

HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES ON WASHINGTON'S KITSAP PENINSULA TEAM UP TO CREATE DESTINATION BREMERTON WATERFRONT

New service for meeting planners showcases the region's best meeting, entertainment and hospitality vendors



Caption: The view from Harborside Fountain Park on the Bremerton Waterfront; Gold Mountain Golf Course; Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside

Bremerton, Wash. (October 24, 2011) - A select group of Kitsap Peninsula-area hospitality businesses have partnered to create [Destination Bremerton Waterfront](#), a new service for meeting planners that defines the region's offerings for multiple-day conferences and events while simplifying the planning process.

Destination Bremerton Waterfront is comprised of [Bremerton Marina](#), [Fairfield Inn & Suites](#), [Gold Mountain Golf Course](#), [Hampton Inn & Suites](#), [Kitsap Conference Center](#), [Kitsap Transit](#), [McCormick Woods Golf Course](#), [Trophy Lake Golf & Casting](#).

Meeting planners who visit the www.destinationbremertonwaterfront.com site are able to browse all the regional amenities of interest to a group—ranging from hotels like the [Hampton Inn & Suites](#) or the [Fairfield Inn & Suites](#) to meeting spaces at the [Kitsap Conference Center](#) to transportation and recreation options at three local golf courses. The planner can then submit one request for proposal to work directly with a dedicated meeting planner to develop a customized event utilizing all the facilities and amenities featured.

“We are thrilled to see these local businesses come together to make it easy for meeting planners to explore all that our region has to offer,” said Patricia Graf-Hoke, executive director of the Kitsap Peninsula Visitor and Convention Bureau. “With amenities ranging from impressive waterfront venues and award winning golf courses, to historic boat rides to gourmet cuisine - the Kitsap Peninsula is an incredible destination for meetings and events at an amazing value.”

Located just a short ferry ride from Seattle, the area provides an unsurpassed standard of excellence and value for meetings, conferences, trade shows, social events, reunions and weddings in Kitsap County. With over 28,000 square feet of meeting space and 235 guestrooms, Destination Bremerton Waterfront is the ultimate setting for multiple-day conferences and events.

About Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside is a high-tech conference center on the waterfront of Bremerton, Wash. The conference center is available for professional conferences and retreats, banquets, weddings and other special events. Kitsap Conference Center can accommodate 10 to 750 guests. The center, which is a one-hour ferry ride from downtown Seattle, offers views of Sinclair Inlet and is literally 100 steps from the Seattle-Bremerton ferry terminal. Amenities include free Wi-Fi service, videoconferencing, teleconferencing and onsite catering. The conference center is owned by the City of Bremerton and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information, visit www.kitsapconferencecenter.com.

Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

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