



Thursday

SAMPLE RENAISSANCE WEEKEND PROGRAM

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

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 Built for Growth (*Founders', serial entrepreneurs' & investors' milestones, mishap & missions*)

8:00 am # 16 AI's Next Chapter: The Agentic Age's Rewards We Seek & Risks We See

8:00 am # 17 Situation Room (*Geopolitics in an unsettled era; Global & multilateral systems and institutions under stress*)

8:00 am # 18 *Whither Sustainability (Climate Crisis OR A Sustainable Future? Coping with extremes, innovating for resilience, striving for solutions; what can be done?)*

8:00 am # 19 Algorithms of Influence (*How leaders navigate stormy & polarized seas*)

9:00 am # 20 *Humanity's Next Giant Leap (Charting Our Return to Deep Space; Q&A with the former head of NASA, two former commanders of the ISS & two space-walking astronauts)*

9:00 am	# 21	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> Viewing the World Through Risk-colored Glasses (<i>Perspectives of science researchers, social scientists, government policy-makers and community leaders</i>)
9:00 am	# 22	Women Who Lead (<i>The Leadership equation women are re-writing; Our most bad-ass moments</i>)
9:00 am	# 23	<u>Cornerstone Conversation:</u> Can Social Media Be Made Safe for Democracy?
9:00 am	# 24	The Future of America's Political Parties (<i>Changing coalitions; New directions; The forces changing them</i>)
9:00 am	# 25	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> The Psychology of Misinformation & Misbelief
9:00 am	# 26	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> On the Inside — AI & Machine Learning
9:00 am	# 27	<u>Teens Round-table:</u> Turning Passion into Action for Change
9:00 am	# 28	<u>Camp Renaissance:</u> Billions of Galaxies
10:00 am	# 29	New Approaches to Solve Intransigent Diseases (<i>Pharmaceutical research & drug development & its impact</i>)
10:00 am	# 30	Imagination Lab: The DNA of Creative Thinking (<i>Windows to the human brain; What fuels innovation?</i>)
10:00 am	# 31	The Structure of the Milky Way (<i>The celebrated astrophysicist on rapid advances & new discoveries</i>)
10:00 am	# 32	Reimagining Schools through Disruptive Innovation (<i>Chalkboards to chatboxes</i>)
10:00 am	# 33	<u>Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved</u> (<i>The NYT's Bestselling author is interviewed</i>)
10:00 am	# 34	A New World of Trade (<i>Tariffs to the left of us, tariffs to the right of us...</i>)
10:00 am	# 35	History Is Where the Future Begins (<i>Consider: "The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future."-Theodore Roosevelt</i>) (<i>6-minute history mini-lectures, followed by discussion</i>)
10:00 am	# 36	Optimizing Human Talent in an Ultra-competitive World

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- 10:00 am # 37 **DigiTrek** *(The software, technologies, strategies & capital behind frontiers we're exploring &/or advancing)*
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- 10:00 am # 38 **Media in the Age of Infinite Choice** *(The futures of journalism, TV networks, streaming platforms, film studios, movie theaters, digital storytelling, and personalized media ecosystems)*
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- 10:00 am # 39 **Teens Briefing: Thinking About My College "Fit"** *(Admissions, scholarships, & gap years. Or, how to compete with the piccolo-playing, 2400-SAT, Nebraska high-jump champ who won the National Science Fair)*
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- 10:00 am # 40 **Camp Renaissance: Crazy Stuff Bioengineers Can Do**
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- 11:00 am # 41 **Cornerstone Lecture: The Theory of Multiple Intelligences** *(The MacArthur Prize-winner's continuing findings)*
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- 11:00 am # 42 **Cornerstone Conversation: Global Flashpoints** *(The diplomat's, US Senator's & foreign policy scholar's perspectives on Ukraine, the Middle East, & other challenges facing our world)*
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- 11:00 am # 43 **Cornerstone Conversation: How's God Doing?** *(Soul-searching by traditional, new & unconventional means)*
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- 11:00 am # 44 **Cornerstone Conversation: What It Means to be an American**
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- 11:00 am # 45 **Cornerstone Lecture: The World's Most Consequential Threats** *(Named by Foreign Policy Magazine as one of the 'World's Top 50 Global Thinkers, the foreign policy expert discusses what can be done & what is being done to address the threats)*
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- 11:00 am # 46 **Investing in Uncertain Times** *(Legendary investors' paths through market crosswinds)*
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- 11:00 am # 47 **Cornerstone Mini-lectures: Flashes of Genius** *(Nobel & MacArthur prizewinners' challenges, successes & disappointments) (8-min glimpses of 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: Time for a Social Media Reset?**
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11:00 am # 50 Camp Renaissance: A Look at Afghanistan (Former Ch. Of Staff to Afghanistan's President shares insights)

