

**Places to Stay in Buckley/Enumclaw (and farther)
During the 2008 CES Graduation Ceremony**

Hello CES grads, students, mentors, and friends:

The 2008 CES Graduation Ceremony will take place on August 22 and 23, 2008, at the Summit Church (an Evangelical Free Church—<http://www.thesummitefc.com>) in the town of Enumclaw, WA (<http://www.enumclawchamber.com>).

“Enumclaw” is a First Nation (Native American) word meaning “evil winds.” In August, you are likely not going to experience the winds that normally batter us during the winter months.

Please note: if you do a search of the web sites of the two towns of Buckley, WA, (<http://www.buckleychamber.org>) and of Enumclaw, WA, (<http://www.enumclawchamber.com>), you will find other motels and B&B’s than what I have listed here below. However, these listed below are ones that I have personally visited. And, while some are better than others, I would stay at any of these below. You are certainly not limited to these if you find others that you like better. Also, while I have personally visited these places, I cannot vouch for them other than to say that I personally would stay at these places. In any case, *caveat emptor*.

Also, a nearby town (about 16 miles from Enumclaw) that you might like to investigate for yourself is Auburn, WA. Here is the town of Auburn’s website: <http://www.auburnareawa.org/lodging.htm>. I did not visit any of the lodging in Auburn.

Also, with my limited knowledge of the places I did visit (mostly being the main lobby when I went to look them over and picked up brochures), I am going to rate them. This is obviously my personal rating based on very limited contact.

Ratings:

5 Diplomas = Best: I’d be happy to spend a week here.

4 Diplomas = Very Good: I’d stay here, but be ready to come home on the 4th day.

3 Diplomas = Good: I’d stay here, but be ready to come home on the 3rd day.

2 Diplomas = OK: I’d stay overnight.

1 Diploma = Bad: I’d rather sleep in my car.

In the ratings, one must take into account the fact of location, location, location. For me personally, being close to the main hub of activities means more than having a really nice hotel many miles away. My wife says, however, that she’d prefer to stay farther away from the main hub of activities to be in a 5-Diploma hotel.

So, I will also point out the mileage distance from the Summit Church and the hotels/motels below. I will list them from the closest to the farthest away. (Also, for those flying in to the Sea-Tac Airport, i.e., the Seattle Airport, I will also note which are closest to the airport.) I would suggest that you contact all of these places and ask them to mail you literature for more information.

Park Center Hotel (Enumclaw) 3 Diplomas - Very close to the Summit Church

(only 3/10ths of a mile from the Summit Church)

1000 Griffin Avenue

Enumclaw, WA 98022

(360) 825-4490

<http://www.parkcenterhotelenumclaw.com>

For sheer convenience sake, this is the best location. This hotel is centrally located between the Summit Church and downtown Enumclaw. It is only three-tenths of a mile from the church, an easy walk, and only a block from downtown. It is only about a hundred from a major supermarket (QFC), gas station, Starbucks, Walgreens, and other shops. There is a Mexican restaurant inside this hotel, and there are five or more restaurants within walking distance (a block or two) of this location. Depending on the direction and roads taken, Park Center Hotel is about 30 to 35 miles from the Sea-Tac Airport.

Mt. View Inn (Buckley) 3 Diplomas - Close to the Summit Church

(only 3.6 miles from the Summit Church)

29405 Hwy 410 E

Buckley, WA 98321

(800) 582-4111 or (360) 829-1100

<http://www.mtviewinnbuckley.com>

This Inn is in Buckley. It is, however, on the same road as the Summit Church is on, i.e., called Hwy 410—also called Roosevelt Avenue as it runs through the town of Enumclaw). Mt. View Inn is 3.6 miles from the Summit, and there are two (or three?) restaurants (or eateries) in the adjoining parking lots, a couple of gas stations, and a supermarket. And, only 5 miles from the hotel the other direction there is a town called Bonney Lake, (<http://www.bonneylake.com/index.shtml>) where there are multiple shops, supermarkets, restaurants, coffee shops, and more. Depending on the direction and roads taken, Mt. View Inn is about 30 to 35 miles from the Sea-Tac Airport.

Tkopechuck Lodge B&B (Buckley) 4 Diplomas - Also close to the Summit Church

(only 6.1 miles from the Summit Church)

32217 122nd Street East

Buckley, WA 98321

(360) 829-2098

<http://www.tkopechucklodge.com>

For those who want to "get away" into the country. This B&B is in Buckley, and it is 6.1 miles from the Summit church. It is situated in a wooded area and has a terrific view of the city. Each bedroom has its own private bathroom. This B&B is only 3 (or so) miles from Mt. View Inn, just above.

Now, for those places a bit farther away from the Summit Church, but closer to the Seattle airport:

Courtyard Marriott (Seattle-Federal Way) 5 Diplomas

(21 miles from the Summit Church)
31910 Gateway Center Blvd. South
Federal Way, Washington 98003 USA
(800) 321-2211 or (253) 529-0200
<http://www.CourtyardSeattleFederalWay.com>

Since this hotel and the one immediately below are practically across the street from one another, they are the same distance from the SUMMIT (i.e., 21 miles, i.e., about 40+ minutes depending on traffic) and from the Sea-Tac Airport (i.e., 9 miles or 20 minutes depending on traffic). Nearby are many and various stores, restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, and a mall called “The Commons at Federal Way” (<http://www.tcafw.com/index.cfm>)

La Quinta Inn & Suites (Seattle-Federal Way) 5 Diplomas

(21 miles from the Summit Church)
32124 25th Avenue South
Federal Way, WA 98003
(800) 583-2272 or (253) 529-4000

Same information as the Courtyard Marriott immediately above.

Now, for those places “sort of in the middle” between the Summit Church and Sea-Tac Airport (just in a different direction):

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites (Puyallup) 5 Diplomas

(21 miles from the Summit Church)
812 South Hill Park Drive
Puyallup, WA 98373
(888) 465 4329 — (253) 848-4900

Since this hotel and the one immediately below are located on the same lot, they are the same distance from the Summit Church (i.e., 21 miles) and from the Sea-Tac Airport (i.e., 19 miles). Nearby are many and various stores, restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, and a mall called “South Hill Mall” (<http://www.southhillmall.com>).

Best Western Park Plaza (Puyallup) 4 Diplomas

(21 miles from the Summit Church)
20 South Hill Park Drive
Puyallup, Washington, 98373
(888) 204-5804 (253) 848-1500

Same information as the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites immediately above.

Please Note: We here at CES do not make your hotel reservations. However, if you need to contact me about something else, please do so at:

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