



Edgar Cayce's Association for Research and Enlightenment Virginia Beach Conferences FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions about Headquarters Conferences

Please note: as of June 2016, A.R.E. Headquarters grounds are a smoke-free campus.

- **Do I need to register in advance?**
 - In order to ensure a seat at the program, it is best to register in advance. Some programs have limited enrollment and can sell out.
 - Register and pay in full at least 30 days in advance and you will automatically be entered into a drawing for a FREE SPA TREATMENT at our Health Center & Spa, valued at \$60! Gratuity not included. [See website for full details.](#)

- **How can I register?**
 - 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."
 - On-line:** Click on the registration link for the program you are attending.
 - 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.
 - Registration Confirmation:**
 - By Online, Phone, or Mail:** A confirmation postcard will be mailed to you in the postal mail. You'll receive a name badge and any other conference materials in person at registration check-in the day of the program.

- **I registered online. Will I receive an e-mail confirmation?**
 - You will receive a registration confirmation postcard by postal mail. You'll receive an attendee packet, name badge, and other materials in person at registration check-in the day of the program.

- **Will I receive a packet of materials by mail?**
 - You will receive a registration confirmation postcard in the postal mail. You'll receive an attendee packet, name badge, and other materials in person at registration check-in the day of the program.

- **Where do I check in for the conference once I arrive at the A.R.E.?**
 - Registration is held in the Visitor's Center. You will receive a packet and name badge at check-in.

- **Do I need a ticket?**
 - You'll receive a registration confirmation postcard in the postal mail; it is not necessary to bring it with you but it's helpful. Your name badge will be given to you in person at registration check-in at the start of the program. Your name badge is your admission and you will receive that at registration check-in. Please wear it at all times. *(continues)*



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- **How will I be notified if a program is cancelled?**
 - Program changes and notifications will be sent to registrants **via e-mail**, so please be sure we have your current e-mail on file and check it 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 Web site 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 conference. Some programs incur a processing fee and/or forfeiture of deposit. Refunds for cancellations after the event/"no shows" may be charged a processing fee. See individual program registration pages for details.
- **What is a Life Member program?**
 - Certain programs are designated as "Life Member" programs. Registration for these programs is open to all members and non-members, however, A.R.E. Life Members may choose to redeem their Life Member Pass to attend. A.R.E. Life Members are eligible to attend one designated Life Member program per year.
- **Do you issue CEU's (Continuing Education Units) for your conferences?**
 - No, A.R.E. does not issue CEU's unless indicated on the brochure.
- **Can I get a Certificate of Attendance or Certificate of Completion?**
 - There is a \$30 fee for a Certificate of Attendance or Completion for a conference that you have attended, unless stated otherwise in the course description. You will receive your certificate approximately three weeks after your request. This is not a Continuing Education Certificate.
- **Can I get a printout of the schedule?**
 - Once available, the daily schedule is posted online at EdgarCayce.org/conferences either on the brochure pdf or on the programs schedule page. It is usually available 10 to 12 weeks in advance of the program date.
- **How do I get to the A.R.E.?**
 - Our address is 215 67th Street (at Atlantic Avenue) in Virginia Beach. You'll find directions on our Web site: EdgarCayce.org/directions.
- **Where can I stay?**
 - The Wyndham Virginia Beach is the closest hotel to A.R.E. They provide free parking and a free shuttle to the A.R.E., plus a discounted rate for our conference attendees. All rooms include a microwave, refrigerator, hair dryer, and coffee maker. For hotel reservations, call 800-365-3032. Be sure to tell them you are attending an A.R.E. conference. **Please make your reservations early**, since hotels in our area are often booked months in advance, and the Wyndham cannot guarantee a room fewer than four weeks prior to a conference. Additional lodging information is available here: EdgarCayce.org/accommodations. *(continues)*



