



# Huntsville Hamfest

*The World's Friendliest Hamfest! Since 1954*

& ARRL Southeastern Division Convention

*Hamfest Final Edition 3.0*



August 21: 9AM – 4:30PM

August 22: 9AM – 3PM

VON BRAUN CENTER

700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

# 2021

Welcome to the Huntsville Hamfest and the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention. You're invited to download this mobile friendly guide to help manage your busy weekend.

The Board has worked closely with the VBC to offer an expanded layout to allow safe social distancing – the Vendor / Flea Market floor space grows from 80K sq feet to 140K square feet. The VBC will also provide hand sanitizing stations at key points in the venue.

This year we're excited to again bring together a great collection of commercial dealers, distributors, flea marketers, forum presenters exam sessions, and the ever popular youth lounge, all in the air-conditioned comfort of the South Hall.

For the first time two adult solder classes will be offered on Sunday morning geared to budding kit-builders. Also, we're setting up two Tom Duncan Memorial Storytelling Lounges in recognition of Tom Duncan, KG4CUI (SK) and his past contributions to the success of the Huntsville Hamfest. These quieter curtained off areas are completely free and will allow clubs and groups to meet in-person for 1 hour timeslots during Hamfest hours.

(mailto: webmaster@hamfest.org)

We hope you enjoy your stay in Huntsville and visit to the Huntsville Hamfest.

73,

The Huntsville Hamfest Committee



*It's time to leave the basement and  
celebrate the return of in-person Hamfests!*

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# 2021 Event Schedule

*(Forums listed separately)*

## Friday

Doors open for move-in:	10:00 AM (earlier if VBC allows)
Hospitality Suite at Embassy Suites, Room 201 (near elevator)	5:30 PM to 10:30 PM
Downtown Huntsville Food Truck Rally near VBC & Big Spring Park	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Doors close for move-in	8:00 PM

## Saturday

Ticket Sales Start	7:00 AM
Back Doors open for move in	7:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Event Doors open	9:00 AM
DX Card Checking (NADXC booth)	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM
License Exams (hallway)	10:00 AM
Door prize drawings (must claim before 4 PM drawing)	Hourly
Pico Balloon Launch @ Embassy Hotel entrance (subject to prevailing winds)	12:00 PM
Grand Prize Drawing (winner need not be present)	4:00 PM
Doors close	4:30 PM
Hospitality Suite at Embassy Suites, Room 201 (near elevator)	5:30 PM to 10:30 PM
DX Banquet – Social hour @ Spring Hill Suites, 745 Constellation Place Drive SW. (advance purchase only, no tickets sales at the door)	5:00 PM
DX Banquet – Dinner Seating	6:00 PM

## Sunday

YL Breakfast - All are welcome. City Café Diner, 2003 Drake Ave SW, HSV 35801	7:30 AM
Event Doors open	9:00 AM
DX Card Checking @ NADXC booth	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Youth Lounge opens	9:00 AM
License Exams (hallway)	10:00 AM
Door prize drawings (must claim before 2 PM drawing)	Hourly
Sunday main prize drawings: (must be present to win)	2:00 PM
Doors close	3:00 PM



# 2021 Saturday Door Prize Info

*Provided by Hamfest with generous support from GigaParts*

**Saturday Grand Prize: Yaesu FTDX-10**  
(need not be present to win)



**Late addition:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Grand Prize – sponsored by StepIR:**

**StepIR Prize Certificate for:**

- BigIR Vertical
- SDA 100 controller
- 100 feet of control cable

**a value of \$1900 when including shipping.**  
(need not be present to win)

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Also, StepIR products are available online.

Visit <https://www.steppir.com/>

and use coupon code HUNTSVILLE21 this weekend\*  
to receive 10% off any order!



