



Thursday

SAMPLE RENAISSANCE WEEKEND PROGRAM

4:00 pm # 1 Welcome to Renaissance: Registration Opens

6:00 pm # 2 Proctors' & Moderators' Briefing

6:30 pm # 3 WELCOME RECEPTION

6:30 pm # 4 "Student Union" (*College Students meet-&-greet*)



8:00 pm # 7 DINNER BUFFET

8:30 pm # 8 PLENARY: "Whoops!" (*Mistakes, Their Lessons & Consequences*) (*Humorous & serious anecdotes about personal or professional fumbles that provided an important insight*) (*Remarks limited to 6 minutes*)



Friday

7:30 am # 13 BREAKFAST BUFFET BEGINS

8:00 am # 15 Academy: Will Work Ever Be the Same?

8:00 am # 16 Academy: What's AI Have In Store for our Species?

8:00 am # 17 Academy: Re-Designing Globalization

8:00 am # 18 Academy: How Growth Can Be Green

8:00 am # 19 Academy: What Real Leaders Look Like

9:00 am # 20 Cornerstone Interview: The New Space Age (Q&A with the former head of NASA, two former commanders of the International Space Station & two space-walking astronauts)

9:00 am # 21 Cornerstone Lecture: The Long & the Short of Contracts (The Nobel laureate explains his findings that established the intellectual foundation for designing policies & institutions.)

9:00 am # 22 Cornerstone Conversation: The Tightrope That Women in Leadership Walk

9:00 am # 23 Cornerstone Conversation: Can Social Media Be Made Safe for Democracy?

9:00 am # 24 Cornerstone Conversation: What Now for "The Many Americas"?

9:00 am # 25 Cornerstone Lecture: China Century? (Observations of one of the world's leading China authorities)

9:00 am # 26 Cornerstone Lecture: Web3, Crypto, Defi, NFTs & the Metaverse

9:00 am # 27 Teens Round-table: How Do We Make Tomorrow Better than Yesterday?

9:00 am # 28 Camp Renaissance: How to Train for the Olympics



10:00 am # 29 Bio-Miracles

10:00 am # 30 "Together" – Making Marriage, Parenting & Families Work

10:00 am # 31 Where'd the Center Go?

10:00 am # 32 Improving Schools through Disruptive Innovation

10:00 am # 33 Re-Thinking How We Think about Religion

10:00 am # 34 Changing the Start-up Game's Rules

10:00 am # 35 History Is Where the Future Begins (*Consider: "The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future."-Theodore Roosevelt*) (6-minute history mini-lectures, followed by discussion)

10:00 am # 36 Optimizing Human Talent in an Ultra-competitive World

10:00 am # 37 The Art of Aging (*Are our chronological ages merely the marking of how many times we have circled the sun?*)

10:00 am # 38 Where's Media Heading?

10:00 am # 39 Teens Briefing: Admissions on Admissions (*Or, how to compete with the tuba-playing, 2400-SAT, Nebraska high-jump champ who won the National Science Fair for discovering a cure for Cancer, but missed the award ceremony, which conflicted with the opening of the Ethiopian orphanage she had founded*)



10:00 am # 40 Camp Renaissance: Dealing with Bullying

11:00 am # 41 Cornerstone Lecture: The Theory of Multiple Intelligences (*The MacArthur Prize-winner's continuing findings*)

11:00 am # 42 Cornerstone Conversation: Understanding North Korea (*The diplomat's, historian's, US Senator's & foreign policy scholar's perspectives*)

11:00 am # 43 Cornerstone Conversation: What Drives Intolerance & Hate?

- 11:00 am # 44 Cornerstone Conversation: What It Means to be an American
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- 11:00 am # 45 Cornerstone Lecture: Searching Remote Islands for Alzheimer's & ALS Cures (*The promise of ethnobotany*) (*An illustrated, science "travelogue"*)
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- 11:00 am # 46 Cornerstone Lecture: Your Money or Your Data
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- 11:00 am # 47 Cornerstone Mini-lectures: Flashes of Genius (*Award- & prizewinners' challenges*) (*8-minute glimpses of extra-ordinarily novel thinking*)
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- 11:00 am # 48 Teens & College Students Forum: Does Wisdom Outweigh Wealth or Fame? (*How our generation is defining "success"; Consider: "In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes."-Andy Warhol*)
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- 11:00 am # 49 Teens Round-table: What I Wish My Parents Had Told Me (*Earlier*)
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- 11:00 am # 50 Camp Renaissance: What's the Super Bowl Really Like? (*Q&A with a veteran Super Bowl player*)
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- 12:00 pm # 51 On Top of Tech
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- 12:00 pm # 52 The Next Pandemic
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- 12:00 pm # 53 Films in Focus
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- 12:00 pm # 54 For the Supremes to Decide (*Current issues before the US Supreme Court*)
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- 12:00 pm # 55 Gifts that Keep on Giving (*Innovations in Philanthropy & Fundraising*)
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- 12:00 pm # 56 Play (*How it shapes the brain, opens the imagination & invigorates the soul*)
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- 12:00 pm # 57 Mission Possible – Making Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Essential Parts of the Equation
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12:00 pm # 58 Mindfulness *(Improving cognitive skills, emotional empathy & creativity)*

