

WARRIOR CON '26

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THE NEXT MOVE

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13th Annual Sickle Cell Warriors Convention | July 22 - 26, 2026 | Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel

WEDNESDAY | JULY 22, 2026

ARRIVAL & OPENING DAY

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
9:00 AM	Breakfast	TBA
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Sanofi Advisory Board (Invitation Only)	TBA
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Sickle Cell Stakeholder Convening & Industry Council	TBA
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Onsite Exhibit Booth Setup	Exhibit Hall
12:30 PM	Virtual Check-In / Registration Opens	Registration Desk
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	In-Person Check-In / Registration	Registration Desk
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Legacy in Action: Warriors Assemble, presented by Agios	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)

THURSDAY | JULY 23, 2026

DAY ONE

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
7:00 AM	Early-Risers Yoga	Salon 110
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Trait Track Seminar: Separating Fact from Fiction (8:00), Health Implications Today (8:30), The Emotional Journey (9:00), Sickle Cell Trait in the Military (9:30)	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
8:30 AM	Methods & Methodologies: ACE'ing the Sickle Cell Community	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
8:30 AM	Caregiver Mixer: Creating Your Caregiver Survival Plan	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
9:00 AM	Post-Transformative Track: Behind the Scenes, The Realities of Caregiving During Transplant	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
9:00 AM	Check-In, Ice Breaker & Create Nametags	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
9:00 AM	Check-In, Ice Breaker & Build Your Brand	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
9:30 AM	How Strong Am I with Sickle Cell? (GemKit)	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
9:30 AM	Dear Future Warrior: Interactive Letter Writing & Storytelling (CLOSED)	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
10:00 AM	Opening Plenary	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
10:00 AM	STEM Building Activity	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
10:30 AM	I'm More Than the Helper: Finding My Voice as a Young Caregiver	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
11:00 AM	The California/Nevada Showcase: Bridging the Gap, Dream Sickle Kids, Sickle Cell Warrior Inc., Better Exists, Cayenne Wellness	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
11:00 AM	Post-Transformative Therapies Mixer, presented by Vertex Pharmaceuticals (OPEN)	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
11:00 AM	Nobody Taught Me This: Young Adult & Golden Mixer, presented by Agios Pharmaceuticals (CLOSED)	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
11:00 AM	The Brotherhood Begins: Men's Mixer Meet & Greet, presented by Pfizer (CLOSED / MEN ONLY)	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
11:00 AM	Design Your Story: Bracelet & Necklace Stations	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
11:00 AM	Game Center / STEM	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Etiquette with Dima	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Models & Moguls	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
12:00 PM	Understanding Hemolysis with Dr. Z	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
12:00 PM	Creation of a Culturally Tailored Gene Therapy Educational Resource	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
12:00 PM	The Hidden Mental Health Impact of Caregiving	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
12:30 PM	Get Up and Move Your Body (Dancing the Pain Away)	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
12:30 PM	Shark Tank: Building Sickle Cells & Regular Cells, presented by Agios	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
1:00 PM	Lunch & Partner Projects, presented by Pfizer	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
2:00 PM	Alternative Methods of Pain Management	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
2:00 PM	Then and Now: Over Six Decades of Sickle Cell Care (OPEN)	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
2:00 PM	Pfizer Men's Fireside (CLOSED)	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
2:00 PM	Agios STEM: Hemolysis 101, What's Poppin'? (Ages 5 to 22)	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
2:00 PM	Gaming Center / STEM Activities	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
2:00 PM	Design Your Story: Bracelet & Necklace Stations	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
3:00 PM	Health & Wellness Art Catharsis: Ekphrastic Pain Management & The History of Sickle Cell Disease	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
3:00 PM	Sickle Cell Health & A.I.	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
3:00 PM	Dad's & Doughnuts: Real Talk, Real Life, No Judgment (CLOSED)	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
3:00 PM	Strong Warrior, Soft Life (Young Adults)	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
3:00 PM	Dance Practice	2nd Floor Mezzanine
3:00 PM	Pee Wee Goes to School	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
3:00 PM	Game Center / STEM	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Legacy & Remembrance	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
6:00 PM	Warrior University: Homecoming! (with remarks from Pfizer & Vertex)	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
9:00 PM	Warriors After Dark: Women	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
9:00 PM	Warriors After Dark: The Men's Lounge	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
9:00 PM	Caregivers After Dark: Pajama Jam (Men) - Unfiltered Support, Honest Conversation	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
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FRIDAY | JULY 24, 2026
DAY TWO

