

## Western Conservative Summit 2014 – Frequently Asked Questions

### Food and Attire

*What meals and food are included?* Light snacks and beverages will be provided throughout the weekend in the Centennial Ballroom. Summit attendees will find or bring their own meals during program breaks at the lunch and dinner times.\*\* There are many options in downtown Denver for dinner and lunch. There will be no general sessions going on during the meal times – instead everyone will have a chance to stretch their legs, visit exhibits, connect with colleagues and discuss the sessions over independent meals.

EXCEPTIONS – \*\*The America at Its Best Banquet on Saturday evening July 19 and the Women of the West Breakfast on Sunday July 20 are special events included with the Gold Pass, Platinum Pass and Future Pass. Individual Tickets for these celebratory meal events can be purchased separately, as well.

\*\*Students attending the Summit as part of the Young Conservatives Leadership Conference and students attending as Shining Future Scholars will have special arrangements which include their meals while at the Summit.

\*\*Sunday morning the refreshments in the general session will be similar to a light Continental Breakfast available to all attendees.

*Where can we go to get our meals?* There are dozens of eateries for all styles and price ranges within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency. The hotel restaurant, Altitude, is a great option – as is a quick sandwich or salad in the lobby deli called Perks. We will provide a map with multiple options listed and pinpointed with your final confirmation materials. You are also welcome to bring your own “picnic”.

### *What is the Dress Code?*

In general, our Summit delegates choose business casual attire. As with any event held in a ballroom or theater, a light sweater or jacket is recommended for temperature fluctuations. Comfortable shoes are recommended for enjoying the exhibit area and for walking between the Hyatt Regency and the Convention Center’s Bellco Theater. Denver in summer can present delightful late afternoon rain showers, so an umbrella is not a bad idea. (Shuttles and assistance for transit between the hotel and the Convention Center will be provided for those who need/prefer not to walk or in case of weather.)

## Lodging

### *Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center*

The Summit headquarters hotel provides a lovely and convenient way to get the most from the event. Special group rates are available by calling 1-888-816-9014. Hotel reservations are separate from Summit registration and are the responsibility of each individual/group.

### *Other options for Local Lodging*

Denver does have many other lodging choices in the downtown area as well as the suburban areas served by the light rail transit system. For a list of campgrounds and RV parks, click [here](#).

## Location and Logistics

### *Hyatt Regency Denver and the Bellco Theater at the Convention Center! New this year!*

Registration, Exhibits, Workshops, Summit headquarters, Refreshments will all be at the Hyatt Regency Denver. The Hyatt Regency is across the street from the Colorado Convention Center. For our Friday night and Saturday night events, the program will be at the beautiful Bellco Theater at the Convention Center. All daytime programming and the late evening movie screenings will be at the Hyatt Regency.

### *What about parking?*

The Hyatt Regency Denver has hourly self-parking on site. There are a number of other public lots throughout downtown. The Colorado Convention Center has ample event parking and is directly accessible to our Friday night and Saturday night programs and only a 2 block walk from the Hyatt Regency. We will send additional parking details and a map in your final confirmation packet.

### *Is parking included for hotel guests?*

Hotel guests will pay the same flat daily rate as visitors to the hotel, and it will be added to your hotel bill.

### *Can I get there using public transportation?*

Yes! There are 2 light rail (RTD) stops within a block of the Hyatt Regency and the Convention Center. For schedules and maps go to [www.rtd.denver.com](http://www.rtd.denver.com)

### *Accessibility/ADA*

The Hyatt Regency meets ADA standards for accessibility in its guest rooms and public areas. For more information, call the hotel directly at 303-436-1234. This year we are expanding our event team's readiness to assist and facilitate participants with special requirements and/or who need more time for transport and seating.

The Bellco Theater is several blocks from the Hyatt Regency and is also ADA compliant with ramps, elevators and accessible seating. Event Team members will be available to assist participants moving from one venue to the other.

### *Need airport transportation?*

There is no shuttle provided by the Hyatt Regency. We suggest Super Shuttle, taxi or private car.

### **Money and Registration**

#### *Are there refunds if I'm unable to attend?*

Through May 26 – full refund less a 25% cancellation fee

May 26 – July 11 – full refund less a 50% cancellation fee

After July 11 – no refunds

You may substitute or transfer your registration to another person at any time by calling 866-455-8500 or emailing [wcsinfo@yesevents.com](mailto:wcsinfo@yesevents.com)

#### *Are there books/videos/products for sale at the Summit?*

There will be a bookstore throughout the Summit, as well as a number of exhibitors who will bring a variety of interesting, informative or just-for-fun offerings including attire, jewelry, accessories and stickers. Speakers' books, CD's and DVD's will be available. DVD sets of the Summit sessions will also be available for purchase onsite and after the event. Most will accept cash, credit or check.

### **Program and Schedule**

#### *How will I know who is speaking when? Who are your confirmed speakers?*

We maintain a somewhat flexible agenda in order to accommodate last minute availability of special and high profile speakers. Although unconventional and a bit nerve wracking, the benefits of our flexibility more than outweigh the mild uncertainty as we discover what wonderful surprises develop. [For the latest update click here.](#)

*Are there breakout sessions or small group discussions?*

The primary programs for the Summit are the plenary/general session events in the Hyatt Regency Centennial Ballroom and the Bellco Theater at the Convention Center. Everyone at these events will hear the same message at the same time. Seating in the Centennial Ballrooms is at round tables and seating at the Bellco is theater style with excellent sightlines from anywhere in the house. Some speakers will engage in Q & A from the floor or via text/twitter submissions. Networking and visiting is encouraged during the breaks. There will be a number of book signing meet and greet opportunities with select speakers.

In addition to the large general sessions, there will be a range of workshops every afternoon. These workshops allow for more interaction and discussion with each other and with the presenters.

*Can children attend the Summit?*

Teens and young teens will find the program engaging and we welcome them to register at the highly discounted Millennial Pass or Future Pass rate. Young people age 16 – 20 should also consider registering for the Young Conservatives Leadership Conference for the full week, which includes the Summit ([www.ccu.edu/YCLC](http://www.ccu.edu/YCLC)). High School juniors and seniors may also apply to participate in the Summit as a “Shining Future Scholar” (contact [mckenzie.j.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:mckenzie.j.hughes@gmail.com)).

We do not suggest bringing young children who would find the proceedings too long for their attention span or who would create a distraction by their presence. The Summit does not provide any childcare. The hotel concierge can provide a list of qualified and screened babysitters.

For a concentrated dip into the Summit without a full registration, kids and family members may enjoy a single evening ticket for the Bellco Theater on Friday night or Saturday night only. These single event tickets at \$25 each allow for a fun and informative night out without committing to the entire Summit. This is a great option if your family has sports tournaments and games, races or other programming going on that weekend.