12:00 pm # 59 Seminar: Reviewing Estate Plans

12:00 pm # 60 Cracks in Our Governance

12:00 pm # 61 Camp Renaissance: Why We Honor Veterans



1:00 pm # 62 LUNCHEON BUFFET

1:45 pm # 63 PLENARY: An Immodest Proposal — If I Could . . . *(Serious & humorous proposals on policy, work, religion, marriage or whatever you dare)* *(Remarks limited to 2 minutes)*

3:00 pm # 64 REMAINING AFTERNOON FREE FOR FUN!

3:00 pm # 65 At New Year's Weekends, programs continue through each afternoon, except for New Year's Eve



6:30 pm # 66 Making Sense of the Wine List
(Connoisseurs- & collectors-led wine-tasting)

6:30 pm # 67 What Spies Do *(Diplomats, foreign affairs journalists, historians & retired CIA operatives compare notes)*

6:30 pm # 68 Dynamics of Weather & Climate

6:30 pm # 69 Meritocracy On Trial

6:30 pm # 70 If Women Ran the ...

6:30 pm # 71 Bridging the Gap *(What Christians, Jews & Muslims don't understand about each other's faith traditions)*

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- 6:30 pm # 72 *Beyond Research (How American higher education needs to change) (Stimulating learning, uncorking intelligence & enhancing competencies for THIS century)*
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- 6:30 pm # 73 *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do (America's experience in Afghanistan & Iraq)(A government negotiator, combat veteran, ambassador, embedded journalist & peace activist recount their sides of the stories)*
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- 6:30 pm # 74 *Hands-on Helping (The [Inadequate] Infrastructure of Care) (Who's to provide & fund care-giving & social services?)*
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- 6:30 pm # 75 Teens & College Students: What Current Events Have Taught Us
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- 6:30 pm # 76 *The Examined Life (Longtime participants' reflections on their paths best, or not, taken)*
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- 6:30 pm # 77 *Design Innovations & Controversies (Trend-setters' forum on Art, Fashion, Architecture & Tech)*
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- 6:30 pm # 78 *Have Psychology & Psychotherapy Become Too "PC"?*
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- 6:30 pm # 79 Teens Round-table: My Family's Legacies *(What our parents' generation has provided us? What our generation wants to pass on)*
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- 6:30 pm # 80 *RECEPTION*
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- 6:30 pm # 81 Camp Renaissance: Helicopter Rescues *(Breathtaking, dare-devil, real-life stories)*
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- 7:30 pm # 82 *DINNER BUFFET*
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- 8:30 pm # 83 PLENARY: "Brain-teasers" *(Consider: "Men go forth to marvel at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, the broad flow of the rivers, the vastness of the ocean, the orbits of the stars, and they neglect to marvel at themselves."-Saint Augustine, about 400CE) (Remarks limited to 8 minutes)*
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- 10:00 pm # 84 *Renaissance Social Club (The late-night tradition)*
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10:00 pm # 85 Piano Master Class (*Concert pianist's performance & commentary*)

10:00 pm # 86 Movers & Shaggers (*Swing, Salsa, Tango & Hip Hop Lessons*)

10:00 pm # 87 Poker Game

10:00 pm # 88 Renaissance Open Mic



Saturday

7:30 am # 89 Introduction to Yoga (For desk-bound & over-scheduled professionals)
(Participants to determine whether to repeat on subsequent days)

7:30 am # 90 BREAKFAST BUFFET BEGINS

8:00 am # 91 Academy: Investing for the Long Haul (Where should we put our money now? Investing for the long haul in puzzling markets)

8:00 am # 92 Academy: Restoring Trust & Integrity (What will it take? Consider: "To live in freedom, one must grow used to a life full of agitation, change & danger."-Alexis deTocqueville)

8:00 am # 93 Academy: Transforming Patient Experience & Outcomes (A closer look at healthcare)

8:00 am # 94 Academy: Millennial Media Mayhem (How our generation consumes media)