# 2021 Sunday Door Prize Info

(must be present to win either)

## Main Prize 1: Yaesu FT-991A

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## Main Prize 2:

*Sponsored by Shack-in-a-Box:*

- Shack-in-a-Box Solaris 600Wh Solar Generator v1.0
- Bioenno Power BSP-100LITE solar panel
- 20' 12AWG solar panel cable
- Retail value \$1757.99

[www.shack-in-a-box.com](http://www.shack-in-a-box.com)

Solaris 600Wh  
Solar Generator v1.0



**SHACK**  
Shack-in-a-Box.com

**Plus over \$2500 in HOURLY Door Prizes on Saturday & Sunday  
(must be claimed before the final daily drawing)**



## 2021 Vendors & Organizations

10-10 International  
ABR Industries  
Alabama Contest Group (ACG)  
Alabama Historical Radio Society  
Alabama Repeater Council  
Alabama Service Corps  
Aluma Towers  
Amateur Radio Digital Communications  
AMCON ARC Of Alabama  
American Radio Relay League (ARRL)  
ARES/RACES  
ARISS  
ARMY MARS  
Atlanta Hamfest  
Central Alabama Simplex Net  
Chuck Penson-Heathkit Books  
Compudigital Industries K6IOK  
Computer & Telecom Recycling Svc  
CWOPS  
Dalton (GA) ARC  
Dayton HAMVENTION  
Don Keith N4KC (author)  
Electric Guru Parts House  
FLEX Radio Systems  
Gigaparts  
Gold Medal Ideas  
Ham World, Inc.  
Hamsource  
Happy Feet  
Heaven Sent Survival  
Huntsville ARC - Flea Market Test Bench

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KM4MPF Sales  
Makers Local 256  
MGS-Max-Gain Systems  
MTX Development  
N. Alabama DX CLUB  
N3ZN Keys  
NCG/Comet Antenna  
Ni4L Antennas & Electronics  
Orlando HAMCATION  
Phase Dock Inc  
QSO Radio Show WTWW  
Radio Club of America (RCA)  
Remote Ham Radio  
RT Systems  
Shack In A Box  
Stone Mtn Hamfest / GA State  
Convention  
Swap My Rigs  
Tech Equipment Dist Inc. TEDI  
The RF Adapter Guy  
The Sign Man  
The Wireman  
TN07 Engineering  
Tornado Alert  
Tower Electronics  
W5KUB  
Wild Sage Jewelry  
William Perry Co.  
Wired Communications  
Wolf River Coils

## Forum Schedule, Huntsville Hamfest , 2021

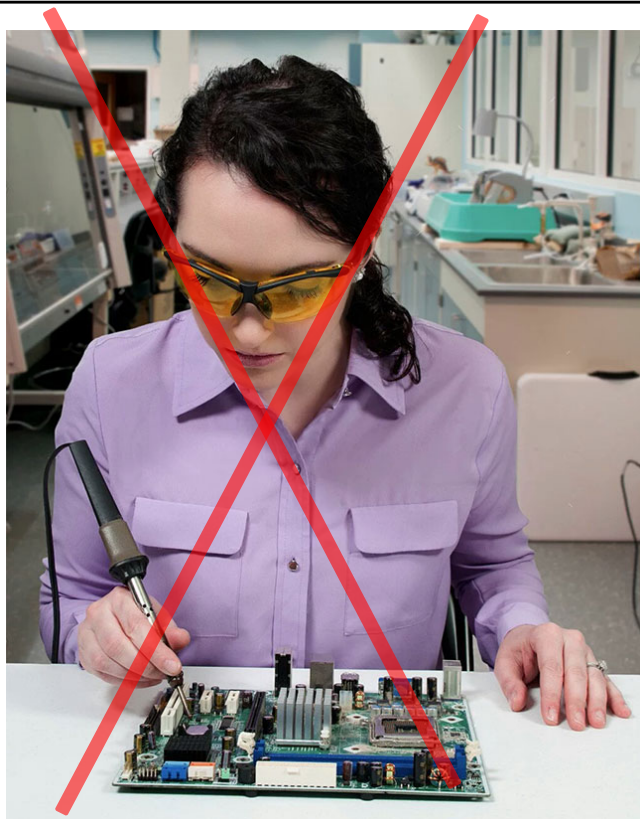
Start	Saturday, August 21, 2021			
Time	Room 1	Room 2	Restone	Madison
9 AM	Hamfest Doors Open			
10 AM	Youth Forum Carole Perry	Orlando Hamcation John Knott, N4JTK	Lightning Research in Huntsville Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	Arduino Forum Glen Popiel, KW5GP
11 AM	ARISS: Current Status and Future Visions Frank Bauer, KA3HDO	Shack-in-a-Box Hope Lea, ND2L	Lightning Protection for Hams Monte Bateman, PhD, WB5RZX	Send an Amateur Radio Balloon Around the World Bill Brown, WB8ELK
12 PM	ARRL Membership Town Hall Mickey Baker, N4MB	MARS John Briscoe Ralph Bringham	2020 VP8PJ South Orkney Islands DXpedition Gene Spinelli, K5GS	Having Fun with Portable Ham Radio, including POTA Joe, KI4ASK, and Mary Catherine, KI4HHI, Domaleski
1 PM	ARRL AL Section and ARES Volunteers Forum Roger Parsons, KK4UDU		Summits on the Air (SOTA) Michael Fielder, PhD, KM4CRB	What's the difference between Superhets and SDRs? Bob DePierre, K8KI
2 PM	Game Changer: ARRL's Intro to Radio Kit Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R	Software Defined Radio as a Platform Steve Hicks, N5AC, Flex Radio Systems	10 Meters Keith Schottman, KR7RK	The Schelkunoff-Smith Chart, Energy Flow and Small Antennas Hans Shantz, PhD KC5VLD
3 PM		Advances in Weather Detection Technology - Mickey Lee	AMSAT Tim Cunningham, N8DEU	Wading into the Contest Ocean Rob Suggs, PhD, NN4NT
4 PM	Closing Ceremony			





