



UNITY MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

2017 MIDYEAR UNITY CONFERENCE FAQs

FAQs and common questions

When is the last day to submit name changes?

Feb 3rd is the last day to change names before we begin printing badges. You may change names by going to the registration site. However, if you have a last minute change, you can still change names onsite at the conference where a new badge will be created. The process will take longer onsite.

Can I get a registration reimbursement?

There will be no reimbursement, but you will be credited a registration for a future conference.

Will I be able to get a refund if I don't show up?

No, but UNITY will credit you for a future event.

Can I attend the conference by myself, if I'm 18, without chaperone?

All youth participants ages 14-24 must be chaperoned.

Do advisors have to register?

Yes, all participants, including chaperones are required to register and pay the registration fee. Chaperones/advisors must have a name badge to access all sessions.

Is there a one-day registration fee?

No, if you only plan to attend for a day or two, you are required to pay the normal registration fee.

Can we pay a fee to attend just the luncheon?

No, the luncheon is for registered participants.

Is there a dress code for the conference?

The dress code is casual, however, male and female representatives are encouraged to wear business attire for the National UNITY Council Business Meeting.

Will there be other host hotels with discounted rates?

We are looking into options with nearby hotels.

Do I have to be in a UNITY affiliated youth council to attend the conference?

No, but we encourage all youth councils to find out how to become affiliated and take advantage of the benefits. Otherwise, you are welcome to attend as an individual.



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Are students under the age of 14 allowed to attend?

Yes, however, parents and advisors must consider whether topics and length of sessions are age appropriate.

Can I participate in the conference if I'm not a U.S. citizen?

Yes, you can participate in our conference, however, per the National UNITY Council Constitution and Bylaws, youth participants who wish to vote in the business meeting are required to be a U.S. citizen. You may be an observer if you are not a U.S. citizen.

What will the weather be like in Phoenix/Tempe, during the conference days?

The weather will be in the 70's, sunny skies, sometimes partly cloudy with small chance of rain. The evening temperatures drop into the low 40s. Bring a light jacket or sweater!

I'm an Exhibitor. Will electrical power be available for my booth space?

Exhibitors and workshop presenters must specify ahead of time if they have any audio or visual needs. A charge may apply.

What will my workshop room be equipped with?

Chairs and a podium.

What are the parking fees?

The hotel will have parking in and around the hotel facility, otherwise there's various parking around the Downtown Tempe area.

City West Parking: \$1.50/hour, or \$12.00 all day.

City Hall Parking: \$1.50/hour, or \$12.00 all day.

How far from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is the hotel/conference site?

The distance is about 4 miles from the airport, which is only a few metro stops if you choose to take the Valley Metro Light Rail.

http://www.valleymetro.org/planning_your_trip/system_map/light-rail

Will there be transportation to and from the airport provided?

Yes. Please call the hotel for pick up. Again, the Valley Metro Light Rail train stops at both the hotel and airport. (480) 894-1400

(From Terminals 3 & 4 at Sky Harbor International Airport, the Sky Train will take you to the main Light Rail route. From there, take the light rail east, to get off at "Mill Ave & 3rd Street" Station, or the next station at "Veterans Way & College." Tempe Mission Palms hotel will be right between the two.)



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What are the fees for the public transportation?

Local bus \$2.00 one ride, \$4.00 all day:

http://www.valleymetro.org/planning_your_trip/system_map/local-bus

Light Rail \$2.00 one ride, \$4.00 all day:

http://www.valleymetro.org/planning_your_trip/system_map/light-rail

What are some fun things to do around Tempe?

While we expect our conference to be busy with plenty of activities on the schedule, there are plenty of places in the local area to visit. The Tempe Tourism Office features many attractions: <https://www.tempetourism.com/things-todo/attractions/> Such places include the following:

- Tempe Market Place (outdoor shopping)
- Arizona Mills Mall (indoor mall)
- Local Hikes (A-mountain, Camelback Mountain)
- Tempe Beach Park
- Phoenix Zoo
- Desert Botanical Gardens
- OdySea Aquarium

Will there be places to eat near by to the conference site?

There will be plenty of fast food and fine dining places to eat around the Mill Ave Downtown District. <https://www.tempetourism.com/food-and-drinks/>

Anything else I should know?

The Mill Avenue downtown district caters to the college crowd. There is a very active night life on Fridays and Saturdays. Please keep this in mind as you chaperone your youth.

Chaperones/Advisors! Medical and Liability Release forms must be completed for each participant. We will have the form available online very soon. Please keep a medical information sheet with you for all your youth participants during the conference. Thank you.