9:00 am # 95 Cornerstone Lecture: The Beatles, the 60s & Popular Culture
(How John, Paul, George & Ringo changed music, culture & our times)

9:00 am # 96 Cornerstone Conversation: Settling Mars (How might humans establish a home beyond Earth?) (The head of NASA, medical researchers & an International Space Station veteran consider the biological, physical & logistical challenges)

9:00 am # 97 Cornerstone Lecture: Autonomous Vehicles
(The technology, their future, the policy dilemmas)

9:00 am # 98 Cornerstone Lecture: Being the Difference — Essential Skills of Entrepreneurs

9:00 am # 99 Cornerstone Lecture: Brain Plasticity (What the distinguished scholar has learned about areas of the brain which are critical to our ability to form & retain new long-term memories and how aerobic exercise can be used to improve learning, memory & higher cognitive abilities)

9:00 am # 100 Camp Renaissance: A Super-Spy's Story

- 10:00 am # 101 "Alexa" (or "Siri" or "Google"), "What's 'AI'?" *(The technology, applications & issues of Artificial Intelligence)*
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- 10:00 am # 102 The Habits of Highly Effective Sleepers *(Clearing the brain's cache for the best sleep of your life)*
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- 10:00 am # 103 The Politics (& Economics) of Pro Sports
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- 10:00 am # 104 Faith in Unsettling Times *(Points-of-view of a prominent Atheist, Muslim, Catholic, Evangelical Protestant & Jew)*
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- 10:00 am # 105 The Cancer Moonshot *(Leading researchers on developments on war on cancer)*
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- 10:00 am # 106 Books, Inc. *(Pulitzer Prizewinners', first-time authors', agents' & publishers' round-table) (Truths and myths of publishing & getting published)*
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- 10:00 am # 107 Rebooting US Foreign Policy *(Forum for the Washington "International Affairs contingent")*
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- 10:00 am # 108 Alternative Investments' New Landscape *(Annual review of private equity, hedge funds, venture capital & real estate)*
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- 10:00 am # 109 Women's Check-up *(Skin-care, heart disease, menopause, in-vitro or embryo, mammograms, diet & sleep, and other medical subjects of particular concern)*
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- 10:00 am # 110 Hot Places & Cool Escapes *(Our favorite adventure travels) (Consider: "The world is a book: Those who do not travel read only a page."-Augustine)*
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- 10:00 am # 111 Lesson Plans *(Revitalizing education for the digital age)*
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- 10:00 am # 112 My Favorite Course at the School of Hard Knocks *(Humorous accounts by longtime past participants)*
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- 10:00 am # 113 Killing It on Social Media
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10:00 am # 114 Teens Seminar: Personal Finance Management (A primer)

10:00 am # 115 Camp Renaissance: The Inventor's Magic Potion
(How to think differently, create something new & make it happen)



11:00 am # 116 Cornerstone Lecture: Quantum Computers (A startling way
to process information) (A Nobel Laureate's introduction)

11:00 am # 117 Cornerstone Lecture: Maestros & Their Music (The art & alchemy of conducting)
(Demonstration & explication of the craft, by the award-winning symphony conductor)

11:00 am # 118 Cornerstone Lecture: The Last Drop-out (How America's schools & society fall short ...
and what's working) (The at-risk kids' pioneering champion's experience & insights)

11:00 am # 119 Cornerstone Conversation: Stars & Stellar Evolution (The essential physics,
principles & processes that govern stars & their universality) (The distinguished
astrophysicist's survey, followed by astronauts' personal observations)

11:00 am # 120 Cornerstone Lecture: Courting Death (The US Supreme Court's evolving treatment of Capital Punishment)
(The criminal law scholar & famed defender of "death row" convicts summarizes her seminal work)

11:00 am # 121 College Students Round-table: The Right Stuff (Candid thoughts on relationships)

11:00 am # 122 Camp Renaissance: How Your Body Fights "Germs"



12:00 pm # 123 Marriage, a History (How love conquered marriage)

12:00 pm # 124 Opening the Metaverse (Convergence of the Virtual & the Real)

12:00 pm # 125 Trustworthy Computing & Low-powered Embedded Devices
(Taking security & safety for granted with 21st Century everyday stuff?)

