

2022 National Convention

Attendee Information Packet

Thank you for registering to attend the 2022 Taco John’s National Convention. We are excited to **Go Boldly** into the coming year . . . and even more excited that you will join us! This packet contains a large amount of information that will be helpful as you plan for your arrival at Convention. If you have questions after reviewing the information, please contact:

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**Hotel**

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa

44600 Indian Wells Lane

Indian Wells, CA 92210

Website: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/california/hyatt-regency-indian-wells-resort-and-spa/champ> Phone: (760) 776-1234

Nestled in Greater Palm Springs, Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa offers a variety of world-class accommodations, total wellness services and outdoor recreation. Be among the first to experience our brand-new water park with dueling water slides, lazy river, and splash pad, making us the ultimate year-round destination.

**Agua Serena Spa**

Opportunities to nourish and restore mind and body abound. Agua Serena Spa offers facials, massages and body treatments, yoga studio and classes, wellness consultations, and a 24-hour fitness studio. Enjoy one of the many walking and biking trails throughout the resort or get in a game of tennis on our courts. You can book services in advance using the spa’s website.

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/spas/Agua-Serena-Spa/home>

**Cabana Rental**

Use the hotel’s online cabana rental website to book a cabana for your use during your stay. <https://hyatt-regency-indian-wells-resort-and-spa.resortpass.co/>

**Airports**

Two airports serve the Palm Springs area. Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) is located about 30 minutes from the hotel. The Ontario International Airport (ONT) is located about one hour from the hotel.

**Transportation**

Uber and Lyft are available for transportation to the hotel from either ONT or PSP. In addition, there are several rental car companies located at and near PSP.

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**Agenda -** *(Agenda is preliminary and is subject to change.)*

***Wednesday, March 30***

9 am-Noon: ATJF Board Meeting (Board Only)

1-3 pm: TJI Board Meeting (Board Only)

3-6 pm: On-site Registration and Pre-sale Drink Tickets

5-6 pm: Board to Board Social (Boards Only)

6-8 pm: Welcome Reception

***Thursday, March 31***

7-9 am: On-site Registration and Pre-sale Drink Tickets

7:30-8:15 am: Breakfast

8:30 am-Noon: General Session #1

12:30-2:30 pm: ATJF Member Luncheon Meeting (Members Only)

5:30-9 pm: Golf Calcutta Auction & Fundraiser with Casual Buffet Dinner

***Friday, April 1***

7:30-8 am: Continental breakfast

8 am-Noon: Vendor Exhibit Show

12:15-1 pm: Breakout 1 (Restaurant Technology or Recruiting and Retention)

1-1:45 pm: Breakout 2 (Recruiting and Retention or Restaurant Technology)

6:45-7:30 pm: Cocktail Reception

7:30-10 pm: Awards Banquet & Entertainment

***Saturday, April 2***

7:30-8:15 am: Breakfast

8:15 am-Noon: General Session #2

1-6 pm: 2022 Golf Tournament

7-10 pm: Closing Event

**Masks**

At this time, California has lifted its mask mandate for indoor gatherings. Convention attendees will be expected to abide by local mandates and requirements should this position change. Please consider bringing along a mask just in case.

**Name Badges and Check-In**

You will receive a name badge and welcome bag when you check in at Convention. To ensure correct spellings and titles on name badges, as well as dinner entrée selections, please complete the quick survey: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/SLxcXp3/2022attendees>.

**Pre-sale Drink Tickets**

Each paid attendee will receive four complimentary drink tickets with their registration materials. The tickets can be used for beverages at the Awards Banquet and/or Closing Event. Additional drink tickets will be available for pre-sale. To purchase drinks inside the event, the cost is $14. Pre-sale tickets will cost $10 each and will be available during Registration.

**Meals**

The following meals are included in your Convention registration:

* *March 30*: Welcome Reception: Heavy hors d’oeuvres.
* *March 31*: Breakfast, ATJF Member lunch (ATJF Members only), Calcutta Dinner
* *April 1*: Continental Breakfast, Awards Banquet Plated Dinner
* *April 2:* Breakfast, box lunch for golfers, Closing Event Dinner

\*\**Please remember to make your Awards Banquet entrée choice from the survey above.\*\**

**Breakout Sessions**

We will offer two breakout sessions, which will repeat back-to-back immediately following the Vendor Show. Join us for breakouts on Restaurant Technology and Recruiting & Retention. Breakouts will begin at 12:15 pm on Friday, April 1, and will last about 40 minutes. Each breakout will be repeated so all attendees can benefit from the information shared in both sessions. Guest vendors will partner with Taco John’s International, Inc. staff to deliver the latest information on projects and programs during these breakouts. You don’t want to miss out on these sessions!

**Awards**

At this time, TJI expects to have all awards on-site during Convention. Supply chain and production issues are not expected to impact our Awards Banquet. If TJI is able to have all awards on hand, award winners will take their awards home with them after the Awards Banquet. TJI will not ship awards to those attending Convention. If TJI is unable to get the awards in time for Convention, awards will be shipped to all award winners.

**Golf Calcutta and Fundraiser**

Join us on March 31 at 5:30 pm as we hold a fundraiser event benefitting Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH). You will have the opportunity to learn about CMNH and meet a local family who has been treated at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. At this fundraiser event, you can purchase raffle tickets for one of our great prizes. Cost of tickets will be one (1) for $20 or three (3) for $50. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the Tip Tap devices that accommodate tap-to-pay credit cards and virtual wallets like Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, and Google Pay. Please set up your virtual wallet before attending so you can support Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals! You can also purchase raffle tickets with cash or check if you do not have a digital wallet or tap-to-pay credit card.

**Indian Wells Golf Resort Discount**

Indian Wells has created a special Taco John’s Promo Code for practice rounds and a 15% discount off whatever day and rate is booked. This code is valid March 30 – April 4, 2022, and there is no limit to the number of times you use the code. There is a 30-day booking window for advance reservations. Just go online to the Indian Wells website: indianwellsgolfresort.com and select the preferred tee time(s) and enter *tacojohns* as the promo code at checkout for your discount*. \*Please note that all of the tee times are prepaid\**

**Apparel Recommendations**

Palm Springs is beautiful in late March. Temperatures outside typically range from the upper 70s to low 80s. Conference rooms tend to be cool, so bringing a light jacket or sweater into the meeting area is recommended. Below is the recommended type of apparel for each event at Convention:

*Wednesday, March 30*

* TJI Board Gathering – Casual
* TJI/ATJF Board Social hour – Business Casual
* Welcome Reception – Business Casual

*Thursday, March 31*

* General Session #1 – Business Casual
* Golf Calcutta auction and fundraiser – Casual
* Dinner Buffet – Casual

*Friday, April 1*

* Vendor Show – Casual
* Cocktail reception and Awards Banquet – Business Professional/Semi-formal

*Saturday, April 2*

* General Session #2 – Business Casual
* Golf Tournament – Golf Attire
* Closing Event – Casual/Golf Attire66