

I stayed in a hotel that was in a corner between 280, a stroad, and a Benihana plus bowling alley. Apple Park was a 25 minute walk away and a 6 minute drive so everyone took their own uber in the morning after breakfast. I jumped in the car that D----- K----- had called so I didn't have to call my own uber.

Once we got past the benihana the road didn't have a lot of buildings on it except for a couple of one story buildings that just looked like they dropped a couple of apple stores down. The entrance building looked exactly the same except it also had a ceiling and really wide overhang that were made of a material that reflected the ground.



Once we got past security there was a long winding path. You had to walk a bit to get to the entrance cause it's surrounded by nature. Little signs that said "respect the wildlife". People in nice running gear would run past occasionally. it

looked like that one episode from Star Trek The Next Generation when they drop onto the eugenicist utopia and everyone is jogging everywhere.



Then we got to the main building. It's a giant ring with 7 entrances (those are the parts that have different colors on the top. also there's only 7 because the 8th corner (between 1 and 2 o'clock, btw the conference was just north of 3 o'clock) is the cafeteria. More on the cafeteria later.

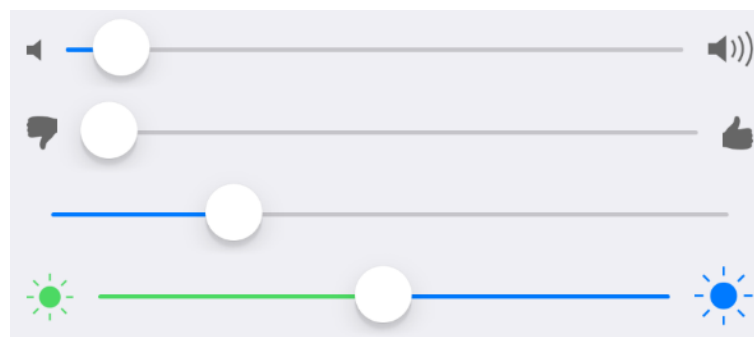
We got to the first one and the security person somehow knew our names already and said to go to the second one instead. So we did. That guy knew our names too. We had to wait

for our host and then she led us to this room ... pod ... thing. Really it was just an office space but all of the walls were glass except they had these tiny little shutters in them that you could open and close. That was cool.

Mostly normal until lunch. They gave us vouchers (they dont have free food!!). And they were super strict about security. So much that I was thinking about how fascist the whole badge ID host thing is at tech companies (I guess all companies probably). Silly. Anyway so that meant we had to stick with an Apple person. Both that day and the next day my Apple person for lunch acted just kinda annoyed and actually really strict about the security. We couldn't get out of their sight and it meant that one of the lunches I ended up accidentally denying my big group to be able to eat outside cause I wanted to catch J----- C----- at lunch in the office space. He ended up not eating there anyway but I got to talk to M----- M----- which was really nice :) she is nice

Anyway so for lunch you have to order on iPads (duh!!) and then your food shows up at once of the like twelve different food stands scattered across three floors and all between 1 and 2 o'clock. And so the apple person has to take the WHOLE group of like eight people to a bunch of different food stands and make sure we don't run away or something. Someone did run away the second day. Actually that guy was the same guy who is being an asshole to M----- H----- . Maybe he knew I was out to get him. Anyway the food was okay. They actually gave us free snacks, like free organic gluten free range rice krispie treats. I had several of them.

At some point I got kinda thirsty so I tried to find a water fountain. What I could find was they had a little near entrance #3 which some faucets. usually come with handles. ones came with iPads. So you do is select what want (you can have which comes out of the faucet, brilliant, or you



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have water). Then you select how much you want. You can select from 3.42 to 15.33 oz of water. My nalgene bottle has maybe 32 oz of water. So I selected 15.33 oz of water. OK that didn't fill my water bottle so I had to do it again. but it had some water in it already.

So I adjusted the amount to hmm, maybe 8 oz of water would be good. Ok I adjusted it down from 15.33 to something like 8.04. If you REALLY know how much water you need you can get 0.01 oz precision on this thing.

At some point I noticed the guy next to me (E----- W-----) trying to plug in his laptop



charger.



also in the conference room all of the tables were the same ones you get at the apple store.

long story short E-----'s charger didn't fit into the socket properly so either he had to leave the prongs partially uncovered or bend his charging cable. He did the second one.

AT some point I got thirsty again and decided to get some more water. But the cafe closes at 4:30. And they take the iPads with them when

they do :(

Then we were all going to an Italian restaurant for dinner. I was thinking of all the gluten free italian food I could have. probably there is some decent stuff, idk!! Ok it was pretty sweet in the end because the servers were all obviously high schoolers who didn't know anything about alcohol, but its ok cause all they could serve was "red wine" or "white wine" anyway. But the food was bad and not that I expected otherwise but the place appeared very grand.



Ohio grand really. This is the kind of place I would go to as a kid with my parents if we were feeling fancy and drove to the big city (the one 45 minute drive away in west Virginia). I guess that's West Virginia grand. Anyway, you know tier one sushi type thing. California is Ohio.

I left cause I had given up on the grant and just wanted to chill. We were in a little town square with some little shops and some mosaic sculptures! there was a poke place (still open at 9pm!), ice cream, Louis vuitton, etc. There actually were people there (at 9 pm!!). But I probably don't have to elaborate that it was so manufactured it had me thinking that I really need to write something about the practice doing something intentionally but aiming to appear authentic is exactly california. And especially Cupertino. I can't even find it on google maps anymore. Maybe it actually didn't exist.

Ok the last anecdote was that once I was able to talk to J----- C----- we talked while we did walked around the whole circle. we didn't have security with us!! he just took off his visitor badge so it looked like I was walking with a real legitimate appleperson.



<-- I wanted to draw an arrow showing how we walked but just imagine that we started at 3pm and then walked counterclockwise until we got back to 3pm.

Think about that. we walked around SEVEN bright white entrances with a little cafe with ipad water dispensers followed by a glass door and a bright grey floor illuminated through the single pane of curved glass lining the interior of it on the left,

and mysterious glass walls with delicate thin shades encased in glass on the right. seven of them, one after the other.

the british apple guy who worked there, I think his name was T----- V-----, told me that during good weather they open the entire 1-hour glass door protecting their cafeteria. And that sometimes birds will come in and make nests in the trees they planted in the cafeteria.

\*\*ps, yes, that's an apple orchard in the interior of the building

\*\*\*the only value I see in california is that it actually does push me to understand what I dislike about ... all of it