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
7:00 AM	Early Risers: Line Dance	Salon 110
8:00 AM	Breakfast	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
8:00 AM	Trait Track: Living with Trait Panel	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
9:00 AM	Young Adult Track: You Are the Main Character	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
9:00 AM	Post-Transformative Track: When Recovery Isn't Linear, Navigating GVHD and Complications	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
9:00 AM	Caregiver Track: From Pediatric to Adult Care, Helping Young Adult Warriors Take the Lead in Building Their Village	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
9:00 AM	Men's Track: Building a Life Beyond the Diagnosis, Life Skills & Navigating Responsibilities as a Male Warrior	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
9:00 AM	Check-In & Roll Call	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
9:00 AM	Check-In & Roll Call	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
10:00 AM	Sickle Cell & Dental Care	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
10:00 AM	Young Adult Track: Built Different, Being an Athlete with Sickle Cell	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
10:00 AM	Agios Fireside Community Conversation: Rise Up, Partnering with the Sickle Cell Community	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
10:00 AM	Pfizer STEM Activity	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
10:00 AM	Pfizer STEM Activity	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
11:00 AM	Industry Updates: Vertex, Agios & Pfizer	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
11:00 AM	Game Room: Microscope Activity (Viewing Different Blood Cells)	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
11:00 AM	Game Room: Microscope Activity (Viewing Different Blood Cells)	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
12:00 PM	Broken Crayon	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
12:00 PM	I'm More Than the Helper: Finding My Voice as a Young Caregiver	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
1:00 PM	Lunch: The Approval Process, presented by Agios	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
2:00 PM	Men's Track: Resilience, Faith & Mental Wellness (Mental Health Presentation)	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
2:00 PM	Pfizer Women's Fireside	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
2:00 PM	Beyond the Hospital: Building a Village	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
2:00 PM	Decorate Backpack Stations (Represent Who You Are)	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
2:00 PM	Decorate Backpack Stations (Represent Who You Are)	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
2:30 PM	Fireside Chat with Novo Nordisk	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
3:00 PM	Cardio & Conversation (Faith & Fitness)	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
3:00 PM	Trait Track: Research Update, What Are We Learning About SCT?	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
3:00 PM	Moms & Mocktails: The Mother Load, What Mom Caregivers Carry and How We Keep Going (CLOSED)	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
3:00 PM	Kicking It w/ Kierra	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
3:00 PM	Dance Practice	2nd Floor Mezzanine
3:00 PM	Game Room	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
3:00 PM	Game Room	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
3:30 PM	Trait Track: Advocacy and Public Awareness	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
4:00 PM	Open / Free Time	
4:00 PM	Beauty in Sickle Cell	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	Agios Focus Group	TBA
8:00 PM	Kings, Queens, and Warriors: The Royal Ball	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)

SATURDAY | JULY 25, 2026
DAY THREE

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
7:00 AM	Rise and Restore: Morning Wellness	Salon 110
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Registration Open (Closed 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)	Registration Desk
8:00 AM	Breakfast	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
8:00 AM	Overcoming Loss & Grief Due to Missed Life Experiences	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
8:30 AM	Mental Health & Wellness: The Stories We Carry, Mental Health, Identity and Resilience Across the Sickle Cell Journey	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
9:00 AM	Transformative Therapies: The Unspoken Side of Survivorship, Life After Transplant	Gateway Ballroom (Classroom)
9:00 AM	Men's Track: The Provider's Call, Leadership, Fatherhood & Legacy (CLOSED)	Hermosa-Laguna (Fireside)
9:00 AM	The Role of Warriors in Research	Malibu-Redondo (Workshop)
9:00 AM	Ice Breaker: Pass the Smile Compliment Game	Salon 203 (SC3 Kids)
9:00 AM	Ice Breaker: Pass the Smile Compliment Game	Salon 202 (SC3 Next Generation)
10:00 AM	Graduation, Agios Comments & Dance Performance	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
11:00 AM	Brunch with Novo Nordisk	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
12:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Sickle Cell Treatments, Therapies and Technologies: T3 Expo, featuring Agios, Chef Babette Davis, Novo Nordisk, Genetix & Vertex	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
3:30 PM	WarriorCon Film Festival	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)
6:00 PM	Scar Stories Opening: Art Gala	Grand Ballroom (Main Room)

SUNDAY | JULY 26, 2026
CLOSING DAY

TIME	SESSION	ROOM / LOCATION
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Service Project	TBA

THANK YOU, WARRIORS!

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We are so glad you are part of the family reunion. See you next year!

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JULY
22-26,
2026

WELCOME TO

WARRIOR CON 2026

JULY 22-26, 2026 | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

Whether this is your first Warrior Con or you have been part of this family for years, you are welcome here. This week is for warriors, caregivers, families, partners, advocates, researchers, and community leaders to learn, connect, recharge, celebrate, and make the next move together.



YOUR BADGE IS YOUR ACCESS PASS

Keep it with you for event entry, session check-in, and hotel discounts.