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- Holiday Inn Express at 2607 Atlantic Ave., offers all oceanfront rooms with private balconies and free breakfast. **Please make your reservations early; rates are available based on hotel availability.** For hotel reservations, call 757-491-6900 and ask for the A.R.E. group discount.
- Alternate hotel and lodging information is available upon request.
- **Is there a shuttle from the Wyndham Hotel to the A.R.E.?**
 - The Wyndham hotel will provide a free shuttle service to and from the A.R.E. according to the conference schedule given to them by the Conferences team. The hotel is about 10 blocks away from the A.R.E.
- **What is the closest Airport?**
 - Norfolk International Airport is about 30 minutes west of Virginia Beach.
- **Is there a shuttle from the airport to local hotels?**
 - Shuttle services are available and average \$55. Taxis and rental cars are also available.
- **Where is the nearest campground?**
 - There are several campgrounds nearby. The most convenient is First Landing State Park on the Chesapeake Bay, located about five minutes from A.R.E. Contact dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks for more information and reservations.
- **Where are the conferences held?**
 - Conferences are held in the A.R.E. Headquarters Visitor Center in the Main Auditorium, on our campus in Virginia Beach. For Field conferences, venues vary by city and program.
- **What type of clothing should I bring?**
 - In Virginia Beach, temperatures vary from generally cool winters to hot summers. To make sure you are comfortable during the program itself, it is a good idea to wear comfortable, layered clothing.
- **Can I bring my own water and snacks?**
 - You can, but water and other beverages and light refreshments are provided during program breaks and also are available for purchase in our bookstore and in our new Cayce-Miller Café.
- **Is there a lunch service?**
 - Lunches can be purchased in our new Leaping Lizard Restaurant in the Cayce-Miller Café. They prepare delicious fresh, natural, and locally-sourced sustainable foods. The menu varies but includes salads, sandwiches, soups, vegetarian and gluten-free options, desserts, and fresh breads baked in their own bakery. The café hours are currently Monday-Saturday 11-3, and hours may vary depending on conference schedule and other activities. *(continues)*



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- **Can I eat all my meals in the new Leaping Lizard Restaurant in the Cayce-Miller café?**
Lunches can be purchased in our new Leaping Lizard Restaurant in the Cayce-Miller Café. The café hours are currently Tuesday-Sunday 11-3, and hours may vary depending on conference schedule and other activities
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- **What restaurants are close?**
 - We have a list of nearby restaurants at our front desk and at registration.
- **Do you provide child care services?**
 - No, we do not provide child care services. A limited number of A.R.E. Life Member events include a Youth Program option, which will be indicated in the program description.
- **Can I buy the speakers' books at A.R.E.?**
 - The A.R.E. Bookstore and Gift Shop, the region's largest and most comprehensive metaphysical bookstore, carries books written by and recommended by our speakers as well as books from the A.R.E. Press catalog. They also carry thousands of other books, gifts, cards, jewelry, CDs, and DVDs. You can reach the Bookstore and Gift Shop by telephone at 800-333-4499 or 757-428-3588, extension 7231.
- **Can I buy a recording of the lectures?**
 - Most speakers have given us permission to record their presentations on CD and DVD. They are available for purchase to program attendees during the conference only. Some programs will be available for purchase via ARECatalog.com at a later date, and some may be available as a live streaming event or on demand digital download. You can also go to <http://www.edgarcayce.org/online/> to view the available live streaming/on demand presentations.
- **Where can I find a listing of Field Programs or A.R.E. Conferences near me?**
 - On our Web site, under the "Events" tab click "Conferences," then look down the left side column and you'll see the "Conferences Near You" listing. For a listing of the Headquarters-sponsored programs, click on "Headquarters Sponsored Programs" or follow this link: EdgarCayce.org/fieldconferences.
- **What other activities can I enjoy while I'm at the A.R.E.?**
 - As a registered conferee, for the duration of the conference, enjoy a **10 percent discount** on all purchases at the A.R.E. Bookstore, one of the largest metaphysical book stores in the nation.
 - Enjoy the beautiful beach and Atlantic Ocean just across the street from the A.R.E.
 - Schedule a massage, steam, and other health treatments at our A.R.E. Health Center & Spa (1-800-333-4499, ext. 7280) or schedule online at A.R.E. Health Center and Spa.
 - Spend time in our metaphysical library, the largest of its kind in the U.S. *(continues)*



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- Enjoy our meditation room and garden, or relax with friends in our new Cayce-Miller cafe.
 - Walk our beautiful labyrinth or our unique Bimini Road reflexology walkway.
 - Take advantage of the beautiful state park just three blocks from our center.
 - The Wyndham Hotel can arrange for bike rentals and other services for their guests.
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- **Where can I get more information about the Virginia Beach area?**
 - The resort city of Virginia Beach and the surrounding Hampton Roads area provide many options for vacations and free time, including historic sites, parks, beaches, nature trails, bike paths, golf, concerts and festivals, and more. The City of Virginia Beach maintains up-to-date information on area activities at vbfun.com

 - **What are the rules for the “Register early and you could win a free Spa Treatment” drawing?**
 - You can find details at <http://edgarcayce.org/are/edgarcayce.aspx?id=12928&terms=contests>

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