Sunday Forum Schedule, 2021		
Start	Sunday, August 22, 2021	
Time	Room 1	Room 2
9 AM	Adult Soldering 101 Session 1 Matthew Sager, KI4AJZ and Kevin Hibbs, KG4TEI	Hamfest Doors Open
10 AM		YouTube Discussion Hosted by Jason Johnston, KC5HWP of Ham Radio 2.0
11 AM		
12 PM	Adult Soldering 101 Session 2 Matthew Sager, KI4AJZ and Kevin Hibbs, KG4TEI	Programming your DMR Radio Jeff Hilliard, AK6OK
1 PM		Using a Spectrum Analyser and Oscilloscope Jeff Hillard, AK6OK
2 PM	Closing Ceremony	

For more info, see: <https://hamfest.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Hamfest2021-Forum-L1st-2021-08-18.pdf>



**This is the WRONG way to  
hold a soldering iron!**



# Youth Lounge 2021

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# FlexRadio

		Solder Table	Arduino Table	Electronics Table
<b>Any Time</b>	<b>9 AM</b>			
Remote Ham Radio				
Get on the Air (GOTA)	<b>10 AM</b>	Solder Kit		Electronics Class
Morse Code Bingo				
Morse Code Bracelets	<b>11 AM</b>	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	Electronics Class
Drive a robot				
Make a doodle bot	<b>12 PM</b>		Arduino Class	
3D Printer Demo				
Earn the Achievement Award	<b>1 PM</b>	Solder Kit		Electronics Class
	<b>2 PM</b>	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	Electronics Class
	<b>3 PM</b>	Solder Kit	Arduino Class	
	<b>4 PM</b>	Close	Close	Close

