



H.A.W.S. **MAINLINE**

Heroin Anonymous World Services
Monthly Bulletin

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This informational bulletin's purpose is to
increase communication between the groups of
Heroin Anonymous throughout the world.



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CONVENTION **UPDATE**

August 2021 HAWS Convention

It's almost time!!! Below are some helpful links for this weekend's convention, and the following pages contain a schedule. Enjoy!

- **Convention Information:** <https://heroinanonymous.org/convention>
- **Full program:**
<http://heroinanonymous.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/HAWC-2021-AGENDA2.pdf>

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HAWC 2021 Entertainment Schedule

Friday, August 27, 2021.

Welcome to Atlanta. - A Hip Hop Themed Dance Party Based Around
The Evolution of Rap Music in Atlanta.

*Innovation Lab 1 Hours: 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM. Coloring Sheets Available.

*Innovation Lab 2 Hours: 7:00 PM - 2:00 AM. Board Games Available.

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Speed Friending.
Florida B.

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

2021 HAWC Banner Collaborative Group Craft Available.
Innovation Lab 1.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Speed Stories. Get To Know Your Fellowship Better!
Innovation Lab 2.

7:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Make A Glow in the Dark RAVE T Shirt for Saturday Night's Rave. Donation's Accepted.
Innovation Lab 2.

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Oracle Card Readings Available.
Innovation Lab 1.

9:30 PM

Welcome to Atlanta Dance Party Kickoff Video.
Grand Ballroom.

9:45 PM

Lip Sync Battle (Karaoke Competition) Sign Ups Start at 9:00 PM in Grand Ballroom.
Grand Ballroom.

10:15 PM

Self Will Run Performance.
Grand Ballroom.

10:30 PM

Welcome to Atlanta Dance Party. Chronology of Hip Hop Playlist & Open Requests.
Grand Ballroom

11:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Sound Bath Guided Meditation with Michael Burke.
Innovation Lab 1.

12:15 AM

Name That Tune Hip Hop Trivia.
Innovation Lab B.

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HAWC 2021 Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, August 28, 2021.

ATLiens Glow Party. A Glow in the Dark Themed Night including a Rave, Dodgeball, and Cat Walk!

*Innovation Lab 1 Hours: 11:00 AM - 12:00 AM. Coloring Sheets Available.

*Innovation Lab 2 Hours: 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM. Board Games Available.

11:00 AM

Guided Group Yoga Session with Dacey F.
Innovation Lab 1.

11:00 AM

Poker and Spades Tournament.
Innovation Lab 2.

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Atlanta ROCKS Group Craft Available.
Innovation Lab 1.

1:00 PM

2021 HAWC Pool Party
Atlanta Airport Marriott Pool (Located Next to Innovation Lab)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

ATLien Perler Bead Group Craft Available.
Innovation Lab 1.

3:00 PM

Anonymous Quest. (Scavenger Hunt)
Innovation Lab 2.

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2021 HAWC Banquet Featuring Comedy by Kellum Blair & Average Joey. (Ticketed Event)
TN/AL/GA Rooms

5:00 PM

Guided Meditation and Breathing Exercise.
Innovation Lab 1.

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Sand Art Creative Group Craft.
Innovation Lab 1.

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Oracle Card Readings Available.
Innovation Lab 1.

9:30 PM

Big Book Trivia
Innovation Lab 2.

10:15 PM

Glow in the Dark Dodgeball. (Sign Ups Begin at 9:00 PM in Grand Ballroom)
Grand Ballroom.

11:15 PM

Catwalk Contest for Best Rave Outfit. (Sign Ups Begin at (9:00 PM in Grand Ballroom)
Grand Ballroom.

12:00 AM

ATLiens Glow in the Dark RAVE. (Must Not Miss!)
Grand Ballroom.

1:00 AM

Existential Display of Philosophical and Spiritual Ideas
Innovation Lab 2.

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CONVENTION AUCTION

2021 HA World Convention Auction

Dear Friends,

The 3rd Annual Heroin Anonymous World Convention is coming to Atlanta Georgia August 27th to 29th. This year's theme is "Cleaning Up the Dirty South." HA Groups from all around the world will be coming together to celebrate this amazing fellowship and what it has done for our lives!!

Our annual convention features an auction which has become a huge source of support. This year, we are hoping to continue to raise funds to support further growth of HA groups. For our annual auction, we rely on contributions to help us keep our costs low.

Would you consider contributing to the cause and providing an item to our auction?

Here are our guidelines for auction items and things to consider:

- Historical recovery related material/books
- Clothing and merchandise
- Home goods/Decorations/Art
- Electronics
- Services in Atlanta Area - (Massages, oil changes, concert/sporting event tickets)

If you have merchandise or an item that you would like to contribute, please email ebboleeric1@gmail.com to set up shipping and delivery options.

