‘Fall’ into the California Dental Association meeting in San Francisco

CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry will hit the city by the bay Sept. 22–24 (Thursday through Saturday), and meeting organizers say the show is on tap to be one the best yet. The California Dental Association meeting’s premier convention experiences encompass dynamic speakers, an extensive tradeshow, numerous C.E. credit opportunities, and exciting social events in the heart of world-class destinations — Anaheim and San Francisco.

CDA Presents will feature more than 400 exhibiting companies showcasing the latest in dental technology, products and services. Attendees can stay ahead of the curve by exploring the innovative new products being launched in the exhibit hall.

Hours are as follows:
- **Grand Opening**
  - Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
- **Exhibit Hall open**
  - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Family Hours**
  - Daily, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- **Registration Hours**
  - Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CDA Party**
It was created by a physicist and houses a geometry playground, microscope imaging station and a calculator powered by the force of gravity. It’s the Exploratorium, the destination of this year’s CDA Party.

Attendees are invited to join CDA for a bountiful buffet, fascinating exhibits and live music from ‘80s cover band Tainted Love. The party is Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. The fee is $65 per person.

**Wine seminar and reception**
Meeting attendees can join CDA for a wine and food pairing demonstration, led by a chef, that illustrates how beautifully wine and food complement one another. This is a must-attend event for wine novices to aficionados. The event is Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at The Spot. The fee is $25 per person.

**Plenty for kids**
While you’re in a lecture or on the tradeshow floor, your kids can have a blast in the KiddieCorp programs designed just for them. KiddieCorp professionals are bonded, qualified child care specialists who are carefully selected and trained.

Age-appropriate activities, games and movies will be provided in a structured environment for your child’s entertainment. Exhibit Hall family hours are 9:30-noon daily. For safety reasons, strollers are never permitted in the Exhibit Hall.

**About San Francisco**
San Francisco is famous for its scenic beauty, cultural attractions, diverse communities and world-class cuisine. This very walkable city is dotted with landmarks recognized throughout the world: the Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars, Alcatraz and the largest Chinatown in the United States.

September is usually a beautiful time of year and an ideal time to visit. The average high is 73 degrees, with an average low of 55 degrees.

10 things not to miss in San Francisco

One of the nicest things about visiting San Francisco is that, although the city is big in terms of attractions and amenities, it is geographically small — only 49 square miles. Consequently, it is very easy to see and do a great many things in a short period of time. It is also easy to spend weeks in San Francisco and still not experience everything the city has to offer.

Here is a suggested list of the top 10 things not to miss in San Francisco, according to the San Francisco Travel Association:

1. **The Golden Gate Bridge**, the most famous bridge in the world, manages to impress even the most experienced travelers with its stunning 1.7-mile span. Approximately 120,000 automobiles drive across it every day. A pedestrian walkway also allows the crossing on foot, and bikes are allowed on the western side. The Golden Gate Bridge is said to be one of the most photographed subjects on Earth.

2. **Cable cars** have been transporting people around San Francisco since the late 19th century. The cars run on tracks and are moved by an underground cable on three routes. Their familiar bells can be heard ringing from blocks away. Tickets ($5) may be purchased at the cable car turnarounds at the ends of each route. Each one-way ride will provide spectacular views of the city’s celebrated hills as well as the city’s two universities. The service runs daily from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. For safety reasons, strollers are never permitted in the Exhibit Hall.

3. **Union Square** is a focal point of the city where you can stop for a bite to eat and then explore the area, which is known for its fashion, dining and shopping. The area is located in the heart of San Francisco, and it’s a great place to start your exploration of the city.

4. **Alcatraz** is the most famous island in San Francisco Bay. The island was once a prison and now is a popular tourist destination. The island is only accessible by ferry and is a must-see for anyone visiting San Francisco.

5. **Golden Gate Park** is one of the largest urban parks in the world. It is home to a variety of attractions, including the California Academy of Sciences, the de Young Museum, and the San Francisco Zoo. The park is a must-visit for anyone looking to relax and enjoy nature.

6. **Chinatown** is the largest Chinatown in the United States and is home to a variety of restaurants, shops, and cultural attractions. It is a great place to experience Chinese culture and cuisine.

7. **Fisherman’s Wharf** is a popular tourist destination with a variety of attractions, including the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, the Wax Museum, and the California Street Pier. It is a great place to experience the local culture and enjoy the views of the bay.

8. **California Palace of the Legion of Honor** is a museum that houses a collection of European paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts. It is located in the Legion of Honor district and is a must-see for anyone interested in art.

9. **Haight-Ashbury** is one of the most famous neighborhoods in San Francisco. It is known for its bohemian atmosphere and was the epicenter of the 1960s counterculture movement. It is a great place to experience the local culture and enjoy the views of the city.

10. **Embarcadero** is a popular waterfront area that is home to a variety of attractions, including the San Francisco Ferry Building, the California Academy of Sciences, and the Exploratorium. It is a great place to experience the local culture and enjoy the views of the city.