12:00 pm # 51 Crypto, Decentralized Finance, Stable Coins & the Future of Finance?

12:00 pm # 52 The Next Pandemic

12:00 pm # 53 Best of Show (2026's highlights in exhibitions, films, shows, & books)

12:00 pm # 54 The Supremes' Latest & Greatest Hits (The Court's landmark 2026 Cases & those ahead)

12:00 pm # 55 Gifts that Keep on Giving (Innovations in Philanthropy & Fundraising)

12:00 pm # 56 "dirtbag billionaire": The Man & The Company (The NYT's best-selling author on Patagonia's founder)

12:00 pm # 57 Is DEI "History"? (What's to come of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion?)

12:00 pm # 58 Perspectives on Love & Marriage

12:00 pm # 59 Moral Brains: The Neuroscience of Morality

12:00 pm # 60 Is Democracy Built to Last?

12:00 pm # 61 Camp Renaissance: Chirps, Cries, Whistles & Grunts –Listening to, & Learning about, Whales!

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 Lights, Camera ... Cabernet?
(Connoisseurs- & collectors-led wine-tasting)

6:30 pm # 67 Priorities for a Food Revolution (*The transformation of Nutrition & Food Policy Science*)

6:30 pm # 68 How We Realistically Might Travel to the Stars (*Authoritative insights of the distinguished NASA technologist*)

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*)

6:30 pm # 72 Beyond Research (*How American higher education needs to change*) (*Stimulating learning, uncorking intelligence & enhancing competencies for THIS century*)

6:30 pm # 73 Perspectives of the Iran War & Its Consequences

6:30 pm # 74 Hands-on Helping (*The [Inadequate] Infrastructure of Care: Who's to provide & fund care-giving & social services?*)

6:30 pm # 75 Teens & College Students: Community as a Verb (*How to build it, why it's important, what it means*)

6:30 pm # 76 Cheers!: Clink Differently — Best in Glass (*Whiskey sampling & discussion*) (*Bring your favorite bottle to share*)

6:30 pm # 77 Design Innovations & Controversies (*Trend-setters' forum on Art, Fashion, Architecture & Tech*)

6:30 pm # 78 Have Psychology & Psychotherapy Become Too "PC"?

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*)

6:30 pm # 80 RECEPTION

6:30 pm # 81 Camp Renaissance: Helicopter Rescues (*Breathtaking, dare-devil, real-life stories*)

7:30 pm # 82 DINNER BUFFET

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)

10:00 pm # 84 Renaissance Social Club (*The late-night tradition*)

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*)

