

What is a RettAway?

IRSF's RettAway is a destination vacation for families to spend time together and build connections with other members of our Rett community. RettAways are held exclusively in locations that understand the challenges and joys of caring for a loved one with Rett syndrome. It's not a conference, just an exclusive opportunity for families to have fun together and thrive.

This year's RettAway brings us to Morgan's Wonderland in San Antonio, Texas! Join us for fun in the sun at this accessible theme park, including an afternoon at Morgan's Inspiration Island Splash Experience reserved just for Rett families. There will be ample time to catch up with friends new and old throughout the weekend or explore all the city has to offer. No matter where you are on your Rett journey, there will be activities, support, and bonds to be made at this June's RettAway.

What is the Weekend Schedule?

Thursday, 6/22

All Day Arrive & Check-In

5:30-7p Meet & Greet for Drury hotel guests with IRSF | Drury Kickback® in the Drury Plaza's Lobby

Friday, 6/23

Breakfast on your own

11a-1p Welcome & Lunch | Morgan's Wonderland Event Center

(pre-registration required; <u>CLICK HERE</u>)

1-5p Morgan's Inspiration Island

Dinner on own

7-9p Movie and Swim Night for Drury hotel guests | Drury Plaza Conference Room #146

(space is limited; childcare will not be provided)

Saturday, 6/24

Day on your own!

(scroll down for a list of things to do in the area or create your own meetups with the help of IRSF's Paige Nues, Samantha Brant, and local San Antonio Rett families)

Sunday, 6/25

Departure

How much does it cost?

Registration for the RettAway is free for individuals with Rett syndrome and \$10 each for up to five (5) additional family members or caregivers. Registration includes lunch and access to IRSF's exclusive afternoon at Morgan's Inspiration Island Splash Experience on Friday, June 23. (If your family or group has more than 5, please contact admin@rettsyndrome.org)

How do I register?

You must pre-register everyone who will be attending the RettAway this year. It's easy! Visit give.rettsyndrome.org/RettAway2023 (click or type the URL in your browser window) and click the "REGISTER" button. Fill out the required information and enter your credit card information to reserve your spot. Make sure to include an email to receive your confirmation!

What is your cancellation policy?

Confirmed registrations will not be refunded or transferred. IRSF is committed to providing quality programming at the 2023 RettAway.



What is Morgan's Wonderland?

Morgan's Wonderland is the world's first theme park designed with special-needs individuals in mind and built for everyone's enjoyment. While other theme parks accommodate people with disabilities and/or special needs, Morgan's Wonderland was created with them in mind. This unique park was created to enable everyone to come together and have fun, regardless of their abilities. However, instead of building a park and then making accommodations for individuals with special needs, the Morgan's Wonderland team began by identifying what obstacles and barriers occur within the special-needs community, then designed the park to help individuals with special needs overcome those challenges and be able to have fun like those without limitations.

What's the difference between Morgan's Wonderland and Morgan's Inspiration Island?

<u>Morgan's Inspiration Island</u> is composed of five splash pads, a sensory-friendly boat ride, water wheelchair use (as available), entertainment, and plenty of fun in the sun and water time with IRSF and Rett syndrome families.

The RettAway will take place at Morgan's Inspiration Island on Friday. Your registration includes lunch in the Event Center and admission to IRSF's exclusive afternoon at Inspiration Island.

Morgan's Wonderland offers "dry" attractions such as a Carousel, Whirling Wonder Ferris Wheel, Wonderland Express train, and (much) fully-accessible more. You can purchase Saturday admission to Morgan's Wonderland at the gate at a discounted group rate of \$10/per person when you mention you are with IRSF.

Travel Information:

Each family is responsible for coordinating all travel to and from the RettAway and its activities, including airfare, hotel, transportation, other meals, and entertainment. There is no shuttle service between the Drury Plaza group hotels and Morgan's Wonderland, which are about 8 miles apart.

Airport:

The <u>San Antonio International Airport</u> (SAT) is located less than 2 miles from the Drury group hotels. The airport offers a variety of rental car, taxi, and rideshare options.

Driving Directions - Airport to Drury Plaza Airport hotel:

Follow Terminal Drive out of the airport and continue on Airport Boulevard. Turn right onto the I-410 Access Rd/NE Interstate 410 Loop. For Drury Inn & Suites, turn right onto Jones Maltsberger Road and your destination is on the right; for Drury Plaza, drive past Jones Maltsberger Road and turn right just past the Applebee's.

Driving Directions - <u>Morgan's Inspiration Island from Drury Plaza Airport</u>: Get on I-410 E from I- 410 Access Rd/NE Interstate 410 Loop Follow I-410 E to I-35 Frontage Rd. Take the I-35 N exit from I-410 E Continue I-35 Frontage Rd to signs for Morgan's Wonderlands



Group Hotel Information:

IRSF has coordinated a block of rooms at a negotiated rate that you can book directly with the hotels below. Rooms in the block are available on a first come, first-serve basis. The *Drury Plaza Hotel* is the primary hotel with all other optional group activities happening here; the *Drury Plaza Inn & Suites*, located across the street from the Drury Plaza, is the overflow hotel. Attendees and guests staying at the Drury Inn & Suites will have access to all activities in the Drury Plaza. <u>Please book your room by May 21st</u>.

Both hotels offer:

- Accessible rooms
- A hot breakfast and an evening happy hour with hot food and cold beverages for all guests plus popcorn and soda at the front desk
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free parking
- Free airport shuttle that runs 4 a.m.-12:30 a.m. daily (contact hotel to confirm).

Primary Hotel:

<u>Drury Plaza San Antonio Airport</u> (95 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216)

Group Rate: \$140/\$160 per night

Book online or call 800-325-0720 and refer to Group #10032573

To download the hotel guide, <u>click here</u>.

Drury Plaza has a non-wheelchair shuttle for use within 1-mi of the hotel where there is a Walmart, Target, a mall for shopping and/or getting to car rental locations. The shuttle <u>does not</u> go to/from Morgan's Wonderland.

Overflow Hotel:

<u>Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio Airport</u> (8818 Jones Maltsberger Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216)

Group Rate: \$140 per night

Book online or call 800-325-0720 and refer to Group #10032577

To download the hotel guide, <u>click here</u>.

Meals:

A catered lunch will be included with your Friday RettAway registration at Morgan's Inspiration Island. For guests staying at either of the Drury Plaza group hotels, breakfast and a light evening "Kickback" meal are provided by the Drury with your hotel stay. Please work directly with the Drury for any allergies or special dietary needs.

Drury Hotel Menus:

<u>Breakfast</u> | Kickback - <u>Food</u> & <u>Drink</u>

Other Things to do in San Antonio:

Morgans Wonderland Theme Park

Doseum Kids Museum

Alamo

San Antonio Zoo

River Walk (Park at River City Mall for elevators/ramps to River Walk, see map for accessible points)

Sea World

HemisFair Park (Accessible swings and disks, walking trails)

Wildlife Ranch Safari (See the animals without leaving your car!)

More recommendations to come from our local San Antonio parent ambassadors!

Let us know you're coming by <u>RSVPing "Yes" in the Facebook Event!</u> This will be where we share updates and you can connect with other attendees as you get ready for your trip!