



REGISTRATION TIPS

Please Read Before You Register – Registration Opens on March 25!

We feel the excitement building as March 25 approaches and families can finally register for the 2019 NDSC Annual Convention. We also know there is excitement building to make hotel reservations. As was the case last year, convention registration is required before family's can reserve their hotel rooms. ***We strongly recommend reading over the following information NOW, so that on March 25th you are informed and prepared to complete your family's registration.***

First - do you have your username (account holder email) and password handy from last year to login into the registration system? If you are a first-time attendee, you will need to click the "New User? Sign up Here" link to create an account, the system will then open the user menu for you to begin the registration process. If you already have an account but have forgotten your password, click on "Forgot Password?" for help. You might also want to watch this [Online Tutorial](#) about the registration system and the steps required to complete the process.

Next - Once you are logged into the system, you can begin registering each member of your family for whichever program they are attending. Remember you will have to "add a person" for **EACH** person you are registering.

It's best to start with anyone who is attending the general convention. This means anyone in your immediate family wanting to attend workshops, receptions, connections reception, exhibit hall and the film festival too! After you get each person registered for the general convention, you'll want to consider selecting a [Pre-conference Session](#) to attend. These sessions are an additional fee for each participant and have to be pre-selected when you register. Pre-conferences are amazing opportunities to dive deeper into one topic presented by world-renowned experts.

Once you have all the general convention attendees registered and pre-cons selected you can move on to the other conferences: 1) Youth & Adults, 2) Brothers & Sisters and 3) Kids' Camp.

The [Youth & Adults Conference](#) is for self-advocates with Down syndrome, ages 15 and up. In order to provide appropriate support for those attending, there are a number of questions that need to be answered during registration. **You will also be asked to select your self-advocate's programming choice for Sunday.** Sunday is the always-popular talent show; however, there are [Sunday Workshop Opportunities](#) offered during that time for those who prefer not to watch the show or participate in it. We strongly recommend discussing these choices with your self-advocate **before** you register. [Click Here](#) for the list of questions asked during registration. If your self-advocate is bringing a volunteer to support them throughout the conference weekend, make sure that the [volunteer registers](#) as a 3-day Y&A volunteer and indicates the self-advocate they are supporting.

The [Brothers & Sisters Conference](#) is for rising 4th grade thru 12th grade siblings. The conference is led by college-aged siblings and provides a variety of activities and learning throughout the weekend. Siblings will go off-site on Sunday for a field trip to a Pittsburgh attraction. **You'll need to know your child's t-shirt size when registering as well.**

[Kids' Camp](#) was created for children 6 months to 11 years without DS and up to 14 years with DS. It is broken into 5 separate sessions. You must select and register for each session you want for each child. Some families like to review the [Workshop Schedule](#) prior to selecting Kids' Camp sessions (keep in mind, this schedule is subject to change). We

recommend reviewing the [Kids' Camp FAQ's](#) and other information about this program before you register. **You'll also need to provide your child's t-shirt size when registering.**

Now that you have your whole family registered for one conference or another. You'll want to consider some the following **convention options**.

- **Compendium Format** - Flash Drive is complimentary; Paper Copy can be purchased
- [Evening of Champions Dinner](#) - Tickets will NOT be sold on-site
- [Conference Recordings](#) – Online access to the recordings is complimentary with each registration; other formats can be purchased
- **Convention T-shirt** - \$15 in advance; \$18 on-site (limited availability)
- [Simultaneous Interpretation in Spanish](#) - Pre-registration required for headsets

Once you have reviewed all of the information included [HERE](#) and the NDSC [website](#), you will be prepared to register. However, if you have additional questions contact the NDSC Center at (800) 232-6372. Thank you for your interest in our giant family reunion, we look forward to seeing you in June!