

National Conference on Volunteering and Service

New York City June 28-30, 2010

2010 National Conference on Volunteering and Service Frequently Asked Questions

What is the National Conference on Volunteering and Service?

The National Conference on Volunteering and Service is the world's largest gathering of volunteer and service leaders from the nonprofit, government and corporate sectors. Nationally convened by [Points of Light Institute](#), the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#), and locally convened by [NYC Service](#) and [New Yorkers Volunteer](#), the annual event provides attendees with an opportunity to learn, connect and be inspired to shape the future of service and volunteering through exciting and informative plenary sessions, special events, workshops, service projects, networking, specialized tracks and more.

2010 Conference goals:

- **Learn** best practices, trends and how to capitalize on the record-breaking numbers of citizens of all ages eager to engage in service. Issue forums, plenary sessions and the more than 100 workshops centering on issues relevant to the sector will help conference attendees discover new ways to meet needs.
- **Connect** with conference attendees and key leaders in the field before arriving in New York through our social media tools. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and keep up with the latest events through our blog. You can also connect with volunteer leaders and colleagues through collaborative work during off-site Immersion Learning Sessions - opportunities for in-depth civic engagement highlighted through local programming in the city.
- **Be Inspired** to continue driving change at home by hearing from influential service leaders in plenary sessions and workshops and by diving into robust conversations to paint a portrait for the future of civic engagement. Be motivated to employ a new approach to solve problems in your community, and get equipped with knowledge and enthusiasm.

When and where is the 2010 National Conference on Volunteering and Service?

The National Conference will be held in New York City on June 28 - 30, 2010

Our Host Hotels are:

Hilton New York

1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019

Sheraton New York and Towers

811 Seventh Avenue at 52nd St., New York, NY 10019

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How will I know if I am eligible to attend?

If you are seeking ways to better connect people through volunteering and service in order to strengthen your community; if you recruit, manage or train volunteers; if you want to target volunteers where they are most needed; or if you seek to learn and apply effective practices in a constantly changing field, you are eligible to attend the National Conference on Volunteering and Service!

Who is Points of Light Institute and the Corporation for the National and Community Service?

Points of Light Institute inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action that changes the world. The Institute has a global focus to redefine volunteerism and civic engagement for the 21st century, putting people at the center of community problem solving. We are organized to innovate, incubate and activate new ideas that help people act upon their power to make a difference. Points of Light Institute operates three dynamic business units that share our mission: HandsOn Network, MissionFish and the Civic Incubator. For more information, visit www.pointsoflight.org.

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through three programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Members and volunteers serve with national and community nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies to help meet community needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other critical areas. The Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America.

Registration

How do I register for the conference?

The fastest and most economical way to register is online at www.volunteeringandservice.org. Registration will open in March of 2010.

How much does it cost to attend the conference?

Conference fees will be posted on www.volunteeringandservice.org in December 2009.

Do I have to register in advance, or can I register on-site?

We strongly discourage “on-site” registration, as you will not be guaranteed materials or seating. It is best to register in advance once registration is opened in March of 2010.

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Are there discounts for group registrations?

Yes, group registration rates are available. The conference group rate will be announced in 2010.

What does registration cover?

The conference registration fee includes full access to general sessions, workshops, forums, immersion learning sessions, the exhibit hall and the special event. This does not cover any sessions that require a specific fee.

When does registration open for attendees?

Registration will open in March 2009.

What is the agenda for the conference?

Please check back in December 2009 for exciting news about the conference format, including workshops, immersion learning sessions, networking functions, receptions, roundtable forums and more.

Are we allowed to bring guests?

Registered attendees are welcomed to bring a guest to National Conference on Volunteering and Service. Guest registration is available to any spouse/partner and children of a registered attendee guest will receive a discounted registration. Please remember guest registration is limited. Workshops are open to registrants only. Co-workers and/or business partners are not considered guests.

What is the conference dress attire?

Most participants choose to wear business casual attire.

Exhibitor/Vendor Information

How can I become a vendor/exhibitor at the conference?

Please check www.volunteeringandservice.org in January 2010 for news and information about the exhibit hall.

Hotel/Travel

Do I have to make my own hotel reservations?

Yes. The following hotels have a special discounted conference rate:

- Sheraton New York, 811 7th Avenue at 52nd Street, New York, NY
- Hilton New York, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY

Special discounted conference room rates at the 2010 National Conference on Volunteering and Service Conference hotels are **ONLY** available through the registration process beginning in March 2010.

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Do I need to make my own travel arrangements from the airport to the hotel?

Yes, the 2010 NCVS will not be providing travel to and from the airport.

Volunteers

How do I find out about volunteering at the conference?

The conference conveners will need many volunteers to assist with workshops, sessions and other activities. Please visit volunteeringandservice.org in March 2010 for more details on how you can volunteer for the conference.

Other Questions

Where can I receive more information about submitting a proposal for a workshop or becoming a presenter?

Please click the "SUBMIT A PROPOSAL" button on www.volunteeringandservice.org and see the "PRESENTER FAQ" page (<http://www.volunteeringandservice.org/rfp/faq.cfm>) for facts related to workshop proposals and speakers.