Hints and Tricks for Bringing The Kids

- Bring snacks, or immediately shop for basic groceries upon arrival
- Get someone you trust to babysit at least a couple of hours here and there
- HYDRATE - all those air conditioned rooms are killer for drying out little eyes and mouths. (If you have a toddler, a popsicle can be refreshing!)
- Tag-team if your spouse or S.O. or another willing parent can do so - AWP panels are always better without distraction.
- If you are the one who is scheduled to attend the events (while tag-team partner is watching kid/s) BE ON TIME when you return, even if you run into your editor or whatever, have them walk with you. It’s only fair to the person stuck waiting.
- IT’S OK TO SKIP STUFF. REALLY!! Follow #AWP20 on Twitter to catch up - and don’t bother attending anything that will be podcast. Easier to watch the podcast.
- Bring friends up to your room or find an empty room to socialize. (keeps the kid contained)
- Wearable carriers are better than strollers for watching crowded panels. Stand in the back so you can rock.
- The lights and recycled air in conference rooms are hell on babies. Expect a lot of crying if you don’t get outside a lot.
- A lot of people will want to touch/hold your baby.
- Follow baby’s lead: watch for signs of overstimulation (turning head away, for example, rubbing eyes, etc.)
- Do the best you can, realize it won’t be like it used to be. Be proud of yourself for making it at all. Lots of parents of tiny tots won’t!

Need a break from the conference?
Here are activities that are in walking distance!

The Alamo https://www.thealamo.org/ (21 min walk)
Hemisfair Park https://hemisfair.org/ (11 min walk)
Tower of Americas https://www.toweroftheamericas.com/ (14 min walk)
San Antonio River Walk https://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/ (20 min walk)
Institute of Texan Cultures https://texancultures.utsa.edu/?q=rdr (21 min walk)
The DoSeum https://www.thedoseum.org/ (9 min drive)
Spanish Governor’s Palace https://www.spanishgovernorspalace.org/ (27 min walk)
Briscoe Western Art Museum https://www.visitsanantonio.com/location/briscoe-western-art-museum/ (18 min walk)
Market Square https://www.marketsquaresa.com/ (8 min drive)
Go River Barge https://www.goriocruises.com/ (18 min walk)
Need to find a child-friendly café or restaurant?

In Walking Distance

- Gourdough’s Public House [https://gourdoughs.com/-river-walk-](https://gourdoughs.com/-river-walk-) (20 min walk, 9 min drive)
- Justin’s Ice Cream Company [https://www.justinsicecream.com/](https://www.justinsicecream.com/) (22 min walk, 6 min drive)
- Hard Rock Cafe [https://www.hardrock.com/cafes](https://www.hardrock.com/cafes) (22 min walk, 6 min drive)
- Pizzarita's [https://www.pizzaritas.com/](https://www.pizzaritas.com/) (23 min walk, 10 min drive)
- The Buckhorn Saloon [http://www.buckhornmuseum.com/](http://www.buckhornmuseum.com/) (23 min walk, 7 min drive)
- The County Line [https://countyline.com/](https://countyline.com/) (22 min walk, 7 min drive)
- The Friendly Spot [https://thefriendlyspot.com/](https://thefriendlyspot.com/) (21 min walk, 6 min drive)
- Casa Azul De Andrea [https://casaazuldeandrea.com/](https://casaazuldeandrea.com/) (23 min walk, 6 min drive)
- Denny's (19 min walk, 4 min drive)

A Short Drive Away

- Down on Grayson [http://downongrayson.com/](http://downongrayson.com/) (10 min drive)
- Cherrity Bar [https://cherritybar.com/](https://cherritybar.com/) (4 min drive)
- The Cove [https://thecove.us/](https://thecove.us/) (7 min drive)
- In-N-Out [https://locations.in-n-out.com/298](https://locations.in-n-out.com/298) (13 min drive)
- Tycoon Flats [https://www.tycoonflats.net/](https://www.tycoonflats.net/) (6 min drive)

Need a babysitter while you do the conference? Average rate: $15/hour

[https://www.sittercity.com/babysitters/tx/san-antonio](https://www.sittercity.com/babysitters/tx/san-antonio)
[http://timeoutsitters.com](http://timeoutsitters.com)

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