



Dayton Society of Natural History

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SunWatch.org
FortAncient.org

Hello DUG members!

We are excited to invite all Digistar Users Group members to Dayton, Ohio for DUG 2019.

The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery (BMD), the conference host institution, is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). It is also a governing member of the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) and is affiliated with the Association of Children's Museums (ACM).

The Dayton Society of Natural History, which operates the BMD, also operates two National Historic Landmark archaeological sites – SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park in Dayton, as well as the Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve in Oregonia, Ohio. Dayton, Ohio is noted for its association with aviation. Dayton is where the National Museum of the United States Air Force is located, and it was home to the Wright Brothers and many other inventors.

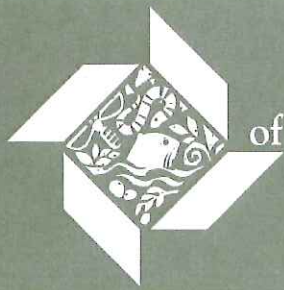
Dayton, Ohio is served by many major airlines via the Dayton International Airport. There are ample lodging options in addition to the hotel we will be securing for the conference. The Boonshoft Museum is a ten minute drive from the airport.

The Boonshoft Museum's Caryl D. Philips Space Theater is a 170 seat, 50 foot theater. It features a Digistar 5 system with a 3D inset projector. It has recently been refurbished with new carpet, seats, and a professionally painted dome.

In addition to pre-conference training, there will also be an optional trip to the partially reconstructed Sunwatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park, which is an internationally recognized archaeological site.

Our post-conference trip will be to visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force, which, in addition to its extensive Air Force exhibits, also hosts a Gemini spacecraft, a Mercury capsule, the U.S. Presidential planes, as well as a number of rockets and space memorabilia.

We invite you to join us in September 2019 for the Digistar Users Group Conference in the birthplace of aviation, Dayton, Ohio.



November 7, 2017

Markus Schack
President, Digistar Users Group

Dear Mr. Schack:

It is with great enthusiasm that I endorse the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery's (BMD) bid to host the 2019 Digistar Users Group Conference.

The state-of-the-art Caryl D. Philips Space Theater, which has just been refurbished, will provide an excellent venue for the Digistar presentations, and the group will enjoy the unique combination of natural history, space science (including the NASA Exoplanets Exploration gallery), and zoo components found at the BMD. In addition, the trip to the National Museum of the United States Air Force will be experience not to be missed.

Downtown Dayton, where the conference hotel will most likely be located, is very walkable, with great restaurants and brewpubs for the conference-goers to enjoy.

In short, Dayton will be a terrific spot for the meeting, and I hope that the organization chooses to make it the conference location for 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Meister', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark J. Meister
President & CEO