12:00 pm # 126 Scientific Secrets for Raising Kids Who Thrive

12:00 pm # 127 Mental Health & Human Resistance

12:00 pm # 128 Where Cities Are Leading the Way *(Urban policies, architecture & community design, infrastructure, financing, arts initiatives, economic development, & low-income housing)*

12:00 pm # 129 The Lawyers with the Dragon Tattoos *(Compelling tales of lawyers' & judges' toughest cases)*

12:00 pm # 130 The Secrets of Mental Math *(The "on-your-feet computation" wizard's dazzling audience interaction)*

12:00 pm # 131 Business War Stories *(CEOs', entrepreneurs', VCs' & bankers' open forum)*

12:00 pm # 132 Teens Round-table: Making Our Lives Count

12:00 pm # 133 Camp Renaissance: An Astronaut's 42 Hours Walking in Space! *(ALL ages welcome!)*



1:00 pm # 134 LUNCHEON BUFFET

1:45 pm # 135 PLENARY: Inflection Points *(Reflections & predictions on rough seas & uncharted waters; Humorous & serious comments on turns taken in thought & deed) (Remarks limited to 2 minutes)*



3:30 pm # 136 Walking Tours (*Led by historians, architects & local community leaders*)

3:30 pm # 137 REMAINING AFTERNOON AND EVENING FREE FOR FUN!



6:00 pm # 138 *DINNER ON-YOUR-OWN (Contact Hotel Concierge for recommendations)*



Sunday

7:30 am # 139 **BREAKFAST BUFFET BEGINS**

8:00 am # 140 **Academy:** Current Challenges to Middle East Peace & Security
(Ambassadors, scholars, clergy & activists review recent events)

8:00 am # 141 **Academy:** Future Compute (What recent IT advances have profound implications? Where are Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning & Virtual Reality taking us? How can government regulations or personal practices constrain the influences of IT barons? How can we better safeguard our identities in a digital world?)

8:00 am # 142 **Academy:** Public Health Tests & Triumphs

8:00 am # 143 **Academy:** Who Governs Now? (Europe's Immediate and Improbable future; Consequences of the UK election; The growing rift between Paris & Berlin; Catalonian tensions; Italy's economy; Turkey's role; The new, & familiar, "far-right" leaders)

8:00 am # 144 **Academy:** INNOVATION (What are the elements of innovation? How can America continue to foster it? What noteworthy innovations have we achieved or observed?)



9:00 am # 145 **Cornerstone Conversation:** Free Speech on America's Campuses (A college & university presidents' panel)

9:00 am # 146 **Cornerstone Lecture:** A Soldier's Life (Military service, combat in Afghanistan & a Millennial veteran's perspective on "patriotism") (The Rhodes Scholar/best-seller author's reflections)

9:00 am # 147 **Cornerstone Conversation:** "Text-Me" (How Teens' use of media is affecting relationships) (Open forum for psychologists, teachers, social media execs, teens & parents)

9:00 am # 148 **Cornerstone Lecture:** On Friendships — "You're the Only One I Can Tell" (Insights of the #1 New York Times best-selling author)

9:00 am # 149 Cornerstone Conversation: Is Anybody Really "Normal"? (A psychologists' & psychiatrists' field-day)

9:00 am # 150 Cornerstone Conversation: Ravaging Rx (America's Opioid epidemic & Antibiotics crisis) (Physicians' & public health authorities' experiences & proposals)

9:00 am # 151 Cornerstone Lecture: Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Then & Now (The legendary professor & musicologist's illustrated history, analysis & performance)

9:00 am # 152 College Students Forum: Taking on Tomorrow (Skill-sets, course-corrections & public policies required for the future we seek)

9:00 am # 153 Camp Renaissance: Coding for Kids



10:00 am # 154 "Ethics" for Today (What philosophy can teach us about contemporary ethics) (The beloved professor's musings)

10:00 am # 155 Disrupt or Die (Lessons learned by CEOs, management consultants & executive coaches)

10:00 am # 156 Myths about Mecca (Understanding Islam)

10:00 am # 157 Drugs & the Brain (The neural mechanisms of addiction)

10:00 am # 158 Venture Capital Confessions (Tales from Silicon Valley) (Candid accounts from entrepreneurs & VCs)

10:00 am # 159 Gender & Decision-making (How contemporary men & women act differently in securing greater clout) (Illustrations of shaping public policy, leading organizations & families, and driving the economy)

10:00 am # 160 First Movers vs. Fast Followers (Comparative strategies of entrepreneurs & corporate execs)

10:00 am # 161 Teens Workshop: Here's Looking at, & Listening to, YOU!
(How to improve your public speaking & on-camera appearance)

10:00 am # 162 Teens Forum: How Should, & Can, the Internet Be Cleaned Up?

