

SIGHT

An Overview

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Topics

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What is SIGHT?

- SIGHT stands for Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers.
- It is available for any member of Mensa (in good standing) anywhere in the world.
- It can be used for things like: travel tips, finding accommodations, attending local Mensa events when traveling, or even finding a good neighborhood/school district when moving.

How is SIGHT Organized?

- Every country in which Mensa exists should have at least a national SIGHT coordinator, usually with an email of [sight@\(country\).mensa.org](mailto:sight@(country).mensa.org)
- Larger countries (including the US) will have chapter/regional SIGHT contacts
 - In the US, about 60% of our chapters have a SIGHT contact

What Does A Coordinator Do?

- The SIGHT coordinator is a facilitator, helping to bring Mensans together.
- Once contacts are made, the people participating make agreements as to what they will do.

How Do I Make A Request?

- You can contact “SIGHT” in several ways:
 - Fill out a request form on the American Mensa website (goes to the US SIGHT coordinator)
 - Send an email directly to a SIGHT contact (but we must validate your membership)
 - Start a chat thread on the Mensa International SIGHT page, if you belong (again, Mensa membership is required for inclusion)

How Far In Advance?

- The earlier the better, of course.
- By its own nature, requests in the Facebook group often get faster turnaround, and by people beyond official SIGHT coordinators.
- Provide as much information as possible.

Be Aware: SIGHT is NOT

- A hotel/B&B
- A restaurant
- A taxi service
- A child care service
- A laundry service
- A money lending institution
- A travel agency
- An opportunity to take advantage of your hosts

I'm Willing To Be A Host

- On the SIGHT page of the American Mensa Website, click on “Host Registration Form.”
- Provide as much detail as to what you can or cannot offer
- If a request comes in which fits, we'll contact you
- On the Mensa International Website, in your profile, click on SIGHT Host

SIGHT Coordinators

- The amount of contact you receive depends on how frequently your area is visited.
- You are welcome to, but not obligated to, host, offer meals, etc.
- You will be listed as a contact for your chapter on the Mensa webpage for your chapter, with your email address if you specify it in your profile (or [sight@\(chapter\).us.mensa.org](mailto:sight@(chapter).us.mensa.org))

To Become A SIGHT Contact

- Have it approved by your local board
- Your LocSec must submit an officer change report.
- This goes to Becky at the National Office, who forwards it to me for approval
- Once approved, you're in
- A chapter can have multiple SIGHT contacts

What If It Goes Badly?

- For US SIGHT, fill out the appropriate evaluation form on the website
- For international issues, contact me and I'll put you in touch with the right people
- A guest who abuses SIGHT privileges can be marked as "Do not offer SIGHT again."
(The number of times this has happened can be counted on 1 hand)

SIGHT Map on Google

- Created and maintained by SIGHT contacts in Europe
- Different map Pins for Coordinators, hosts, destinations, FYI's
- Click on a pin to get the information
- <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1q5cEj50ovUr7BijUSvIA8YuYGI&ll=26.617424654744067%2C-79.17018155487176&z=4>

What You See

The screenshot displays the SIGHTmap application interface. The top navigation bar is red and contains a menu icon, the text "SIGHTmap - PUBLIC O...", a search icon, and a "Sign in" button. The left sidebar is white and contains several filter sections, each with a checked checkbox and a dropdown arrow:

- Please be a host and be listed here!** (with a star icon): Mail us at sight@mensa.org - OR your country SIGHT - to apply as host or 28,556 views. Includes a "SHARE" link.
- SIGHT Coordinators**: Includes NatSIGHT, LocSIGHT, ContSIGHT, and LocSIGHT special.
- Guiding (IRL) - no hosting (global)**: Includes Guiding table.
- Hosts in Europe**: Includes All items.
- Hosts in America: North, Center and ...**: Includes All items.

The main map area shows a map of North America with various location markers. The United States is the central focus, with markers for San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago (IL), Indianapolis, Washington DC, and Mid-Hudson Valley. Other locations include Mexico City, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The map also shows parts of Canada and the Caribbean Sea. A "Sign in" button is visible in the top right corner of the map area.

