

# Lagniappe in the Big Easy



48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

Lagniappe: /lan'yap/ Noun: a bonus or extra gift

## Join us in NEW ORLEANS

## JUNE 25 – 28, 2020

Registration opens April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM Eastern

The NDSC Convention is a 4-day event designed to provide a meaningful and educational experience for all attendees; individuals with Down syndrome, parents, grandparents, and siblings of those with Down syndrome, caregivers, and medical and educational professionals who dedicate their lives' work to the Down syndrome community.

The Hyatt Regency New Orleans, located on Loyola Street will be our home for the convention, with the meeting space and guest rooms all under one roof. Convention attendees will receive the room rate of \$167 plus tax per night, including three days before and after the convention dates.

The Convention is comprised of **multiple conferences** held simultaneously with a conference track for everyone. Convention attendees will choose either the **General Conference (\$189)**, comprised of 6 workshop cycles, each with an array of topics; the **Youth & Adult Conference (\$119)** designed for individuals with Down syndrome, ages 15 (by June 25<sup>th</sup>) and older; or the **Brothers & Sisters Conference (\$119)** designed especially for siblings of individuals with Down syndrome, who are rising 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2020-2021 school year.

There are many other events **included with every registration**, although some may require you to RSVP, such as: Advocacy Training Boot Camp, Global's Research and Medical Roundtable, LuMind IDSC's Research Rally, Friday's 321Dance!, Saturday's Masquerade Ball, and more! From there you can choose Add-On and Optional Items, such as: **Deep-Dive Sessions (10 to choose from, \$79)**, **Kids' Camp (5 sessions to choose from, \$49 each)**, **Meal Plan (\$99)**, **Banquet Tickets (\$59 adults/\$29 children under 12)**, and more.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Since membership in NDSC is free, there is no longer a membership fee added to your registration. In addition, we've moved to an individual attendee rate. Our all-new registration system will still let you register the whole family, and once your registration is complete you'll receive the link to our hotel block at the Hyatt.

A one-day Educators Conference and the annual Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group (DSMIG) meeting also take place each year at the NDSC Convention. Bringing experts from the medical and education professions together with families truly brings people from every facet of the Down syndrome community together to create the "world's greatest family reunion".



Visit our website to learn more - <https://www.ndscenter.org/annual-convention/>