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## Kitsap Conference Center

A RELAXING FERRY RIDE FROM SEATTLE, THE KITSAP PENINSULA OFFERS AN ATTRACTIVE ESCAPE FOR GROUPS SEEKING A QUALITY EVENT SPACE.

With a waterfront setting and sweeping views across Sinclair Inlet, the Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton, Washington, is a scenic alternative to the busy Seattle area conference venues. "We offer groups the ability to get out of Seattle for their meeting without traveling a long distance. Bremerton has much to offer for groups and at a more reasonable price than they will find in Seattle," says Katie Williams, communications manager for the Conference Center's operator, Columbia Hospitality. "Since we are only 100 yards from the ferry terminal, you don't even need to drive," she adds.

The facility can accommodate groups as large as 700 in its 17,000 square feet of meeting and event space. The first-floor Puget Sound Ballroom has 6,000 square feet of dividable space. It can host up to 700 guests for a reception or 650 in a theater-style setup.

The third floor features spectacular views over the 2.5-acre Harborside Fountain Park and the Bremerton waterfront. On this floor, the Marina Vista and Glacier Cove Rooms offer flexible set-up options from a 26-person board meeting to a 240-person reception. Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the facility, and they can supply any audiovisual equipment your group requires. The accommodating on-site catering staff can provide a menu customized to your group's needs.

For a mid-afternoon fresh-air break, groups will enjoy the center's outdoor plaza and Harborside Fountain Park, located immediately outside the center. The park's synchronized fountains suggest the shape of the submarines that are moored at the nearby naval base.

For groups that want to incorporate health and wellness into their meeting or conference, the center offers a special meeting package called "Work Hard, Play Hard." This package includes specially-designed nutritious meals and enhancements designed to keep guests energized and focused. Groups can add a creative station that includes brainteasers, games and other creative activities that will foster stress relief and help the group re-focus during a long day of meetings. "We can also provide fitness programs such as yoga or meditation if the group wishes," explains Williams.

For post-meeting actions, downtown Bremerton, only a few steps from the center, offers a variety of restaurants, shops, galleries and museums. Bremerton and the Kitsap Peninsula also provide abundant outdoor activities. Kayaking along the Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails leads boaters through a spectacular marine environment. Scuba diving takes groups into an environment filled with a surprisingly diverse underwater life. For golfers, the center's planners can arrange a joint conference-golf package with one of the area's fine golf courses.

The Kitsap Conference Center is conveniently located in the heart of Bremerton. Two adjacent hotels, the 105-room Hampton Inn and Suites and the 132-room Fairfield Inn and Suites serve overnight conference guests, and an underground self-parking



garage offers direct access to the Conference Center. "Whether it is a one-day retreat or a multi-day conference, we can customize any event for your group," says Williams.

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- 10 meeting rooms
- 650 seated capacity in largest room

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