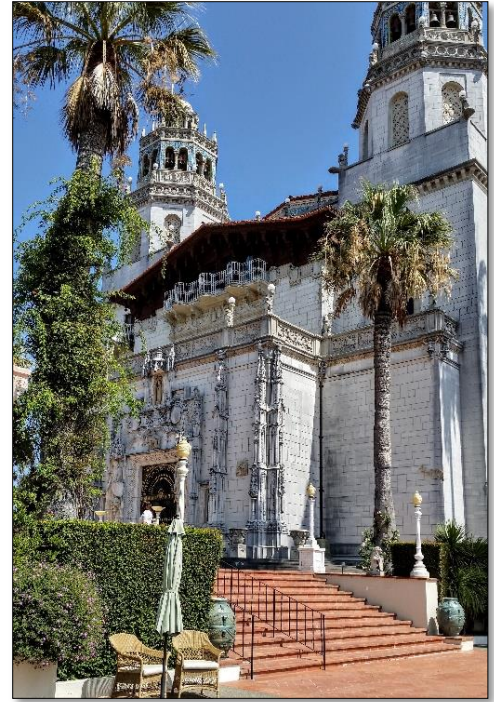
Or, if you are traveling to the conference with a spouse, child or grandchild, there are many things for your companions to do while you are enjoying the conference.

Hearst Castle:

Hearst Castle was built over a 26-year period by media mogul William Randolph Hearst and architect Julia Morgan. The four lavish Mediterranean-style homes on the estate contain 165 rooms filled with art and antiquities from around the world. The homes are surrounded by 123 acres of gardens, walkways, and pools.

Those who take the Grand Rooms Tour of the first floor of Casa Grande will be able to view a priceless collection of 16th and 17th Century Flemish tapestries. The Mille Fleurs tapestry in the Billiard Room dates to about 1500 and is considered an outstanding example of a “thousand flowers” design. The four huge “Deeds of Scipio Africanus” tapestries that flank the long walls in the Assembly Room date to about 1550 and are four in a series of 10. The remainder of the Scipio tapestries hang in the Louvre in Paris. The 17th Century “Labors of the Months” tapestries that adorn the Morning Room are particularly beautiful. Other tapestries are located throughout the ground floor of Casa Grande. For more information, please visit:

www.hearstcastle.org



Above: Casa Grande

Left: 16th Century Mille Fleurs tapestry

Photos courtesy of Yvonne Smith



Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa:

The mission in downtown San Luis Obispo was the fifth California mission founded by Father Junipero Serra on September 1, 1772. It was named after Saint Louis, Bishop of Toulouse, France. For more information, visit: www.missionsanluisobispo.org

Wineries:

San Luis Obispo County is home to more than 200 wineries, many of which produce award-winning wines. The wineries in the cooler climate of the Edna Valley near San Luis Obispo produce lighter wines such as Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs. The wineries in the North County areas of Templeton and Paso Robles produce robust reds, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Zinfandel, and other varieties that thrive in hotter climates. For more information, please see: <https://slocoastwine.com> and www.pasowine.com



Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa - Internet photo



One of 200 wineries in San Luis Obispo County – Photo courtesy of Yvonne Smith

Shopping and Dining in SLO County:

A wide range of shops and restaurants can be found in downtown San Luis Obispo, along the Embarcadero in Morro Bay, in the beach communities of Pismo Beach and Avila Beach, or in the artist community of Cambria.



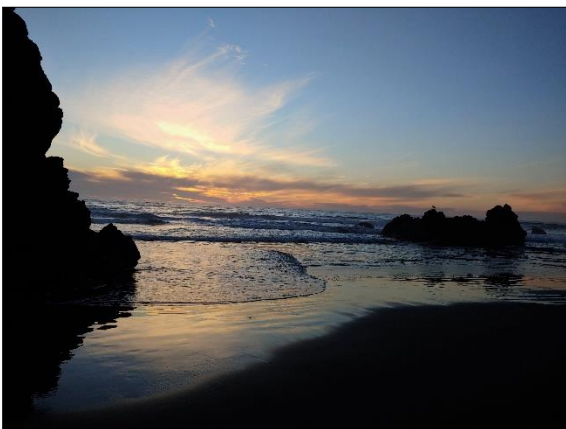
Downtown San Luis Obispo – Internet photo

Area Beaches:

Some of the most beautiful and pristine beaches in California are located along the coast of San Luis Obispo County. Whether you want to catch a fish or search for sand dollars along Morro Strand State Beach, rent a kayak in Morro Bay or Avila Beach, view the sea otters and seals near Morro Rock, or just enjoy a great sunset while eating seafood anywhere along the coast, opportunities abound in SLO County.



Clockwise from top: Morro Strand State Beach, otters in Morro Bay, Morro Bay Marina, Cayucos State Beach, Kayaking in Morro Bay – Photos by Yvonne Smith



Hiking and Mountain Biking in SLO County

SLO County is a hiker's dream with hundreds of miles of hiking trails throughout the county. Flat, easy trails can be found along the Estero Bluffs in Cayucos, the Bluff Trail in Montana de Oro State Park, the San Simeon Bay Trail in San Simeon, the Fiscalini Ranch in Cambria, Harmony Headlands north of Cayucos, and the paved Bob Jones Trail in Avila Beach.

Those looking for more strenuous and challenging hikes might want to climb Cerro San Luis or Bishop Peak in San Luis Obispo, or hike along the Panorama Trail or Roller Coaster Trail in the Mioosi Open Space behind Cal Poly. Some of these trails also are open to mountain bikers. For more information about hiking and mountain biking in San Luis Obispo, please visit: www.alltrails.com

Mark your calendars now!

Mark your calendars now for the opening of registration at 9 a.m. on April 29, 2023. You will not want to miss this fabulous conference in one of the most beautiful locations in California!



Clockwise from above: Estero Bluffs Trail, Harmony Headlands Trail, Mioosi Open Space trails, San Simeon Bay Trail – photos by Yvonne Smith