## Sunday

		Solder Table	Arduino Table	Electronics Table
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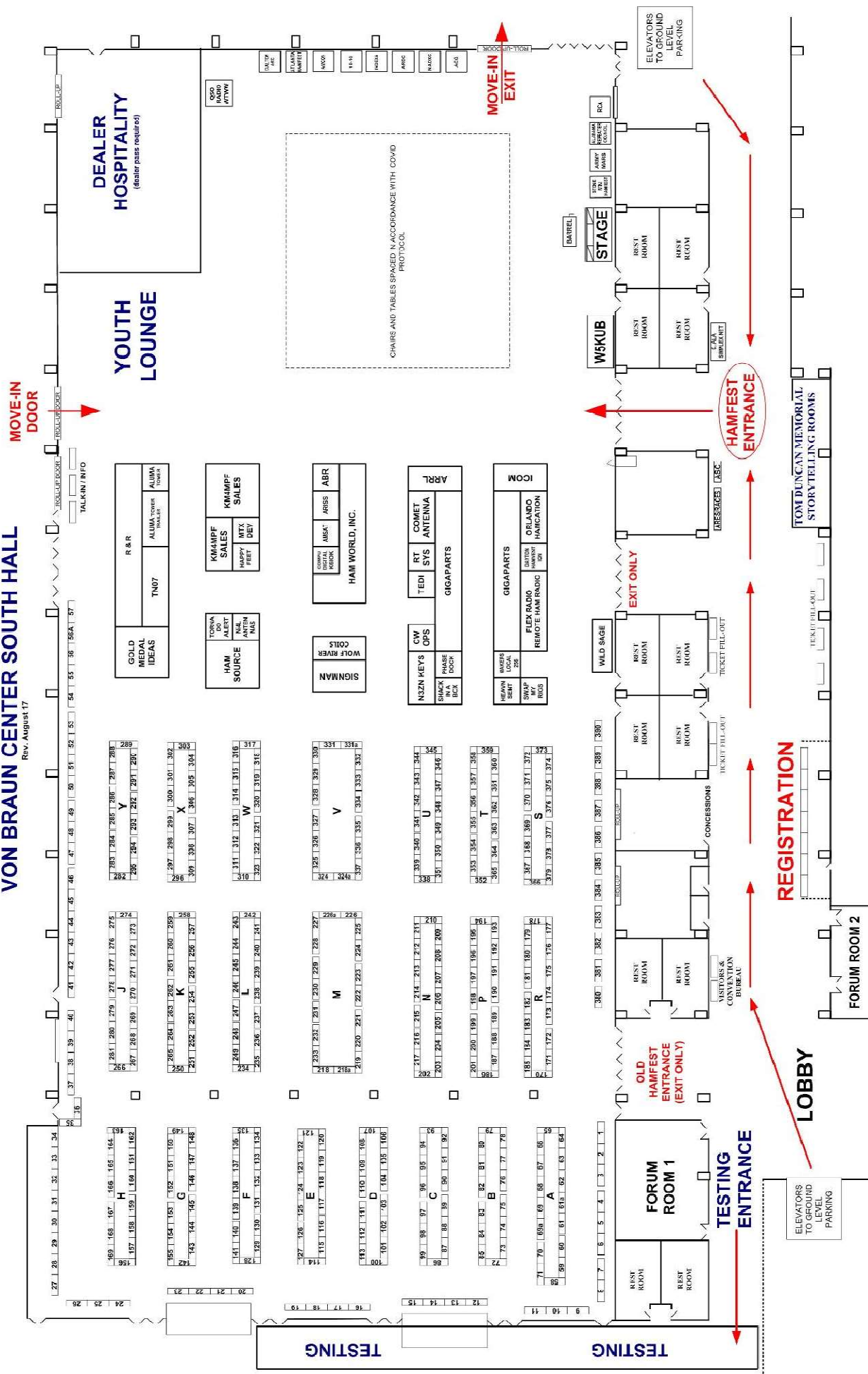
## REMOTE HAM RADIO





