



Know Before You Go FAQ

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY, PRINT IF CONVENIENT

This message contains pertinent information for your awareness as you prepare for your travel to this year's Conference. While lengthy, please continue to read the information below completely and in its entirety.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please contact our team at CRSJConf@nea.org.

You are receiving this email because you have registered for the **2026 Conference on Racial and Social Justice!**

This means by now you have:

- Successfully registered for the event and received a registration confirmation number.
- Successfully made a reservation for your lodging at one of our host hotels: The Hyatt Regency Denver, The Slate Hotel Tapestry by Hilton, or the Grand Hyatt Denver

PRE-CONFERENCE SURVEY

Complete [THIS](#) important first step before coming to CRSJ & *join the conversation that listens to you!*

Be the first to tell us what you're hoping to experience at CRSJ. Your reflections will help us understand what members need and how we can better meet those needs throughout the conference.

Click [here](#) to begin!

HEALTH & SAFETY – ALTITUDE SICKNESS ALERT

Denver really is a mile high, but most people don't notice the altitude difference. The air is thinner and dryer. Follow these tips to stay happy and healthy:

- **Stay Hydrated – Drink Plenty of Water!** Dehydration is a major contributor to altitude sickness. Before your trip to Denver, and while you are here, drinking plenty of water is the best way to help your body adjust easily to our higher altitude.
- **Eat Foods High in Potassium!** To help replenish your electrolytes and help you stay hydrated, eat foods such as broccoli, bananas, avocado, cantaloupe, greens, bran/granola, and dried fruit which will balance salt intake.
- **Watch Your Physical Activity!** The effects of exercise are more intense here. Cut your daily exercise activity to about half during your time in Denver.
- **Pack for the Sun!** The sky really is bluer in Colorado; there's 25% less protection from the sun, so sunscreen is a must. Also, bring sunglasses, sunscreen and lip balm.
- **Dress in Layers!** Because the sun is especially powerful in Denver, it can feel much warmer than the actual temperature during the daytime but then become very chilly after sundown. It is best to layer your clothing.

For more information and tips to stay healthy during your time in Denver, please click [here](#).

ON-SITE SECURITY UPDATES

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The safety and security of our event participants, guests, and staff is of the utmost priority. Please be aware that there will be security precautions in place at the Conference for Racial and Social Justice for the effective management of an adverse situation. Accordingly, you should be prepared to provide a **state issued photo ID** at the check-in and badge pick-up area to verify your identity.

Additionally:

- You **MUST** wear your Conference badge, at all times, during the Conference on Racial and Social Justice.
- Do not respond to anyone trying to interview you unless it is NEA staff.
- Do not answer any questions from outside reporters/representatives approaching you for information/probing for answers. You may encounter organizations such as Project Veritas, a conservative media organization dedicated to secretly infiltrating progressive organizations to produce unflattering and often selectively edited videos by secretly recording conversations.
- Remove your Conference badge when outside of the Conference/venue area.
- **See something, say something! Report any suspicious or harmful activities to a NEA staff member immediately and we will alert the hotel or Colorado Convention Center security for further action.**

AIRPORT & GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airport to the Colorado Convention Center is the **Denver International Airport (DEN)**.

There is no complimentary shuttle service provided at the airport to/from our conference hotels or the Colorado Convention Center. Transportation options to/from the airport include rideshare, taxis, public transportation, and private driving services (***fees and taxes will apply and are at the participant's expense****).

For other information/details regarding ground transportation to/from the airport, click the link here [Denver International Airport - Parking & Transportation](#).

CONFERENCE & CONVENTION CENTER INFORMATION

HOTEL INFORMATION:

If you reserved housing upon registering for the Conference, you should have by now received your hotel confirmation email, to include your confirmed hotel location with the hotel confirmation number.

Please be prepared to provide a state issued photo ID and a debit/credit card (credit card is recommended) upon checking in for incidentals, even if you do not plan to charge anything. **There will be a one-time, mandatory hold of up to \$100, which will only increase should you incur incidentals during your stay.**

See the information below for your applicable hotel details:

- **Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center**
650 15th St. | Denver, CO 80202
Check-in - 4:00 pm | Check-out – 11:00 am
For more information on the Hyatt Regency Denver, please click the link [here](#)!
- **The Slate Hotel Tapestry by Hilton**
1250 Welton St. | Denver, Co 80202

Check-in - 4:00 pm | Check-out – 11:00 am

For more information on The Hotel Zags, please click the link [here!](#)

- **Grand Hyatt Denver**

1750 Welton St. | Denver, CO 80202

Check-in – 4:00 pm | Check-out – 11:00 am

For more information on The Porter, please click the link [here!](#)

VENUE INFORMATION:

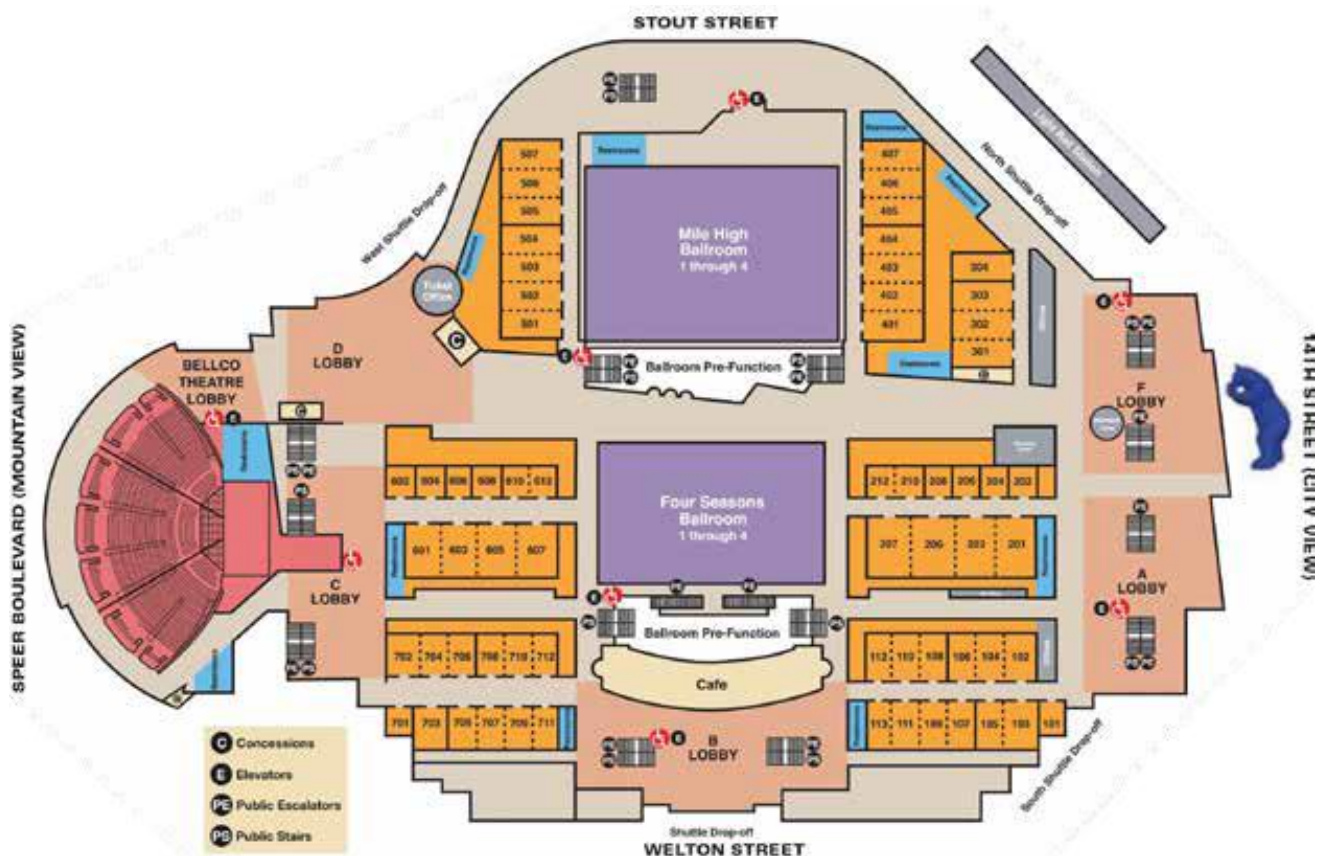
The Conference on Racial & Social Justice will be held at the **Colorado Convention Center** – 700 14th St. Denver, CO 80202.

For more information on the Colorado Convention Center, please click the link here – [Denver Convention Center Information.](#)

ON-SITE REGISTRATION & BADGE PICK UP

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- You will enter the Colorado Convention Center using the 14th St. Entrance. Please use the “Entry 2” doors in the F Lobby (by the Big Blue Bear) and continue down the Grand Concourse. Registration is at the end of the Grand Concourse towards Lobby D – please follow the signage to the registration area. (Map Below)



ARRIVAL & ON-SITE CHECK-IN – What to Expect:

- **Head to the Colorado Convention Center to check in for the Conference.** After you check-in and settle into your room, please proceed to the on-site registration area at the Colorado Convention Center (at the location above).
- You will need to check in: Name, e-mail and/or registration confirmation, and your **photo ID** - **you will not be allowed to check in without a photo ID!**

BADGES:

- All attendees participating in the Conference on Racial & Social Justice **MUST** wear their conference badges at all times, **including meals and conference festivities.**
- Any badge issues may be resolved by visiting the on-site CRSJ registration area.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATE BADGES:

There is no onsite pickup for RA delegate badges/credentials at the Conference for Racial & Social Justice this year. RA delegates may pick up their credentials from the designated area in the Colorado Convention Center.

