

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## IS CHILDCARE PROVIDED DURING THE CONVENTION?

Due to insurance provisions, the NDSC does not provide childcare during the convention.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY KIDS WHILE I ATTEND THE CONVENTION?

Kids' Camp is available for children with Down syndrome from the ages of six months to 14 years old and their siblings ages six months to rising 3rd graders (Rising 4th graders may register for the Brothers & Sisters Conference.) There are 5 separate camp sessions offered during the convention. The cost for each session is \$40 per child. There is a 10% discount for families registering multiple children.

## ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE WORKSHOPS?

While it is not ideal or recommended, children are permitted into workshops. Parents who attend with their small children are asked to be respectful of the audience by keeping noise and distractions to a minimum. Also in workshops where space is limited, children must sit on their parent's lap or on the floor to allow registered attendees a seat.

## CAN RELATIVES COMING TO HELP WITH CHILD CARE ATTEND THE CONVENTION?

Yes, if they register to attend the convention.

## CAN I BRING MY BABY TO THE DINNER?

If your baby will require a highchair, seat or space at the table then you must purchase a child ticket.

## WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR THE DINNER?

Actually, there's not one. Some attendees will come in suits and dresses, while others prefer something a bit more casual, such as slacks for men and sun dresses for women.

## CAN I BRING MY WHOLE FAMILY TO THE DANCE ON FRIDAY NIGHT?

All registered attendees are invited to the dance and opening reception.

## WHY CAN'T MY VERY MATURE 14-YEAR-OLD ATTEND THE Y&A CONFERENCE?

The minimum age to participate in the Y&A Conference is 15. From past experience, we have found this to be the cut off that allows the most attendees to benefit from our program.

## WHY CAN'T WE REGISTER OUR SELF-ADVOCATE FOR THE Y&A CONFERENCE ON-SITE?

Registration is not accepted on-site for the Youth & Adults Conference due to the extensive planning required to support the needs of each individual attendee.

## CAN I REGISTER FOR THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS CONFERENCE AT THE CONVENTION?

No, due to space, logistics and the off-site trip, all attendees must register prior to the deadline.

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### **CAN YOU MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR MY 3RD GRADER TO ATTEND THE B&S CONFERENCE?**

No, the minimum grade level to attend the B&S Conference is students entering the 4th grade. From past experience, we have found this to be the cut off that allows the most attendees to benefit from our program.

### **WHY ARE THE FRIDAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL REGISTRATION?**

There are additional costs to bring in the high level speakers for a 4 hour session. Those additional costs are not absorbed by the general registration fee; therefore, an additional charge is applied to only the individuals interested in participating.

### **HOW CAN I GET COPIES OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS?**

Only those registered for the pre-conference sessions are eligible to receive the handouts.

### **CAN I ATTEND MORE THAN ONE PRE-CONFERENCE?**

No, all pre-conferences take place at the same time; therefore, you can only register for one session.

### **I WANT TO ATTEND 2 PRE-CONFERENCES. HOW DO I DECIDE?**

A description of the pre-conference sessions, as well as the biography for each presenter, is available on the NDSC website to help you decide which pre-conference is the best for you.

### **CAN I SWITCH PRE-CONFERENCES AFTER I HAVE REGISTERED?**

Yes, you can switch to another pre-conference session as long as it is prior to the registration deadline and there is space available. Changes are not permitted after the registration deadline or onsite.

### **ARE THE PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE RECORDINGS?**

No. Why not? Pre-conferences require separate registration; therefore, all materials and recordings are the sole benefit of attending.

### **WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE IF I WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ENTIRE CONVENTION?**

If you would like to participate in the Advocacy Training Boot Camp you will need to arrive on Wednesday evening since the training begins at 8 am on Thursday. Otherwise, we recommend arriving before or around noon on Thursday so you will be to check-in at the hotel, unpack, grab lunch and then check-in at registration. Registration and the exhibit floor both open at 4 pm. First-Timer Orientation and the Connection Reception take place Thursday evening! The last convention program for all groups ends at noon on Sunday so plan your flights accordingly.

### **CAN I BUY TICKETS FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER DURING THE CONVENTION?**

No. Tickets must be purchased before the registration deadline in order to accommodate the hotel food and beverage guarantee deadline.

### **WHEN WILL I GET ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE RECORDINGS?**

Conference recordings will be available 24 hours after they are recorded.

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### **CAN SPEAKERS SEE OR EVALUATE MY CHILD?**

Families interested in professional evaluations and therapeutic services should make arrangements directly with the professional prior to or after the conference.

### **HOW CAN I GET CEU CREDITS?**

The NDSC provides a packet of materials that you can submit to your local accrediting organization. These packets are available at the NDSC table in the registration area.

### **CAN WE REGISTER AS A GROUP?**

No. Registration is set up for individuals or families living at the same address.

### **DO I HAVE TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES IF I AM ALREADY A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL DSA?**

Yes. The NDSC and your local affiliate are separate organizations and require separate membership dues.