



Attendee Information for the Yosemite Policymakers Conference

This message is your confirmation that you are registered to attend the 30th annual Yosemite Policymakers Conference, held in Yosemite National Park from March 17-20, 2022. Please keep this email for reference, as it contains important information about conference procedures, protocols, and FAQs.

All conference sessions will take place in the Garden Terrace Room at the Yosemite Valley Lodge. [Visit the conference webpage](#) to view the agenda. You will receive additional materials onsite during registration, including your name badge and an agenda.

We look forward to seeing you in person!

Checking In Onsite

Conference check-in will run from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday evening, and from 9:00 am to 9:30 am on Friday morning, in the Garden Terrace Room at the Yosemite Valley Lodge.

For attendees who have not submitted proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test in advance, please follow signage and instructions in the registration area.

Conference Dress

Conference dress is casual. Bring warm clothes, comfortable walking shoes, as well as attire suitable for rain or snow.

Lodging Check-In and Check-Out Times

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Check-in: 4:00 pm

Check-out: 11:00 am

The Ahwahnee

Check-in: 4:00 pm

Check-out: Noon

Official COVID-19 Policy

CivicWell is committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19. For the safety of guests, speakers, and CivicWell staff, all attendees will need to 1) submit proof of vaccination, or 2) show proof of a negative COVID-19 test 72 hours or less prior to the event.

All information collected regarding COVID-19 — including an attendee's vaccination status and/or test results — will be stored and maintained in a secure and confidential manner.

We are requiring masks for attendees who are not fully vaccinated or choose not to disclose, and STRONGLY RECOMMEND that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Fully Vaccinated Attendees

If you have not yet submitted your proof of vaccination, [please do so now](#). Full vaccination is defined as someone who has received at least two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. This applies to all guests of attendees if they will be participating in any conference sessions or meals.

Please [upload a photo or pdf scan](#) of your vaccination card to our confidential Dropbox. Please title the file [Last Name, First Initial]. The attendee's first and last name must be visible on the scan, along with the dose(s) of the vaccine.

Choose Not to Disclose

Proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken 72 hours or less prior to the event will need to be submitted in advance to hr@civicwell.org or shown at event check-in. The test must be administered by a pharmacy, and the photo or pdf scan should include the full name of the attendee. At-home tests will not be accepted as proof of a negative test.

Those who are not fully vaccinated or choose not to disclose their vaccination status will need to indicate that you will be providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test by [completing this form](#). This

will help us track who to follow up with in the days preceding the event and ensure a smooth check-in process. We appreciate your cooperation.

Refund Policy

These protocols were agreed upon during registration. The weekend of the conference, no refunds will be issued to registrants who do not follow these COVID-19 protocols; however, we will issue a partial refund (the registration fee paid less a \$100 administrative fee) to those who submit proof of a positive COVID-19 test to hr@civicwell.org within 7 days of the start of the event.

Agenda Overview

Thursday: The main conference program starts Thursday at 7:30 pm and runs until 9:00 pm. Participants are on their own for dinner before the 7:30 session.

Friday: Participants are on their own for breakfast, and the first-morning conference session begins at 9:30 am. Participants are then free between 11:30 am and 7:30 pm during which they can hike and/or relax and take in the majestic beauty of Yosemite (participants are on their own for lunch and dinner). The Friday evening program will start at 7:30 pm and conclude at 9:00 pm.

Saturday: All attendees will receive a voucher for breakfast at [Base Camp Eatery](#). The program begins at 9:00 am. Morning sessions end with boxed lunches being served at noon. Participants can enjoy their lunch in the Garden Terrace room or take it to go. Participants will have a hiking break between noon - 5:00 pm.

At 5:00 pm, there will be a catered dinner in the Garden Terrace room. The evening program starts at 6:45 pm and adjourns at approximately 9:00 pm.

Sunday: All attendees will receive a voucher for breakfast at [Base Camp Eatery](#). There will be no official programming on Sunday morning.

Limited Services within the Park due to COVID-19

Yosemite has informed us that some of their staff and services are still limited due to COVID-19, which may impact our event, including:

- The Mountain restaurant at the Yosemite Valley Lodge will not yet be open.

- Base Camp Eatery will be open, but may have fewer offerings. Base Camp Eatery is open for Breakfast from 7:30 am - 10:00 am; Lunch - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm; and Dinner - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- The Lodge bar will be open daily from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm with a limited menu of bar food.
- The Bar is open daily from 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Ahwahnee Hotel, but currently their restaurant is only taking advance reservations for Ahwahnee Hotel guests.

Conference Meals Included

Breakfast vouchers at [Base Camp Eatery](#): Saturday and Sunday mornings

Boxed Lunch: Saturday

Dinner: Saturday evening

Note: Those who registered as either Gluten-Free or Vegan will be given meal tickets to redeem for their box lunch on Saturday.

Conference Meals NOT Included

- Please note that dinner will not be provided on Thursday or Friday evening.
- Participants are also on their own for breakfast and lunch on Friday.
- Unfortunately, due to limited Park staff, we will also not be able to include a Cash Bar or reception before dinner on Saturday evening.

If you will be arriving in time for dinner on either of these nights, there is a Bar lounge and Base Camp Eatery at the Yosemite Valley Lodge, and a dining room at The Ahwahnee. If you plan to dine at The Ahwahnee Dining Room during your stay, note that men are requested to wear coats and ties, and women, dresses or evening pantsuits. To make reservations at the Majestic Dining Room, call (209) 372-1489.

Water

Please bring a water bottle or canteen. In an effort to be more resource-conscious, bottled water will not be distributed. Saturday's box lunch will not include a drink.

Entrance Fee

There is a \$35.00 entrance fee per vehicle collected by the National Park Service at park entrance stations, which is valid for one week. There is no per-person fee. Please be sure to keep your pass with you/in your vehicle as proof of the date paid.

Senior Passes, Veteran Passes, and other options are available. [Learn more about passes.](#)

Getting Around Yosemite

The weather in Yosemite Valley during March is very unpredictable; we recommend that you phone (209) 372-0200 (press 1, then 1) for road and weather information prior to your arrival. Once you are in the park, we highly recommend that you leave your vehicle in the parking lot and take advantage of the [Yosemite Valley Shuttle](#). The buses are free and operate daily at 20-30 minute intervals from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Helpful Links

- [Driving directions](#)
- [Map of hotels in Yosemite National Park](#)
- [Shuttle schedule and route map](#)
- [Current road conditions](#)