

2026 PEACE SCIENCE SOCIETY MEETING

Pittsburgh Food & Coffee Guide

COFFEE	
PLACE	NOTES
Tazza D'Oro 125 Lytton Ave	Independent, European-style café directly across the conference hotel. <i>Mon–Fri 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday.</i>
La Prima Espresso Company 3400 Fifth Ave	Pittsburgh coffee institution known for Italian-style espresso drinks. <i>weekdays 6:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; weekends 6:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.</i>
Redhawk Coffee Roasters 120 Meyran Ave	Small local specialty roaster with strong espresso and coffee. <i>Fri 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sat–Sun 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.</i>

BREAKFAST / PASTRIES / BRUNCH	
PLACE	NOTES
La Gourmandine 116 Meyran Ave	Burcu's favorite place for pastries and a must-try. French bakery with excellent croissants, viennoiserie, pâtisserie, and other baked goods. <i>Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.</i>
Pamela's Diner 3703 Forbes Ave	A Pittsburgh classic, especially known for its thin, crepe-style hotcakes and diner breakfasts. <i>Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.</i>
Smashed Waffles 3501 Forbes Ave	Quick breakfast/brunch stop specializing in Liège-style waffles <i>Friday 6:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.</i>

LUNCH & QUICK MEALS	
PLACE	NOTES
The Porch at Schenley Plaza 221 Schenley Dr	Casual sit-down American bistro. Open for both lunch and dinner
Jolina's 2 – Oakland 3524 Fifth Ave	Local casual Middle Eastern
El Jefe's Taqueria 3807 Forbes Ave	Fast-casual tacos, burritos, and bowls. Open late.
Ali Baba Restaurant 404 S Craig St	Syrian restaurant. Good option for a quieter sit-down lunch. <i>Friday lunch, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; Saturday is dinner only.</i>
Grapow 411 S Craig St	Fast-casual Thai street food
Cork & Crust 5130 Bigelow Blvd — The Oaklander Hotel	Pizza-and-wine restaurant in The Oaklander across the conference hotel.
Spirits & Tales 5130 Bigelow Blvd — 10th floor, The Oaklander Hotel	A convenient option for a nicer lunch, drinks, or dinner across the conference. <i>Reservations are useful for dinner</i>

DINNER — NEARBY, SHADYSIDE & EAST LIBERTY

PLACE	NOTES
Butterjoint 208 N Craig St	Neighborhood restaurant and bar. <i>Open Friday and Saturday for lunch and dinner. Reservations recommended for dinner. ~10 min walk</i>
Hey Babe 120 S Whitfield St	Neighborhood restaurant and cocktail lounge in The Maverick Hotel. <i>Limited dining-room reservation. ~10 min drive.</i>
Soba 5847 Ellsworth Ave	One of Will's favorite. Pan-Asian restaurant and lounge. <i>Dinner only; reservations strongly recommended. ~35 min walk / ~8 min drive.</i>
Pasha Cafe & Lounge 808 Ivy St	Turkish restaurant. <i>Reservations recommended for dinner.: ~30 min walk / ~8 min drive.</i>
Tocayo 810 Ivy St	Contemporary Mexican taqueria and tequila bar. <i>~30 min walk / ~6–8 min drive.</i>

WORTH THE UBER — DESTINATION DINNERS (advance reservations highly recommended)

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Apteka 4606 Penn Ave	One of Burcu's favorites. APTEKA is extremely popular and offers only a limited number of reservations. For the PSS weekend, reservations open at noon on October 14, so make your reservation that day if you want one. If walking in, arriving shortly before the 5:00 p.m. opening is the safest strategy. ~10 min drive.
Pusadee's Garden 5319 Butler St	One of Burcu's favorites. Thai restaurant with a beautiful garden setting and great cocktails. Definitely reserve early. Reservations open 30 days in advance. ~14 min drive
Morcilla 3519 Butler St	Spanish-inspired small plates in a lively, energetic setting. Fun and great for a group dinner. Reservations highly recommended. ~12 min drive
Fet-Fisk 4786 Liberty Ave	Creative Nordic-influenced seafood in a stylish, lively setting. Excellent food and cocktails. Reservations required ~10 min drive.
Altius 1230 Grandview Avenue	One of Will's favorites. Upscale dining with excellent food and panoramic city views. Pricey, but worth it for a special dinner. Reservations required. ~12min drive.