



SSP INTERNATIONAL

Annual Gathering Weekend Schedule

San Francisco, CA

November 14-16,

*Driving/Walking times are based on the distance from the Marriott Fisherman's Wharf

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

2:15 PM - 4:30 PM | [Genentech Campus Tour](#) (25-person limit)

Get an inside look at our dynamic 60-building campus—exploring our history, business functions, employee experience, and vibrant culture—with a possible sneak peek into our cutting-edge labs and manufacturing spaces! Space is limited to 25 people, sign up early

Cost: \$25 pp | **Location:** **Building 31 (B31)**, located at: **310 DNA Way, South San Francisco**
46-min drive/1.40 hr. SF Muni*

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Kickoff Social Mixer at [SPARK Social SF](#)

Start the Annual Gathering Weekend with fellow Summer Science Program alumni and SSPI staff at SPARK Social SF! Enjoy delicious bites from a variety of food trucks, sip craft drinks from the beer garden, and connect with old and new friends in a fun, outdoor setting. All ages welcome. Space reserved by SSPI.

Cost: Food & Beverage | **Location:** [601 Mission Bay Blvd. North San Francisco](#) |
21-min drive/35-min SF Muni*

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | SSPI Lounge

Need a spot to relax and connect? Swing by SSPI's Alumni Lounge at the Marriott Fisherman's Wharf! Enjoy light refreshments, unwind with games, and catch up with fellow alums in a casual, welcoming space made just for you. You don't need to be staying at the hotel to enjoy.

Cost: Free | **Location:** [Marriott Fisherman's Wharf, 1250 Columbus Ave](#), Room: Napa Ballroom

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Suggested Breakfast at [The Buena Vista](#)

Planning to start your morning with fellow alumni and SSPI staff? Arrange your own meet-up at The Buena Vista Cafe, famous for its Irish Coffee and Dungeness crab omelet. Please note this is not a reservation or SSPI-hosted event—just a casual opportunity to connect over a delicious breakfast!

Cost: Food & Beverage | **Location:** [2765 Hyde St \(at Beach\)](#) | 4-min walk*

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Invented in San Francisco Walking Tour

Long before Silicon Valley, San Francisco was buzzing with creativity. Join us to uncover seven surprising stories of innovation, from groundbreaking tech to iconic tunes and tasty treats, that showcase the city as a hub of inventive thinking for nearly 200 years. Along the way, we'll dive into the science behind these inventions, wander through historic neighborhoods with stunning views, and put our own powers of perception to the test.

Distance: 2.3 miles | Difficulty: Moderate with one challenging uphill | Duration: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$35 or included in the All-Access Weekend Pass | **Location:** [blue obelisk in Sydney Walton Square Park, near the corner of Front and Jackson Streets](#) | 9-min drive/18-min SF Muni

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | Lunch at [Pier 23 Café & Restaurant](#)

After the walking tour, join SSPI staff for a delicious lunch at Pier 23 Café & Restaurant! A San Francisco waterfront favorite since 1985, Pier 23 Café & Restaurant offers fresh seafood, signature cocktails, and sweeping bay views. Just steps from the Ferry Building, it's the perfect spot to unwind and take in the city's maritime charm.

Cost: Food & Beverage | **Location:** [23 The Embarcadero](#)

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Biochemical Symphony: The Music of Molecules Dinner & Awards

Set sail aboard the *San Francisco Spirit* for an evening of dinner, awards, science and music fun mixed with themed cocktails, and a scenic Bay cruise. The night includes a raffle and fundraiser supporting financial aid, plus the presentation of the Beacon, Legacy, and Young Alumni Achievement Awards.

Dress: Cocktail attire. Try Symphonic Chic (bow ties, jewelry, or accents inspired by music and orchestral glam) or Molecular Flair (bold colors, metallics, or chemistry-inspired patterns)

Cost: Included in All-Access Weekend Pass & Signature Experience Pass | **Location:** [Pier 3, Hornblower Landing](#) | Parking available onsite | 10-min drive/20-min SF Muni*

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | *Beyond the Lab – How SSP Shapes Every Path*

Start your Sunday with inspiration, conversation, and connection at the Alumni Breakfast Panel – a lively discussion featuring Summer Science Program alumni who took their scientific curiosity into unexpected fields. Over coffee and breakfast, hear how the lessons of inquiry, collaboration, and resilience gained through the program continue to guide their work.

Panelists:

- Jordan Feyko '09 – Vice President, Biospring Partners
- Alyce Moy '94 – Senior Marketing Program Manager, Aquent x Adobe Brand Studio
- Josh Dillon '04 – Co-Creator, *Cards Against Humanity*; Assistant Research Scientist, UC Berkeley
- Alison Lu '06 – Vice President, Business Strategy & Analytics, San Francisco 49ers

Moderated by: Mike McKay '78, SSPI Board Chair, Advisory Partner at Bain & Company

Cost: Included in All-Access Weekend Pass & Signature Experience Pass | **Location:** [Marriott Fisherman's Wharf, 1250 Columbus Ave.](#) Room: Golden Gate Ballroom

End of the Annual Gathering Weekend

For questions on the schedule, please contact SSPI Alumni Relations, sspalum@ssp.org.

TOP 10 MUST SEE IN SAN FRANCISCO

If you find you have some extra time. We recommend visiting these places while in the area:

1. **Golden Gate Bridge** – Iconic views of the Bay and city skyline; walk or bike across for unforgettable photos.
2. **Alcatraz Island** – Explore the infamous former prison with an engaging audio tour full of history.
3. **California Academy of Sciences** – A one-stop wonder in Golden Gate Park: aquarium, planetarium, rainforest, and natural history museum.
4. **Fisherman's Wharf & Pier 39** – Lively waterfront with sea lions, street performers, and fresh seafood.
5. **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)** – World-class modern and contemporary art in a striking architectural setting.

6. **De Young Museum** – Fine arts museum in Golden Gate Park featuring American art and a stunning observation tower.
7. **Painted Ladies at Alamo Square** – Snap the famous Victorian houses framed by the city skyline.
8. **Chinatown** – The oldest Chinatown in North America, filled with vibrant shops, restaurants, and cultural sites.
9. **Mission District Murals** – Colorful street art paired with amazing local cuisine, including the famous Mission-style burritos.
10. **Ferry Building Marketplace** – A foodie haven with artisanal shops, fresh produce, and waterfront views.