

## **General Assembly 2022: Know Before You Go**

The Health, Safety, and Well-being Initiatives of NASPA team is thrilled to welcome you to Pittsburgh, PA for the 36th General Assembly! As a reminder, this event will take place from October 6-8, 2022, at the [Wyndham Grand, Pittsburgh Downtown](#). More than 175 Peer Educators and Peer Education Advisors from across the nation are coming together to be inspired, share ideas, and build exceptional peer education programs promoting strategies in health, safety, and student leadership.

Many of you registered others for this event. **It is imperative that you please forward this information along to them, so everyone is informed and prepared to come to the General Assembly.** This email contains a lot of important and exciting information. Please read this email in its entirety and refer to the General Assembly [website](#) for updated information.

**Event Details:** NASPA General Assembly will start Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 PM EST with our Opening Keynote Session, Orientation, and Networking Activity. Please plan to arrive early to help keep the check-in and registration process running smoothly.

**Conference App:** Be sure to download our app to get EARLY ACCESS to the event schedule and other helpful tools as you navigate the conference! Here are directions to access the app and the event.

1. Please download the "My NASPA" app.
2. Search "2022 NASPA General Assembly" or scroll to find it under "Current & Upcoming Events".
3. Input the event code: NASPAGA22
4. Explore the event page and all the resources it has to offer!

**What to Pack:** Attendees are encouraged to pack layers. Temperatures in Pittsburgh can vary by 20 degrees between daytime and nighttime and the anticipated weather has temperatures ranging from mid-40's to the mid-60's. Session rooms may also vary in temperature.



**Attire:** The suggested dress for the 2022 NASPA General Assembly is business casual. Business casual attire typically consists of khakis or slacks, button up shirts, polos, blazers, a dress, or skirt. On Thursday, we encourage you to show your school spirit and recommend that you bring an institution or peer education group branded t-shirt or sweatshirt. Saturday evening there is an Awards Banquet where most participants choose to wear semi-formal dress. Semi-formal attire includes cocktail dresses, slacks/dress pants, ties, vests, blazers.

**Meals:** We will be providing light refreshments at the opening ceremony, breakfast every morning, and lunch on October 7, 2022, for all participants. Although we would like to have lunch with all participants, you are able to take your lunch to other spaces if you are not comfortable eating in a large group. If you did not indicate that you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know at the registration desk during check-in. The conference will close on Saturday evening with an Awards Banquet, where a plated meal will be provided. If you've indicated that you have dietary accommodation, you will be given a small foldable tent to denote this accommodation so that the kitchen staff can be aware. For meals not offered by the conference, we encourage you to explore nearby restaurants.

**Advisor Reception:** We will be hosting an advisor reception on October 7, 2022, from 7:00-8:00PM in the Sky lounge for all peer education advisors to meet the Peer Education Initiatives Team and provide an opportunity for networking and connection. We will be providing light refreshments at this event.

**Conference Raffle:** Every year at the General Assembly, volunteers, attendees, and staff host a raffle. The raffle raises funds for student scholarships to attend future conferences. We are still accepting donations if your school would like to donate items. Show off what cool stuff your school has (swag such as water bottles, sunglasses, etc.) while raising funds for you and your peers! Drop off your donations at the Registration Desk when you arrive on site. The raffle will be located next to Registration. It will be open 9:00am to 5:00pm on Friday, October 7 and on Saturday, October 8. We will be raffling items from Kendra Scott, Pittsburgh Steelers, Apple and more. Raffle tickets will cost 6 tickets for \$5 and 12 tickets for \$10, we will be accepting cash and credit cards on site! If you have any questions about donating items to raising student scholarship funds, please email [jjones@naspa.org](mailto:jjones@naspa.org).



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