9:00 am	# 94	<u>Cornerstone Conversation:</u> Millennial Mavericks: Redefining Success in the 21st Century
9:00 am	# 95	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> Next-gen Genome Sequencing 3.0+ (Amazing developments & assemblies explained by B. Franklin Award-winner in Bioinformatics)
9:00 am	# 96	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> Extraordinary Beauty (Why we need it, where to find it, and how to connect with it)
9:00 am	# 97	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> America's Housing Problem (Analysis & Solutions)
9:00 am	# 98	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> Being the Difference — Essential Skills of Entrepreneurs
9:00 am	# 99	<u>Cornerstone Lecture:</u> 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	<u>Camp Renaissance:</u> A Super-Spy's Story
10:00 am	# 101	"Alexa" (or "Siri" or "Google"), "What's 'AI'?" (The technology, applications & issues of Artificial Intelligence)
10:00 am	# 102	The Habits of Highly Effective Sleepers (Clearing the brain's cache for the best sleep of your life)
10:00 am	# 103	College Sports, NIL and Possibilities of Continuing Reforms
10:00 am	# 104	Faith in Unsettling Times (Points-of-view of a prominent Atheist, Muslim, Catholic, Evangelical Protestant & Jew)
10:00 am	# 105	Strategies for Building & Maintaining an Agile Nonprofit in Changing World
10:00 am	# 106	Books, Inc. (Pulitzer Prizewinners', first-time authors', agents' & publishers' round-table) (Truths and myths of publishing & getting published)
10:00 am	# 107	Rebooting US Foreign Policy (Forum for the Washington "International Affairs contingent")

10:00 am # 108 The University Challenged

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*)

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*)

10:00 am # 111 Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Then & Now (*The legendary musicologist & scholar brings it to life!*)

10:00 am # 112 My Favorite Course at the School of Hard Knocks (*Humorous accounts by longtime past participants*)

10:00 am # 113 Other "Hidden Figures" (*Accounts of those insufficiently recognized, who have influenced our world*)

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 Conversation: Experiences with Crypto

11:00 am # 118 Cornerstone Lecture: The Slow Death of the American Author in the Era of AI (*Insights of the prominent lawyer, former Pres. of the Authors Guild, & best-selling author of 16 books*)

11:00 am # 119 Cornerstone Conversation: The Parents are NOT OK (*Are parents suffering from excessive stress from heightened expectations for—and devotion of resources & time to—their kids? What's to be done? How can parents cope & set a better tone?*)

11:00 am # 120 Cornerstone Conversation: Milestones & Mishaps of the AI Revolution

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 Revolutionary, Relentless Innovation

12:00 pm # 125 Where Can Truthseekers Go?
(*Investigative reporting, documentary storytelling & voices that risk criticism*)

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 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: What's "The Good Life"?

12:00 pm # 133 Camp Renaissance: A Pioneering Astronaut's Insights from the Moon's Far Side (*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 Discussion: The Call to Public Service**

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: Outsmarting Diseases and Public Health's Tests & Triumphs**

8:00 am # 143 **Academy Lecture & Discussion: The World of Choices ("A compelling lecture that reframes economics as the science of decision-making in every aspect of life..., an invitation to view our daily actions through an economic lens, & to consider the hidden costs & benefits that accompany every choice we make."-Bill Gates)**

8:00 am # 144 **Cornerstone Lecture: The Everyday Patriot (How can Americans be great? Simple strategies to unite our communities & nation)**