Clicking on a pin...



← Portland (Oregon chapter) ↗

Pin name (name of country of area)

Portland (Oregon chapter)

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LocSIGHT

SIGHT Email

SIGHT@or.us.mensa.org

Name of Editor/SIGHTco

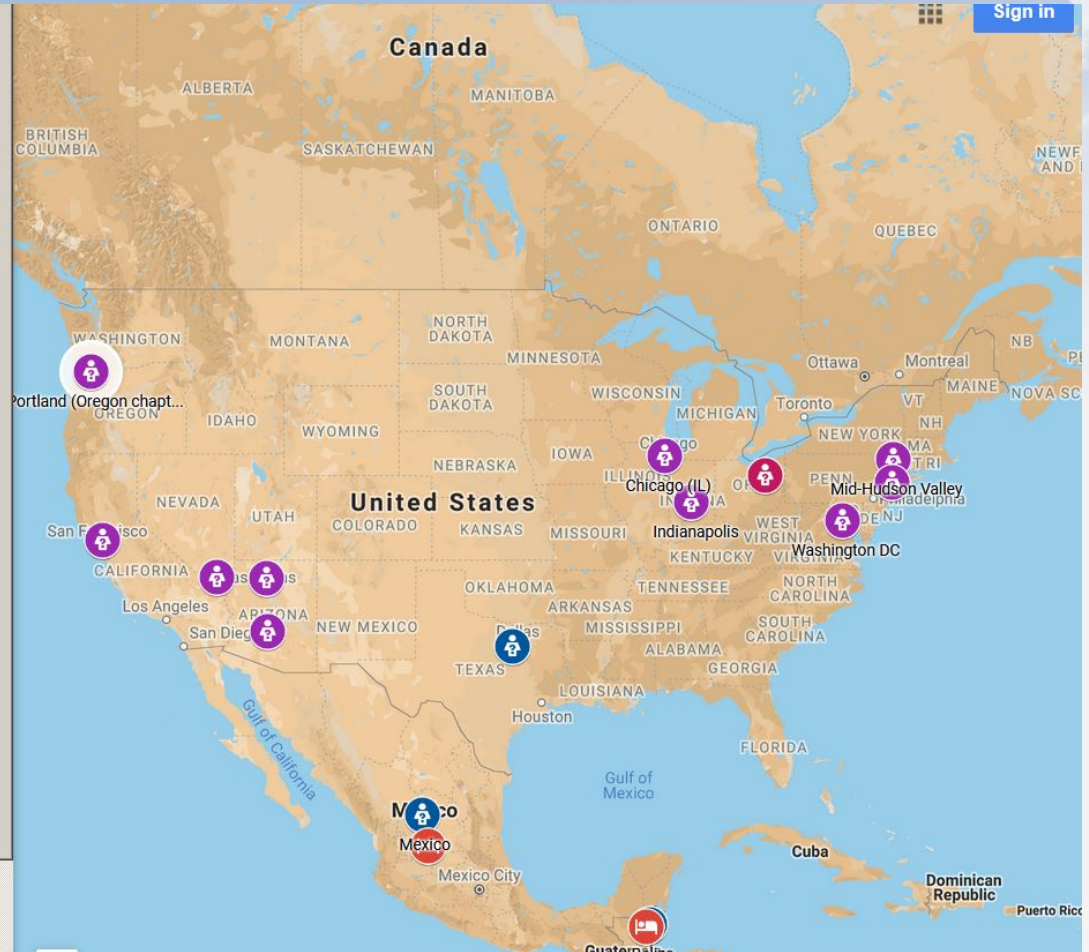
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Comments

SIGHT coordinator for the state of Oregon



Where Can I Find Out More?

- American Mensa SIGHT page
 - CONNECT -> SIGHT
- Mensa International Web Page
- (note, it has recently been redesigned)
 - Link to SIGHT on the top page -> FAQ
 - Several parts of the website are still under construction, so please be patient.