



Great Lakes Ruby Bash Conference Brochure

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Schedule of Events

Here is a schedule of events surrounding the conference for Friday and Saturday.

Saturday, October 11th, Day

Time	Description	Location
8:30am - 9:00am	Registration, Coffee, Tea, and Schmoozing	4th Floor Atrium
9:00am - 12:00n	Opening and Talks	Forum Hall
12:00n - 1:00p	Lunch	Get your lunch in the 4th Floor Atrium and then disperse and find a place to eat (see list below)
1:00p - 3:00p	Talks	Forum Hall
3:00p - 3:15p	Coffee, Tea, and Snack Break	4th Floor Atrium
3:15p - 4:30p	Talks and Closing	Forum Hall

Schedule of Talks and Speakers

You can see the current schedule of talks and speakers at <http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=ppkqAeG1vSEckZUz86D42Fw>. This schedule is subject to change.

Where You Can Eat Your Lunch

After you get your lunch from the 4th Floor Atrium, you have lots of options as to where to eat.

- Inside Palmer Commons
 - 6th Floor Atrium
 - 5th Floor Atrium
 - 4th Floor Atrium
 - 3rd Floor area between the Glass House Cafe and lobby
- Outside
 - There's a plaza off the 3rd floor of the building, with short walls that can serve as seating.
 - If you cross the pedestrian bridge just outside the 3rd floor lobby, and then cross Zina Pitcher Drive, there's a little plaza with benches just outside the building with the roof shaped like a pringle chip
 - There's also Palmer Field, which has lots of grass (provided it's not being used for athletic activities).

Saturday, October 11th, Evening

We wanted to suggest a place for people to meet up after dinner. But because there's a football game (and because University of Michigan football is big in Ann Arbor), downtown will likely be crowded. So we're suggesting a more ad hoc solution. If you a sweet spot, use IRC and/or Twitter (see below) to let everyone else know where you are, and lead us there, just like a good honeybee would.

What to Bring

Laptop

You are of course welcome to bring a laptop. Each seat has a power plug. We will try to supply ad hoc wifi by having a few people bring access points to plug into the network, or perhaps people who use ethernet to connect will use internet sharing via wifi if their OS supports that.

If you do bring a laptop, you do so **at your own risk**. We are providing no security. If you need to leave the room, either take your laptop with you, or ask someone you know and trust to watch it for you. The organizers have so much on their plate as it is, that they cannot accept any additional responsibilities (sorry).

Also, with ethernet cables and power cords being around, **be careful** that you don't inadvertently pull a laptop to the floor. However it's up to the laptop owner to secure their laptop in a **safe manner**.

Ethernet Cable

Each seat also has an ethernet jack. So if you bring a cable, you'll be able to plug directly in.

Theoretically, the University has the bandwidth to support an enormous number of people, so this is likely a better option than any ad hoc wifi that we can assemble. And if you do bring an ethernet cable and your OS supports internet sharing, please consider sharing on wifi.

Curiosity and A Friendly Attitude

It has been said that Ruby people are nice because Matz is nice. This is a great opportunity to learn new things and make connections with other Rubyists. Please avail yourself and contribute to this opportunity.

Getting to the Venue

Google Map ([Conference Area Map](#)) of the venue, parking and paths to and from various locations.

Places to Eat

For those unfamiliar with Ann Arbor and the area immediately around the central campus, here are some ideas and tips for places to go to eat.

Breakfast, Morning Of

Angelo's (<http://www.angelosa2.com>)

is an Ann Arbor institution, known for, among other things, their raisin bread french toast. They are located near the free parking lot, which is only about 0.27 miles from the conference venue.

The **Northside Grill** is an easy drive to the conference venue, 1 mile away. They're located at 1015 Broadway St.

There are some eating options in the **Michigan League**, lower level. They are located at 911 N. University Ave, and they're an easy walk to the conference venue, around 0.3 miles away.

Bruegger's Bagels is also an easy walk to the conference venue, coming in at just under 0.5 miles away. They're at 709 N University Ave.

Espresso Royale Cafe (<http://www.espressoroyale.com/>) has coffee and pastries, and is also within walking distance to the conference venue, just under 0.5 miles away. There are more than one of this chain in Ann Arbor. The nearest one is at 324 S. State St.

Amer's Deli (<http://www.amersdeli.com>) offers breakfast sandwiches for pretty cheap and some other assorted breakfast foods at 312 S State St., a few doors north of Espresso Royale, and slightly less than 0.5 miles away.

Note: **the Glass House Cafe** (<http://glasshousecafe.net/>) is located on the 3rd floor of the Palmer Commons. Unfortunately they don't open until 9am on Saturday mornings, which is right when the conference is starting up.

Lunch

All standard and speaker tickets include a lunch bag, that includes a sandwich, plus beverages, provided by Glass House Catering. Student tickets, because they are discounted, do not include lunch. Students, though, have a number of options within easy walking distance of the Palmer Commons.

Glass House Cafe (<http://glasshousecafe.net/>) is located on the 3rd floor of the Palmer Commons, our conference venue.

There are some eating options in the **Michigan League**, lower level (<http://www.umich.edu/~league/food/rest.htm>). The league is located at 911 N. University Ave, and it's only 0.3 miles from the conference venue, a pretty easy walk.

Bruegger's Bagels is slightly less than 0.5 miles from the conference venue. They're at 709 N University Ave.

Amer's

Deli (<http://www.amersdeli.com>) offers sandwiches and salads, and is at 312 S State St., which is just under 0.5 miles from

Dinner

Downtown Ann Arbor has a ton of dining options, too many to list, offering all types of food. If you're looking for a specific kind of food, ask one of the volunteer organizers or any of the locals. Alternatively there are two sites that have local restaurant lists and reviews:

- ArborWeb -- <http://arborweb.com/>
- eCurrent -- <http://www.ecurrent.com/>

Finally, this shows many downtown restaurants with the yellow pins:

- <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=112532210063270964506.00044b027149e5de08f7d&z=10>

Communication Before, During, and After Conference

There are a number of ways for us to communicate before, during, and after the conference.

IRC

We have reserved IRC channel **#glrb** for use before, during, and after the conference for a few days. You can connect to **irc.freenode.net** to gain access to that channel. You might be able to use `irc://irc.freenode.net/#glrb` as a shortcut.

Please be aware that speakers will have access to the channel too, and that you should take care as to what you say.

Twitter

Follow [@greatlakesrubybash](https://twitter.com/greatlakesrubybash) on Twitter and make use of the #greatlakesrubybash hashtag.

Mailing List

We have created a Google Group named **greatlakesrubybash** (<http://groups.google.com/group/greatlakesrubybash>) that we can use to disseminate and discuss information about the conference or the talks held in the conference. For example, a speaker may post an announcement as to where his/her slides can be retrieved. Or a talk may spur a discussion.