

CHICAGO

APRIL 22-26, 2026



Atlanta Chapter Retreat

REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 23, 2025

AGENDA



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Plan your travel so you arrive in Chicago in time for our opening reception and dinner at The Drake Hotel.

6 p.m.

Welcome cocktails

7 p.m.

Dinner at The Drake

Speaker from The Benjamin Marshall Society: The History of The Drake

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Tour the Newberry Library followed by lunch and learn

Visit The Art Institute of Chicago

Dinner at The Chicago Club

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Visit Portal Innovations and The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

Lunch and learn at the Lincoln Park Zoo

Architectural Boat Tour

Dinner on own

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Tour with the University of Chicago Crime Lab

Lunch and afternoon on own

Closing Dinner at The Racquet Club

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - DEPARTURE DAY

**Schedule subject to change



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

THE BENJAMIN MARSHALL SOCIETY

Dedicated to the life and legacy of architect Benjamin Marshall—who co-designed Chicago's iconic Drake Hotel—the society celebrates the intersection of aesthetics, structure, and innovation. Marshall's work helped shape the city's skyline, blending theatrical elegance with the emerging technologies of his time.



NEWBERRY LIBRARY

This world-renowned independent research library is a haven for intellectual exploration. With vast collections spanning the humanities, maps, and early science texts, the Newberry offers a rare look into the evolution of thought, knowledge, and discovery.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Beyond its world-famous impressionist collection, the Art Institute is a study in color theory, material science, and visual cognition. Explore exhibits that blend artistic mastery with analytical perspectives—from restoration science to design evolution—perfect for left- and right-brained visitors alike.

THE CHICAGO CLUB

Founded in 1869, The Chicago Club has hosted generations of leaders, scholars, and innovators. Its rich history and refined ambiance offer a sophisticated setting for reflection, conversation, and connection.

PORTAL INNOVATIONS

A modern hub for scientific thought and social innovation, Portal Innovations brings together researchers, artists, and technologists. With a focus on immersive learning and boundary-pushing ideas, it's a perfect stop for visitors invested in the future of science, education, and collaboration.

CHAN ZUCKERBERG INITIATIVE (CZI)

CZI's Chicago presence supports scientific and social innovation with cutting-edge research in health, education, and technology. Learn how data science, biology, and machine learning are being harnessed to tackle humanity's most complex challenges—right in the heart of Chicago.



LINCOLN PARK ZOO

One of the oldest zoos in the U.S. and a leader in animal science and conservation. Scientists can explore its world-class zoo-based research programs, behavioral studies, and conservation technology—all while enjoying an urban oasis dedicated to the natural world.

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE BOAT TOUR

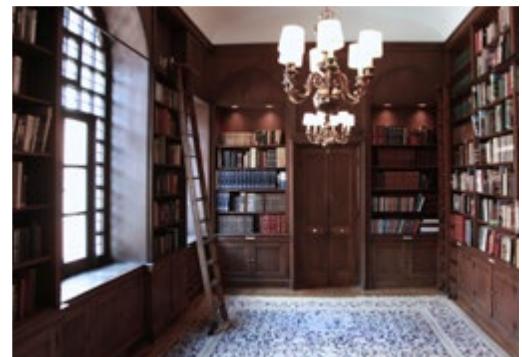
Cruise the Chicago River and see the city's iconic skyline through the lens of engineering, physics, and design innovation. Learn how architects and builders have defied gravity, wind, and time to create one of the most scientifically compelling urban landscapes in the world.

CHICAGO CRIME LAB

This University of Chicago initiative uses scientific research and rigorous evaluation to understand and reduce crime and violence. It's an inspiring case study in how social science, data analytics, and public policy intersect to address real-world issues.

THE RACQUET CLUB OF CHICAGO

A striking example of Beaux-Arts architecture and exclusive tradition, this club also invites curiosity into the history of sport, biomechanics, and social networks.



ACCOMMODATIONS



THE DRAKE HOTEL

Since 1920, The Drake has blended classic opulence with forward-thinking luxury. Just steps from Lake Michigan, this historic hotel offers a glimpse into Chicago's gilded age—an era shaped by industrial advances and architectural boldness. It's the perfect home base for curious minds exploring the city's scientific and cultural frontier.

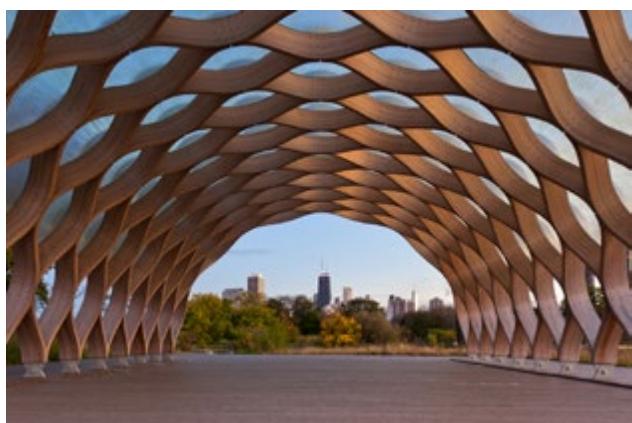


Deluxe King \$209++ per night

Larger rooms and suites available by request and subject to availability

We will notify you when the hotel opens registration for the group rate.

REGISTRATION



\$1,400 per person

Registration includes: transportation to and from scheduled events, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners

\$400 per person deposit due at registration.

Registration is limited to 54 attendees and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration opens June 23, 2025

Register at www.atlanta.arcfsfoundation.org