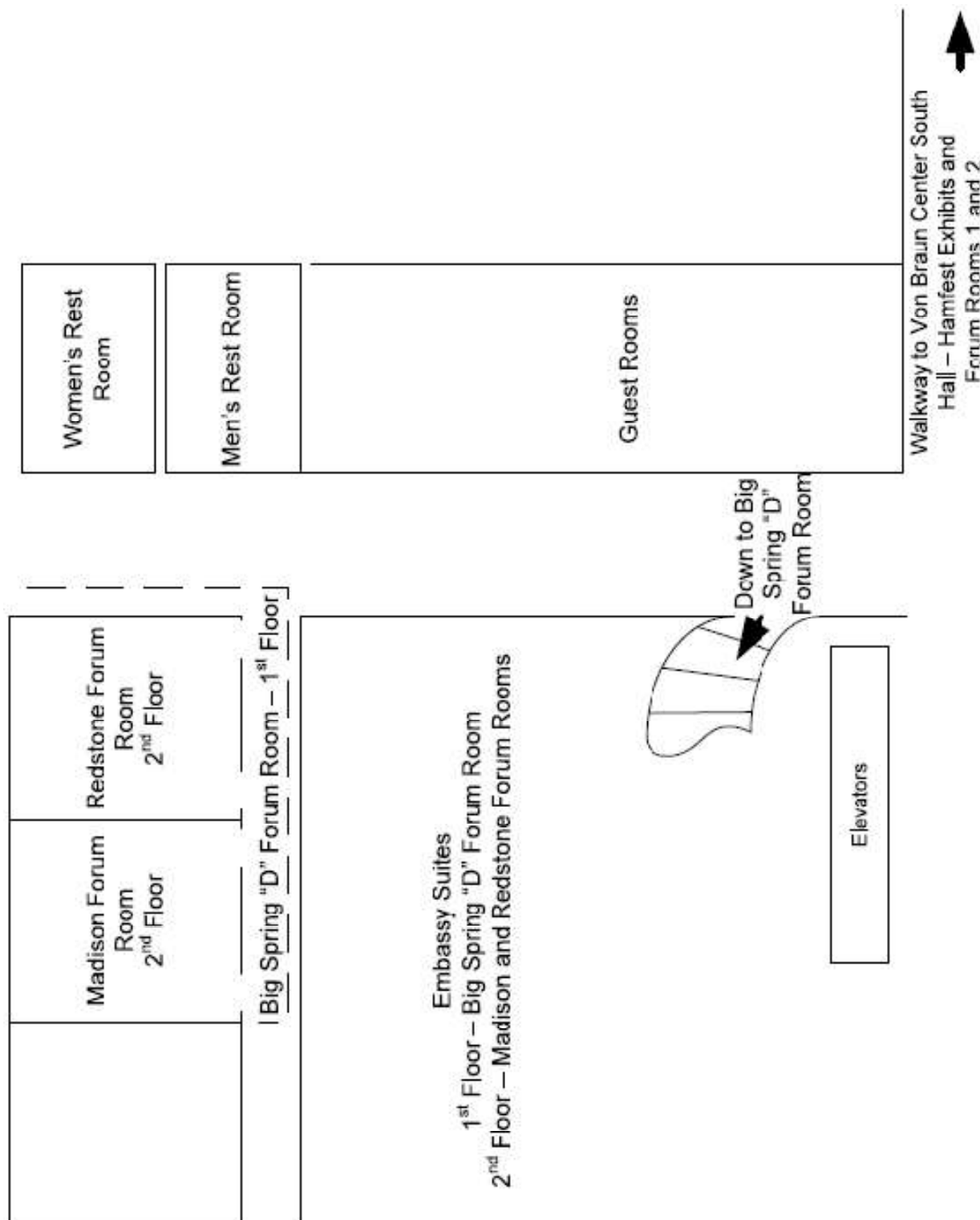
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# Embassy Suites Forum Rooms