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

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- 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)*
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- 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)*
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- 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)*
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- 9:00 am # 149 **Cornerstone Conversation:** *Is Anybody Really "Normal"? (A psychologists' & psychiatrists' field-day)*
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- 9:00 am # 150 **Cornerstone Conversation:** *The Immigration Puzzle: Breaking the Logjam*
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- 09:00 am # 151 **Deep Dive Lecture:** *Magnificent Music & the Movies—A Brief History ("The George Washington of film music" takes us on a journey through the silent era through today's hits. The legendary maestro gives us a glimpse of the course he's taught at Yale & Columbia Universities)*
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- 9:00 am # 152 **College Students Forum:** *The Process of Becoming (Who we are & who we want to be)*
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- 9:00 am # 153 **Camp Renaissance:** *Kids' Thoughts About the News*
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- 10:00 am # 154 **"Ethics" for Today (What philosophy can teach us about contemporary ethics) (The beloved professor's musings)**
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- 10:00 am # 155 **Disrupt or Die (Lessons learned by CEOs, management consultants & executive coaches)**
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- 10:00 am # 156 **Myths about Mecca (Understanding Islam)**
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- 10:00 am # 157 **Psychedelics (What does the research tell us about the use of psilocybin, and its safety and efficacy?)**
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- 10:00 am # 158 **Venture Capital Confessions (Tales from Silicon Valley) (Candid accounts from entrepreneurs & VCs)**
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- 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)**
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10:00 am	# 160	First Movers vs. Fast Followers (<i>Comparative strategies of entrepreneurs & corporate execs</i>)
10:00 am	# 161	Teens Workshop: Here's Looking at, & Listening to, YOU! (<i>How to improve your public speaking & on-camera appearance</i>)
10:00 am	# 162	Teens Forum: Caring for Our Common Home?
10:00 am	# 163	Camp Renaissance Panel: Ocean Mysteries—If you could lead your own deep-sea expedition anywhere, Where would you go, what would you hope to find, & how would you share your discoveries with the world?
11:00 am	# 164	Cornerstone Interviews: First Person, Great Journeys (<i>Insights into remarkable lives</i>) (<i>Consider: "Life must be understood backwards. But it must be lived forwards."-Soren Kierkegaard</i>)
11:00 am	# 165	Cornerstone Conversation: Missions in Motion (<i>Innovations in high-impact philanthropy at any scale</i>)
11:00 am	# 166	Cornerstone Lecture: Where's "The Arc of History" Bending?
11:00 am	# 167	Cornerstone Lecture: ATTENTION (<i>Giving & getting it in a world of impatience & INFObesity</i>) (<i>Since goldfish have longer attention spans than humans, how do we capture & keep people's interest?</i>)
11:00 am	# 168	Cornerstone Mini-lectures: Elevator Pitches (<i>Incredible innovators' inventive ideas</i>) (<i>8-minute distillations</i>)
11:00 am	# 169	Camp Renaissance: Camp's Got Talent (<i>Campers perform! Poems, dances, card tricks, music etc</i>)
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 (<i>What truly makes a difference in our communities?</i>) (<i>Making civic engagement & public service part of a fulfilled life</i>)
12:00 pm	# 173	Ain't Seen Nothing Yet (<i>Pushing the boundaries of Science & Technology</i>)

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 Conversation: Can Our Parents' Generation Get it Together?

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

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- 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"?)**
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- 6:30 pm # 188 **The Science Behind Empathy & Altruism (Neuroscientists' exchange with non-profit & social enterprise leaders)**
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- 6:30 pm # 189 **Washington Battlefronts: Judging Policies By Results, Not Intentions or Politics**
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- 6:30 pm # 190 **Entertainment Today — Behind-the-scenes in the New Era of Content**
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- 6:30 pm # 191 **As Ayn Rand Would See It (Current issues from the Objectivist perspective)**
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- 6:30 pm # 192 **Pitch-perfect Marketing (Novel techniques for building brands & reaching consumers in a connected age)**
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- 6:30 pm # 193 **What I've Learned about Love**
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- 6:30 pm # 194 **Parents/Teens Round-table: Does the Old Playbook Still Work?**
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- 6:30 pm # 195 **Camp Renaissance: Meteorite-hunting**
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- 7:30 pm # 196 **DINNER BUFFET**
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- 8:30 pm # 197 **PLENARY: Something That's Been Buggin' Me Lately (Talk-show format)**
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- 9:45 pm # 198 **Renaissance Family Singers Performance (Music, comedy & spoofs)**
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- 10:00 pm # 199 **Renaissance Social Club (The Late-night Tradition)**
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- 10:00 pm # 200 **Comedy Improv Hour**
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- 10:00 pm # 201 **Moving Bishops Forward (Chess tips from champs)**
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Monday

9:00 am # 202 BREAKFAST BUFFET

10:00 am # 203 PLENARY: Words of Wisdom (*Final thoughts of the Weekend or "If These Were My Last Remarks"*)
