



Edgar Cayce's A.R.E.[®]

Headquarters Conferences

HQ-Sponsored Retreat FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to register in advance?

- Yes, we strongly encourage you to register in advance in order to ensure space at the program and to confirm lodging availability. Some program venues have limited capacity and can sell out. In addition, retreats offer an early registration discount, and the fee is higher at-door.

How can I register?

To pay by check or credit card:

- *By phone:* 800-333-4499 or 757-428-3588 x0
- *By mail to:* Conference Registrar, A.R.E. Headquarters Conferences, 215 67th St., Virginia Beach, Va., 23451 and give name of conference, member ID#, and customer code. Make check payable to "A.R.E."
- *Online:* Click on the registration link for the program you are attending or go to EdgarCayce.org/retreats.
- *By cash:* You may pay cash at the door as space allows. Please do not send cash through the mail.

At-door: We highly recommend advance registration. However, you can register at the door as space allows and pay by cash, check, or credit card. The registration fee is higher at-door.

Registration Confirmation:

- *By Online, Phone, or Mail:* A confirmation will be emailed to you. You'll receive a name badge and any other conference materials in person at registration check-in on the day of the program.

Will I receive a packet of materials by mail?

- No, you will receive a registration confirmation by [email](#). You'll receive an attendee packet, badge, and other materials in person at registration check-in on the day of the program.

Where do I check in for the conference once I arrive at the venue?

- Registration is usually held in the venue lobby or meeting room entry area. You will receive any related materials and name tag at check-in. You can also ask the contact person listed on the brochure and on the website for the program for more details about the venue.

Do I need a ticket?

- You'll receive a registration confirmation by email; it is not necessary to bring it with you. Your name badge will be given to you in person at registration check-in at the start of the program and will serve as your entry ticket.

How will I be notified if a program is cancelled?

- Program changes and notifications will be sent to registrants via email, so please be sure we have your current email on file and check it before you depart. Those who do not have email will be contacted by phone, so please be sure to check for messages before you depart. Should A.R.E. deem it necessary to cancel or postpone a conference due to speaker cancellation, extreme weather conditions, or other unforeseeable event, A.R.E. bears no responsibility for attendee expenses other than a refund of registered attendees' program tuition. Please see our website for the latest updates and changes.

I need to cancel. Can I get a refund?

- For most programs, you may receive a full refund or credit toward another program if you cancel by a certain date as [\[continues below\]](#)

specified in the brochure or on our website. Some programs incur a processing fee and/or forfeiture of deposit. Refunds for cancellations after the event or for “no shows” may be charged a processing fee. Refund requests must be made within ten days of the end of the program. See individual program registration pages for additional details.

Can I get a printout of the schedule?

- The program start times, end times, and meal times are located on the brochure or online at EdgarCayce.org/retreats.

Where are the retreats held?

- The location of the program is listed on the brochure and on our website at EdgarCayce.org/retreats. You can also call the local contact listed on the brochure and on our website or call A.R.E. Customer service at 800-333-4499 for further assistance.

How can I find out what amenities and activities are available at the venue, in addition to the speaker’s program?

- Consult the brochure or our website for details, or call A.R.E. Customer Service at 800-333-4499. Most retreats have activities such as walking, hiking, and swimming, and some include other options such as yoga, tennis, paddleboats, rock climbing walls, etc. You can also look up the venue’s website online to learn more and to see photos of the meeting spaces, rooms, amenities, and outdoor areas.

What type of clothing should I bring?

- Temperatures can vary. To make sure you are comfortable during the program itself, it is a good idea to wear casual, layered clothing. Depending on the activities you plan to participate in, you may want to bring hiking or walking shoes, a light jacket, yoga clothes and mat, etc.

What should I bring with me?

- To make sure you are comfortable during the program itself, it is a good idea to wear casual, layered clothing. Depending on the activities you plan to participate in, you may want to bring hiking or walking shoes, a light jacket, yoga mat, camera, musical instruments, journal or notebook, sunscreen, swimwear, water bottle, etc.
- If the program indicates that there will be a raffle, you are encouraged to bring an item to donate such as a book, collectible item, craft, giftware, or jewelry. Funds from the raffle help offset scholarships and program expenses.
- Please DO NOT bring alcoholic beverages, firearms, or illegal substances.

Can I choose my roommate?

- You can choose your roommate, although it is not guaranteed. Please indicate the name of the person you would like to room with at registration.

Can I get a single room?

- Single rooms are discouraged and only available as space allows, and at a higher rate than a shared room.

Can I choose what type of room I get?

- Most retreats have several choices of room types and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Depending on the retreat venue, this could include cabins, single, double, or quad rooms, and bunkhouse or dormitory-style lodging. For certain retreats you will be contacted by the local registrar to help you select a room. Consult brochure or website for details.

Can I just attend the speaker’s program without staying overnight?

- Most retreats have a “day rate” that allows you to just attend the speaker’s program without lodging. Some also have options for purchasing meals without lodging. Consult individual program details.

Can I bring my own water and snacks?

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- Many venues restrict attendees from bringing in food and beverages purchased elsewhere. In general, water and other beverages are provided during breaks or may be available for purchase on site.

Is there a meal service?

- Retreats either include meals with the lodging expenses, or by separate purchase. Consult individual program brochure for details.

Are meal options available for vegetarians/vegans?

- Yes, the venues make every effort to accommodate special dietary needs. Please include this information when you register.

Are meal options available for people with food allergies?

- Yes, the venues make every effort to accommodate food allergies and special dietary needs. Please include this information when you register.

What restaurants are close?

- Some venues have restaurants within driving distance. All retreats offer onsite dining options that are typically included with lodging or available as a separate purchase.

Is the venue handicap accessible?

- All venues are ADA compliant, but some retreats are held at a high altitude or may involve walking up a few stairs on hilly terrain. See individual program descriptions for more of what to expect.

Do you provide child care services?

- No, child care services are not provided. Our retreats are adult retreats and there are no activities for children.

Can I buy the speakers' books?

- Most programs have a book table set up for sales of the speaker's books and related items. They also may be available for purchase at AREcatalog.com.

Can I buy a recording of the lectures?

- Retreat programs are not recorded. Some speakers have recordings of previous appearances available for purchase. Check AREcatalog.com for available recordings, or audible.com for available digital downloads. Some speakers also have presentations available at EdgarCayce.org/online.

Can I bring items to sell to my fellow attendees?

- We do not allow retreat attendees to sell items or overtly promote themselves or their work.

Can I give a class or workshop during the retreat?

- This is not encouraged, as retreat schedules and speakers are contracted well in advance, typically leaving no room for additional activities.

Where can I find a listing of A.R.E.-sponsored Field Conferences near me?

- Go to: Edgarcayce.org/fieldconferences.

PROGRAMS, speakers, and pricing are subject to change. Check our website for the latest updates.