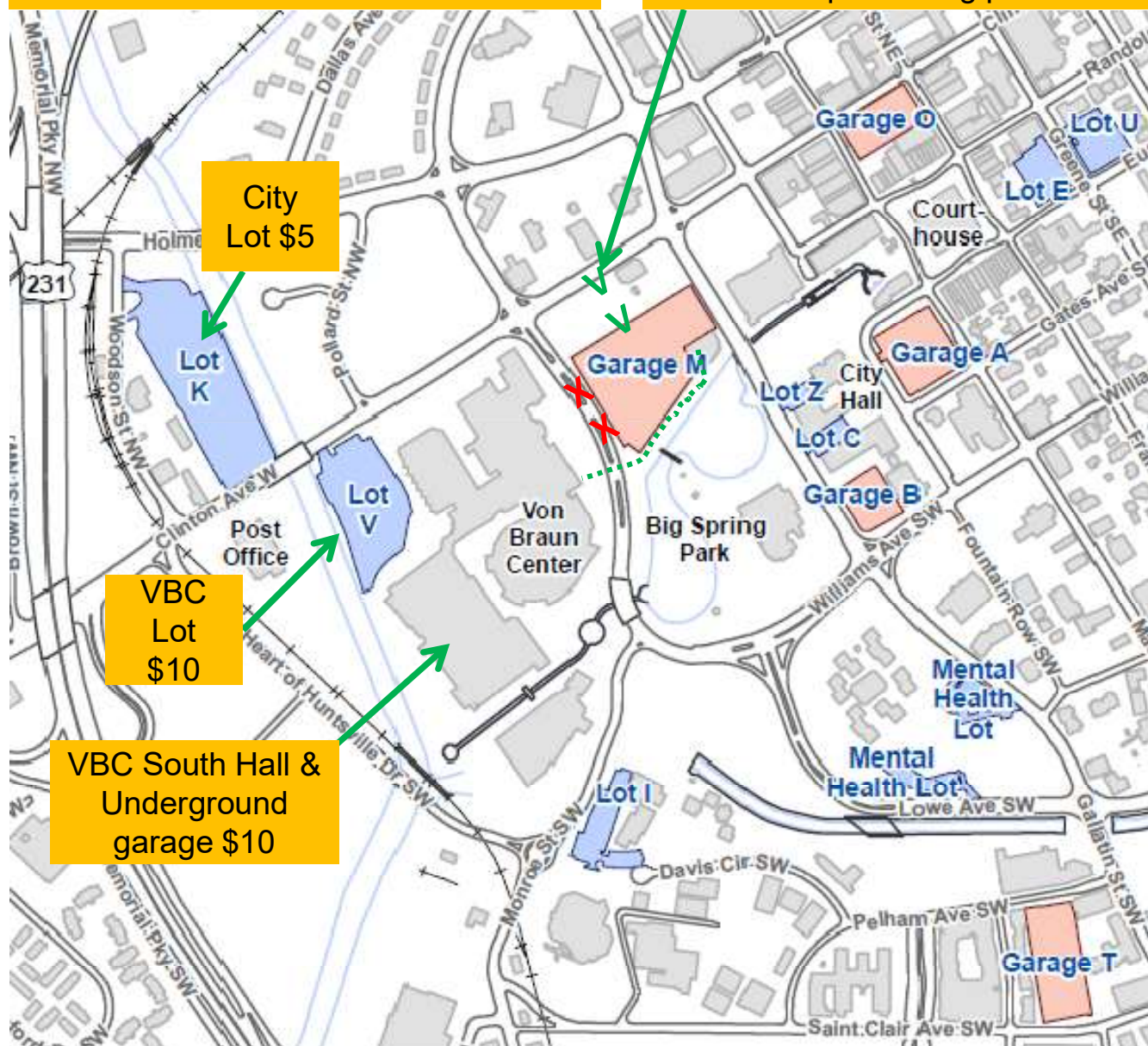
# Parking near the VBC

Construction in downtown Huntsville has outpaced the maps.

For Hamfest 2021, here is the parking detail for lots adjacent to the VBC.

City Garage \$5.

VEHICLE access via Clinton Ave ONLY, then PEDESTRIAN exit to south and follow path along pond to VBC





# Local Dining Guide

Huntsville offers many area dining options across the city. For out of town guests, the list below are venues we can recommend either within walking distance to the nearby hotels, or a few minute drive from the Hamfest.

## **5 Minute Walking Distance from Embassy, Springhill, & Homewood Suites**

Rhythm on Monroe – Rooftop bar & restaurant, featuring locally-sourced ingredients, Rhythm's menu provides delicious urban fare, craft brews, a curated wine list, and handmade cocktails.  
700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL, 35801 (above VBC North Hall)

Pan e Vino – Gourmet Pizza, Italian food & Craft Beers. Stylish, indoor/outdoor pizzeria at the Huntsville Museum of Art, overlooking Big Spring Park  
300 Church St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 (follow walkway around lake)

## **Many other downtown locations within a 15 minute walk can be found here:**

Interactive Google Map of Downtown Restaurants

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Restaurants/@34.7305226,-86.5876792,17z/data=!3m1!4b1>

## **A short drive SW on Clinton Ave**

Campus 805 – a cluster of brewpubs and restaurants in a converted middle school. All these feature comfortable indoor & outdoor seating options.

2620 Clinton Ave West,  
Huntsville, AL 35805

Straight to Ale & Ale's Kitchen – local brewer taproom from scratch kitchen featuring burgers, fresh cut fries, poutines, jumbo wings and creative sandwiches all served on locally made breads.

Yellowhammer Brewing Co & Earth And Stone Wood Fired Pizza, local brewer taproom with counter service for pizza, salads, calzones, desserts.

Rock & Roll Sushi – Planning to expand in late July. Excellent traditional sushi, rolls, and Japanese dishes from the kitchen. Chairman's favorite.

Hops & Guac - a fast-casual Mexican-fusion restaurant in Huntsville's Campus 805 Entertainment District.