10:00 am # 163 Camp Renaissance Panel: The New Holiday or Science-Fiction Gadget I'd Create
(For example, the invisibility cloak from Harry Potter; National Pet Day; the Emotion Control Panel from "Inside Out"; Kids Week, as recently proposed in Japan)



11:00 am # 164 Cornerstone Interviews: First Person, Great Journeys (Insights into remarkable lives)
(Consider: "Life must be understood backwards. But it must be lived forwards."-Soren Kierkegaard)

11:00 am # 165 Cornerstone Conversation: To Give & to Get (Innovations in high-impact philanthropy at any scale)

11:00 am # 166 Cornerstone Lecture: Where's "The Arc of History" Bending?

11:00 am # 167 Cornerstone Lecture: ATTENTION (Giving & getting it in a world of impatience & INFObesity) (Since goldfish have longer attention spans than humans, how do we capture & keep people's interest?)

11:00 am # 168 Cornerstone Mini-lectures: Elevator Pitches (Incredible innovators' inventive ideas) (8-minute distillations)

11:00 am # 169 Camp Renaissance: Improvised Theatrical Storytelling



12:00 pm # 170 The Next Tinderboxes & Terrorist Threats

12:00 pm # 171 What My Spouse is Wrong About

12:00 pm # 172 Politics Aside (What truly makes a difference in our communities?)
(Making civic engagement & public service part of a fulfilled life)

12:00 pm # 173 Fast-moving NexTech (*Bots, Clouds, VR, FinTech & other technology curiosities*)

12:00 pm # 174 Re-thinking the Work-Life Equation (*Strategies for personal transformation*)
(*Insights of executive coaches, industrial psychologists & corporate HR leaders*)

12:00 pm # 175 If You Build It, Will They Come? (*Annual Real Estate Review*)

12:00 pm # 176 Theorems as Masterpieces (*The breathtaking beauty of mathematics*) (*Legacies of Newton, Leibnez & the Bernoulli's*)

12:00 pm # 177 Thinking Outside the Index (*Strategies for volatile markets*) (*Specific stock/bond/ETF/fund recommendations*)

12:00 pm # 178 What Should Leaders Do (And Be)? (*Qualities & practices which best prompt meaningful change*) (*Life coaches question veteran corporate execs and government & non-profit leaders*)

12:00 pm # 179 Everything You Wanted to Know about _____, but Were Afraid to Ask (*Remarks limited to 5 minutes, followed by discussion*)

12:00 pm # 180 It's All about the Heart (*Healthy hearts, medications, therapies & non-invasive procedures*) (*Prominent cardio authorities' updates*)

12:00 pm # 181 Teens Workshop: Saving, & Improving, Lives!! (*CPR & healthier-breathing instruction*)
(*What every teen & college student should know; 15 minutes that could save lives*)

12:00 pm # 182 Camp Renaissance: Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy



1:00 pm # 183 REMAINING AFTERNOON FREE FOR OFF-SITE LUNCH AND FUN!

6:30 pm # 184 RECEPTION

6:30 pm # 185 Astounding Developments in AI, Technologies, Robotics & Haptics Technologies

6:30 pm # 186 How to Read Emotions, Detect Lies & Improve Your Negotiating Skills

6:30 pm # 187 What Is Consciousness? *(How does this define what it means to be human?) (What is it that people are experiencing while they are conscious? Consider: Are codfish "conscious"?)*

6:30 pm # 188 The Science Behind Empathy & Altruism *(Neuroscientists' exchange with non-profit & social enterprise leaders)*

6:30 pm # 189 The Evolution & Demise of Dinosaurs

6:30 pm # 190 Entertainment Today — Behind-the-scenes in the New Era of Content

6:30 pm # 191 As Ayn Rand Would See It *(Current issues from the Objectivist perspective)*

6:30 pm # 192 Pitch-perfect Marketing *(Novel techniques for building brands & reaching consumers in a connected age)*

6:30 pm # 193 What I've Learned about Love

6:30 pm # 194 Parents/Teens Round-table: How to Be the Modern Parent

6:30 pm # 195 Camp Renaissance: Meteorite-hunting



7:30 pm # 196 *DINNER BUFFET*

8:30 pm # 197 PLENARY: Something That's Been Buggin' Me Lately *(Talk-show format)*



9:45 pm # 198 Renaissance Family Singers Performance *(Music, comedy & spoofs)*

10:00 pm # 199 Renaissance Social Club *(The Late-night Tradition)*

10:00 pm # 200 Comedy Improv Hour

10:00 pm # 201 Moving Bishops Forward *(Chess tips from champs)*



Monday

9:00 am # 202 **BREAKFAST BUFFET**

10:00 am # 203 **PLENARY:** If These Were My Last Remarks *(Final words of a life or the Weekend)*