INSIDE YOU'LL FIND



ARRIVAL
GUIDE



HOTEL
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PARKING
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ZOOM
EVENTS



SCHOLARSHIP
RULES



NEXT MOVE
CHALLENGE



FIRST TIME AT WARRIOR CON? YOU BELONG HERE.

Follow the steps below and ask a Warrior Con team member whenever you need help.

YOUR ARRIVAL PLAN

One clear move at a time.



1. HOTEL CHECK-IN

Check in at the Sheraton front desk. Standard hotel check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. PT.



2. WARRIOR CON CHECK-IN

To find Warrior Con: stay right of hotel registration, pass the gift shop, then follow the signs.



3. HAVE THESE READY

PHOTO ID
REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION



4. DOWNLOAD ZOOM WORKPLACE

Visit zoom.us/download and choose Zoom Workplace for your phone, tablet, Mac, or PC. This is the app you'll use all week.



5. OPEN THE EVENT

Sign in with your registration email, then open your unique Zoom Events link and select Warrior Con 2026.

Zoom help: techsupport@sicklecellconsortium.org



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Your agenda and event updates live in Zoom Events:

- ✓ 1. Live agenda + session access
- ✓ 2. Session details
- ✓ 3. Speaker information
- ✓ 4. Schedule changes
- ✓ 5. Event announcements

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PROGRAM BOOK



SCHOLARSHIP RULES



Attend 50% or more of all scheduled sessions.



Plenaries, lunches, and brunches are required and count toward your attendance.



Check in through Zoom Events.



Questions? Ask the scholarship team.



SHOW YOUR BADGE BEFORE ORDERING

Your badge unlocks the attendee rates and hotel discounts listed on this page.

HOTEL PERKS

Confirmed attendee rates and services.



BREAKFAST BUFFET DISCOUNT

Show your badge at Brasserie Restaurant.
CONVENTION RATE: \$30 PER PERSON
Regular price is approximately \$39.



HOTEL RESTAURANT DISCOUNT

Receive **10% OFF** at hotel restaurants and LAX Café.
Show your badge before ordering.



PARKING

VALET PARKING: \$40 PER DAY
Includes in-and-out privileges. Show your badge if requested.
SELF-PARKING: \$24 PER 24 HOURS
No in-and-out privileges; self-parking is operated separately from the hotel.



COMPLIMENTARY GUEST ROOM WI-FI

Network: Guest Room Wi-Fi
Access code: COMP25



COMPLIMENTARY AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Complimentary service runs between LAX and the hotel only. It does not provide transportation around the city.

Parking and restaurant charges are paid by the attendee unless otherwise stated.



NEED HELP?

Use the right contact for faster support:

- ✓ Event: scwc@sicklecellconsortium.org
- ✓ Tech: techsupport@sicklecellconsortium.org
- ✓ Scholarship: scholarships@sicklecellconsortium.org
- ✓ Hotel: Sheraton front desk
- ✓ On-site: Warrior Con registration desk

**KEEP THESE CONTACTS
HANDY**



SMART MOVES



No incidental deposit is required at check-in.



Room charging is off by default. To turn it on, add a card at the front desk and authorize a \$200 hold.



The shuttle runs between LAX and the hotel only — it doesn't travel around the city.



HELP US TELL THE STORY OF WARRIOR CON

Complete the challenges individually, post your moments, and help the community see what is happening.

YOUR CHALLENGE CHECKLIST Complete 5. More posts = more entries.



SPONSORS + SUPPORT

- ☐ Agios booth photo #AgiosMoment26
- ☐ Pfizer Impact Sponsor photo #PfizerImpact26
- ☐ Sponsor story #SponsorVoice26



LEARNING + DISCOVERY

- ☐ Session proof + takeaway #WarriorTakeaway26
- ☐ Reflection video #WarriorQuestion26



COMMUNITY + CONNECTION

- ☐ New connection photo #WarriorConnection26
- ☐ SC3 team + backdrop photo #SC3TeamMoment26
- ☐ Kudos video #WarriorConKudos26



CULTURE + CREATIVITY

- ☐ Style, art or shop photo #TribeCulture26
- ☐ Creative photo/video #WarriorCreativity26



LEGACY + THE NEXT MOVE

- ☐ Banner photo #LegacyInAction26
- ☐ Next move photo/video #MyNextMove26

Every verified post becomes one prize randomizer entry.



HOW TO PLAY

Individual challenge: every mission needs photo or video proof.

- ✓ 1. Complete 5, one per category
- ✓ 2. Include at least 2 videos
- ✓ 3. Post proof + mission hashtag
- ✓ 4. Tag @SCCCONSORTIUM
- ✓ 5. Keep posts public for verification

**1 VERIFIED POST
= 1 PRIZE ENTRY**



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