CHILDCARE REQUEST & REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

For each of the NEA national conferences, every participating NEA member shall be eligible for a **taxable** reimbursement of up to **\$70 per day** for each day of the conference for childcare expenses. Any such reimbursement will be made only to participants with:

- A current W-9 on file.
- Completed and submitted Childcare Reimbursement Form.
- Proof of payment for out-of-pocket childcare expenses.
- Proof of registration or attendance.

For NEA to make a payment to any person or vendor, we must have an accurate, completed W-9 on file. Please download a copy of the **W-9 Form** (IRS Guidelines are included); fill in, sign, and date the W-9. Please save this completed form to your computer/desktop as you will need to upload and complete the **NEA Secure W-9 Smartsheet form**. Here, you will complete the questionnaire and attach your completed, saved W-9 form. If you require assistance with completing the form, please contact **APVendorRequests@nea.org**.

NOTE - You do **not** have to complete and submit a new W-9 form if you have previously done so within the past year.

Requests for reimbursement must be received no later than 30 days after the conclusion of the Conference. Click here for childcare guidelines and reimbursement form - **[Childcare Guidelines and Reimbursement Form](#)**.

DOWNLOAD OUR EVENT APP!

The mobile app will be available to download and use on Monday, June 30, 2026!

1. **Download the app.** On the device you're bringing to the event, access the App Store or Google Play Store and search for the "**Cvent Events**" app. Once you've found the app, download it.
2. **Search for the event.** Return to your device's home screen and open the app. Search for or enter the event name, "**Conference on Racial & Social Justice**", or event ID in the search bar.
NOTE - Already logged in to another event? To return to the event directory and search for the new event, tap the **Profile** tab, then **Account Settings**. Tap **Exit event** at the bottom of the screen.
3. **Download the event.** Tap the  icon to download the event.
4. **Enter your info.** If you aren't automatically prompted to log in, tap the **Profile** tab at the bottom of the screen, then **Log in**. Enter your first name, last name, and email. Then tap the arrow.
5. **Verify your account.** You'll either receive an email and text message containing a verification code or just an email. Read it, then return to the app, enter the code, and tap the arrow.

After entering the verification code, you'll be logged in and taken to **the event's Home page**, or back to the Profile tab.

Click the link here for the full Event app article – **Downloading the Cvent Event App**

Navigating the Event App

- If you tap **“Schedule”** on the bottom portion of the screen you will be directed to the Conference on Racial & Social Justice workshop sessions. Once there, you can toggle between **“My Schedule”** or **“All Sessions”**:
 - The **“My Schedule”** page will show you sessions you have pre-selected to attend.
 - The **“All Sessions”** will show you the full Seminar program.
- **How to add sessions to your schedule:** From the **“All Sessions”** page, all workshop sessions are denoted with an orange plus sign. Simply click on the orange plus sign to add a session that you plan on attending to your personalized schedule.
- **Please note that registering for your sessions does NOT secure your attendance to the session. Please arrive to your sessions early to guarantee your ability to participate. We will not be able to accommodate standing room only participation.**

For more details, see the full Event app article here (disregard details regarding the Virtual Attendee Hub) - <https://support.cvent.com/apex/CommunityArticle?id=000072468>

2026 CRSJ FESTIVITIES & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRSJ's Homecoming Dance – Rep Yo City!

The CRSJ dance is back! Feel at home at the 2026 CRSJ Homecoming Social. Wear a shirt or a pin that represents where you're from or what you call home!

SILK SCREEN PRINTING AT CRSJ – BRING YOUR FAVORITE T-SHIRT!

You will have the opportunity to silk screen racial and social justice advocacy art on your own personal item/garment of clothing at this year's Conference! Bring a shirt from home to be printed on.

All garments must be clean, flat (no buttons or big seams) **and 100% cotton** (other materials may be damaged under the heat of the ink dryers). **THERE ARE NO CONFERENCE T-SHIRTS BEING PROVIDED THIS YEAR.**

JOINT NEA SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES ENGAGEMENT

The JOINT NEA SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES ENGAGEMENT will take place on Tuesday, July 2 at 8:00 am – 9:30 am in the Mile High Ballroom.

Conference participants are provided the opportunity to express concerns, give suggestions, and provide information pertaining to ethnic minority, sexual orientation and gender identity, and women's participation in the Association. You can provide input in advance of the hearing by accessing the hearing form at <https://bit.ly/2026sjengagement> or use the QR Code:



MELANATED BOOK EXCHANGE

Melanated Book Exchange's

◆ *Book Swap Pop-ups!*

Free Event!

REAL ONES READ
MELANATED BOOK EXCHANGE
EST. 2025

JULY
3
4 PM - 7 PM
Urban Symbiosis-
10255 E 25th Ave,
Unit 9, Aurora

NIGHT MARKET!

The Melanated Book Exchange is back,
and we're hosting pop-up exchanges!

DONATE a book for/by folks of Color and
RECEIVE a book for/by folks of Color!

Our event is part of the Rebel Marketplace
Farmers Market!

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SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL – WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN DENVER!