If you are a member interested in contributing to the HA convention but do not have an item for the auction, you may also do so using the link below. Please be respectful of our 7th Tradition which states, "Every H.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

<http://heroinanonymous.org/donate-and-finances/>

For more information about the 2021 HA World Convention please visit:

<https://heroinanonymous.org/convention/>

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MY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE WITH 12-STEP CONVENTIONS

Personal Story: Jonathon. – Atlanta, GA

I had come to realize that my sobriety had to come first each day of my life.

My sponsor's guidance started working. I attended the AA International Convention in Atlanta, which helped me realize spirituality wasn't something I could do. It came from a power greater than myself. I wanted more of that power, but didn't know how to get it. Thanks to the Freedom Club of Heroin Anonymous, I was a part of some new meetings where I could belong, and give back through service work.

The Young People's AA Convention was also held in Atlanta. I was elected co-hotel chair. The chair showed me how to negotiate hotel contracts and meet with hotels professionally, which helped me understand how that contributed to the young people fellowship. That convention was awesome. Slowly, the obsession to use, as well as my other obsessions, began to drift away.

I met a guy at a local convention in Atlanta, DragonCon. When I was feeling hairy, he showed me to the meeting there, and I was back with my people. At times, my feelings of denial can run so strong. All I needed for a new way of life was an open commitment, and honesty that I am struggling to pull myself out from the absence of

reality, and to surrender to the reality of my addiction. Realizing I can give up the things that kept me obsessing about using, and asking for help, I had found a place of neutrality.

Sadly, when I came home from that convention, I found my roommate overdosed and passed away. I have seen a lot of highs and lows in my time in the rooms. That was my first time dealing with the loss of someone close to me. The rooms were there to support me.

After I had been to a few conventions, I went to the HA State convention in Arizona, and HA World Convention in Portland. Thankfully, I got involved in world service work. Also, with the support of those in Portland with me and everyone at home who helped structure the bid, we won the bid for Georgia HA to host the Heroin Anonymous World Convention.

As time came closer to the actual event, the pandemic emerged and much of the unthinkable occurred. A lot of things went virtual, like business meetings, regular 12 step meetings, and area meetings. Although I felt like a recluse at times, I never felt uncomfortable doing those Zoom meetings. It was a major difference from everything I had grown to love about my

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community. I am excited that the convention is occurring, as well as the HA World Conference so that I will be able to see some of those friends I have made. I am also sad about the ones I have lost during this time. Thankfully, in our

fellowship, we have come together to have this exciting opportunity to exercise fellowship in Atlanta.

-Jonathon

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SHOOT THE BREEZE

Interview with Tommy V. – Birmingham, AL

Maddy, one of the content seekers from the Mainline, interviewed Tommy V., whose homegroup is the Breaking Point group in Birmingham, AL.

What is your favorite Step?

Step 1.

What do you like about Step 1?

It's not what I like about it, it's the purpose that it serves. As you read through step 1, the words don't really stand out- it seems simple and easy to do. Moving onto "More About Alcoholism" and beginning to understand the allergy, obsession, and the malady, brings a whole new meaning to Step 1. Personally, Step 1 is constantly evolving.

What does Step 1 mean to you?

During my first year of sobriety, Step 1 meant that I can't control the way I use drugs. Throughout my second year of sobriety, the whole idea of powerlessness finally made sense to me. This year, Step 1 evolved into a daily question of what is gonna control my life today. Will I allow it to be God, or will I let money, women, work, or exercise have the power?

Do you have any other favorite Steps?

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Step 12; I'm very passionate about going to speak at hospitals and institutions.

WEBMASTER UPDATE

Online Meeting Updates Desperately Needed

Hello fellow Heroin addict members, groups, areas, and districts,

Now that we are on the upswing from the Covid-19 epidemic that closed our fellowship down in 2020, we are calling out to everyone in the fellowship to please send updates to the Temporary Online Meeting list.

The list contains online meetings that are believed to be not occurring since physical locations are reopening. As the Webmaster Committee, we depend on the cooperation of the fellowship to inform us of updates on any meetings to better serve the newcomer in hearing our message. **We, as a committee, have no way of knowing if the meetings, face-to-face or online, are going on unless we are reached out to directly.** We are asking to be flooded with emails on the status of these temporary online meetings from the group members, delegates, outreach or district reps in order to update the online meeting list.

Please email hawswebmaster@gmail.com with any updates.

Visit <http://heroinanonymous.org/covid-19/> to review and verify the current list shows your meeting accurately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

In love and service,

HAWS Webmaster Committee

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If you would like your meeting featured in our meeting spotlight or have any other content you would like to submit, please feel free to contact us at haworldbulletin@gmail.com.

Thank you!
The Folks at The HAWS Mainline



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