TeacherCon 2017: FAQs for Teachers



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What is the schedule for the week?

Check out the overview of the agenda below.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	7:00 - 8:30am				
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	8:30 - 12:00pm				
	Break-out	Break-out	Break-out	Break-out	Break-out
	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
	12:00 - 1:00pm				
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00 - 5:00pm Check in and Registration	1:00 - 4:30pm Break-out Sessions	1:00 - 4:30pm Break-out Sessions	1:00 - 4:00pm Break-out Sessions	1:00 - 4:30pm Break-out Sessions	1:00 - 3:00pm Wrap-up and Closing Ceremonies
6:00 - 8:00pm Kick-Off Dinner			5:00 - 8:00pm Regional Event		Colomonies

^{**}Please note that this schedule is subject to change!**

What if I can't attend for the full week?

We expect you to attend for the full conference. Make plans to be with us from Registration on Sunday afternoon through the Closing Ceremonies on Friday afternoon to ensure that you receive the full training experience. We would love to have local teachers join us for registration and the Kick-Off dinner on Sunday evening. If you are not able to attend the dinner on Sunday evening, please plan to join us Monday morning by 8:00am to have time to register before sessions begin at 8:30am. If you have any concerns, please let us know at teacher@code.org.

Will I have any free time?

Of course! Sessions end each day at 4:30pm, which leaves plenty of time in the evenings to explore the area and spend time with the folks you meet throughout the day. In addition, we ask that you join our Sunday and Wednesday evening events, as these are important opportunities to connect with your fellow educators and build community. Otherwise, your evenings are free!

Should I book my own travel to TeacherCon?

Please DO NOT make travel or lodging arrangements before we send you travel booking details. You will receive an email from us approximately seven weeks ahead of your scheduled TeacherCon with detailed information about how to book your flight through our travel system, Egencia. We also have a room set aside for you at our conference hotel, so you don't need to make a reservation.

What if I choose to drive to TeacherCon?

If you choose to drive to TeacherCon instead of fly, and are traveling over 25 miles one-way, you will receive a \$150 gift card at the end of the summer August to help cover the cost of mileage. Please note that we will not be covering the travel expenses for local participants driving less than 25 miles one-way. No additional reimbursements will be provided to attendees or districts for driving.

Will I need additional transportation once I arrive at TeacherCon?

You will not need to rent a vehicle while at TeacherCon since all conference sessions and meals will take place on site at the hotel. If your Regional Event is off-site, transportation options will be provided.

If you are flying, you will need to arrange your own transportation to and from the airport (ex: shuttle, ride share, taxi, or metro). Plan to pay for this upfront but we will provide you a gift card that will cover the cost once you arrive at the hotel. (see expenses covered for details, below).

What expenses are covered during TeacherCon?

Code.org will pay for relevant travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for your summer conference. These include:

- Flights to and from your assigned TeacherCon location OR mileage reimbursement for local attendees driving over 25 miles one-way**
- A room for you at the hotel (Sunday through Thursday nights, with checkout on Friday)
- Catered breakfast, lunch, and snacks, Monday through Friday; dinner on Sunday and Wednesday

All participants will receive a \$300 gift card upon their arrival to cover any additional expenses such as meals we do not provide and other incidentals such as taxis, public transportation, etc. <u>No additional reimbursements will be provided to attendees or districts.</u>

If you choose to drive to TeacherCon instead of fly, and are traveling over 25 miles one-way, you will receive a \$150 gift card at the end of August to help cover the cost of mileage.

Can I bring my family with me?

You are welcome to bring family members with you, however we are not able to cover the travel, lodging, or meal costs for additional guests. Should you choose to bring your family, you are responsible for contacting the hotel in advance to arrange for accommodations. In addition, family members are unable to attend sessions or conference meals.

Will I have a roommate?

Nope! We will assign individual rooms to all participants during the conference.

What if I require special accommodations for my medical or mobility needs?

Please contact <u>teacher@code.org</u> to let us know. We will work with you and the hotel to make sure your needs are met.

What if I have special dietary requirements?

We are working with catering services to offer a variety of meal options including vegetarian and gluten free choices. Please be sure to indicate any dietary needs or food allergies you may have in your registration form so that we can provide dining options to fit your needs.

What should I pack?

We encourage business casual attire during TeacherCon. All our conference sessions are indoors, and air conditioning is usually cool in hotels. We recommend that you bring layers if you get cold easily in air conditioned rooms. You can expect outside temperatures to be quite warm during the day. If you plan to venture outdoors during your free time, **be sure to check the local forecast and plan accordingly!**

What devices will I need to bring?

Please bring your laptop/Chromebook and charger, as well as any adapters. If you're bringing a school or district owned laptop/Chromebook, please make sure you have administrator permissions.

Our CS Discoveries and Principles courses are not optimized for tablets, so we do not recommend bringing a tablet as your primary device to this event.

I still have questions! Who can I contact?

We're here to help! Please email teacher@code.org.