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## Registration Information

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Please visit the [IDEA Conference Registration web page](#) to learn more about registering, including making a Seat request, Lodging, Registration and Payment Deadlines, and Frequently Asked Questions.

## Lodging

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The conference room block rate for Arizona's 2025 IDEA Conference is \$199/night (not including taxes), which exceeds the state rate of \$113/night. This price may mean your organization will not reimburse the full amount of your lodging expenses unless you request an exception prior to the conference. Participants are encouraged to clarify any lodging reimbursement policies with their respective employer. Typically, when rooms at a conference hotel are contracted at a higher rate than the State allowable nightly rate, supplemental documentation may be necessary to request an exception. Please use this document to support an exception.

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Activities (Invite Only)
- 5:30–6:30 p.m. Evening  
Registration
- 5:30–6:30 p.m. Vendor  
Set-Up

### Thursday, 8/21

- 7:00–8:30 a.m.  
Registration and  
Breakfast Buffet
  - 8:30–9:30 a.m. Opening  
Remarks and Welcome
  - 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Opening Keynote
  - 10:45–12:00 a.m.  
Concurrent Session 1
  - 12:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Lunch Buffet
  - 1:00–2:15 p.m.  
Concurrent Session 2
  - 2:30–3:45 p.m.  
Concurrent Session 3
- Evening Events**
- 2:30–6:00 p.m.  
Youth/Young Adult  
Event:
  - 4:00–6:00 p.m.  
Professional Event
  - 4:00–6:00 p.m.  
Parent/Caregiver Event

### Friday, 8/22

- 7:00–8:00 a.m.  
Registration and  
Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00–9:00 a.m.  
Opening Remarks and  
Presentation of  
Awards
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