

NAREA Conference FAQs

What is **included** in the conference registration fee?

The conference registration fee includes three days of professional development with [featured speakers from Reggio Emilia, Italy](#), conference materials, lunches, and light snacks. Transportation is provided for conference activities such as school visits, encounters with “[The Wonder of Learning – The Hundred Languages of Children](#)” exhibit, cultural experiences, and *ateliers* when needed. It is the responsibility of the participant to arrange his/her own transportation to/from the airport as well as to/from the conference venue each day. Hotel accommodations are not included in the registration fee.

When registering a group, why do I need to provide a **unique email address for each registrant**?

All communication related to the conference is conducted by [email](#). It is best for NAREA to have a unique email address for each registrant so that we can send the [logistics](#) email and any other pertinent messages to registrants directly. We are always happy to copy an administrator or representative upon request.

What **methods of payment** are acceptable for conference registration?

Credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express

Check: Checks should be made out to [Inspired Practices](#) and payable in U.S. funds [only](#).

Purchase Order: To secure conference registration(s) with a purchase order, please print out a conference registration form for each registrant and send it in with a copy of the purchase order. Full payment or a purchase order from your school or organization must be submitted to secure a registration. It is not possible to register online when paying by check or purchase order.

Registration forms are available upon request.

Please contact: Thresa Grove – thresa@reggioalliance.org or 770.552.0179

What is the **cancellation policy**?

Each conference has a cancellation deadline stated on the conference page and registration page on our website. A written request must be received by the cancellation deadline in order for the registration fee to be refunded. There is a \$50.00 per registrant fee for all cancellations.

What **features** can I expect at the conference?

The program varies from conference to conference. Conferences typically include: presentations and reflections by noted representatives from Reggio Emilia and/or North America, school visits, small group discussions, encounters with “[The Wonder of Learning – The Hundred Languages of Children](#)” exhibit, participatory *ateliers*, and local cultural experiences.

Please note that featured speakers often present in Italian followed by an English interpretation. For some participants, it might take a moment to adjust to this process. [Many find that the Italian portion of the presentation gives them additional time to take notes.](#)

Is it permissible to take **photos** during presentations and school visits?

It is not permitted to take photographs during conference [presentations or school visits or of the exhibit](#) due to privacy and copyright issues associated with images from the early childhood programs in Reggio Emilia, Italy and North American communities.

In addition to what is posted on the website, should I expect to receive **additional information with details about the conference?**

As soon as your registration is processed, you will receive an on-screen confirmation message and an email containing your receipt. A week or two before the conference, you will receive a logistics email, which will include final information on conference specifics.

Is the **conference program available in advance?**

Due to unique logistical matters that include working in collaboration with the local hosts and Reggio Children, our colleagues overseas, the program is often finalized the week prior to the conference. Typically, we will send out the program with the logistics email. A printed copy of the conference program will be in the folder you receive once you check-in at the conference. The start time and end time of the days are published on the website and are the only specifics we can regularly share with participants in advance.

Do you accommodate **vegetarian and other special meal requests?**

We do our best to make arrangements for vegetarian meals. Please be sure to check the vegetarian option when registering for the conference. We are not able to provide for all meal preferences. However, if you have life-threatening food allergies, please contact the NAREA office to discuss meal alternatives. If you have other dietary restrictions, please plan accordingly.

What about **hotel accommodations?**

Whenever possible, we reserve a limited block of hotel rooms for conference participants. The hotels are [listed on our website](#), and it is the responsibility of the participants to make their own reservations. We encourage all participants to research in order to find the hotel that fits their financial and travel needs. We will do our best to note the distance from the hotels to the conference venue.

What should I **wear to the conference?**

Due to the varied nature of conference venues, distances between spaces, and weather, we suggest you wear layered clothing for comfort and flexibility.

Will there be anything to **purchase at the conference?**

Publications, resource materials, and other items are often available for purchase by credit card, check, or cash.

Are conference venues **handicap accessible?**

Because our conferences are held in different locations each time, handicap accessibility will vary. If you have questions about the accessibility of a particular conference, please contact us for more information.

Is it possible to receive continuing education units (CEUs) for attending the conference?

Whenever possible, we provide participants with the option of obtaining CEUs. If they are being offered, you will find instructions and payment information in the final logistics email.

Does NAREA make special arrangements for those **traveling alone?**

Anyone traveling alone is encouraged to visit the local area table at the conference where members of the hospitality committee will be glad to welcome you. Small group discussions, lunchtime, and optional evening events are good opportunities to meet people and network. Participants are welcome to use the NAREA Facebook page before the conference in an effort to connect with others.

If you have additional questions, please contact the NAREA office at 770.552.0179