



ASTC 2026 Annual Conference Registration

The following document is intended to help individuals prepare their online registration for the ASTC 2026 Annual Conference.

Please note that any sessions and events requiring pre-registration will be available for selection during the registration process. The full online program, detailing all sessions and events taking place at the conference, is available at www.astc.org/astc-2026/schedule-overview.

Registration Categories

Full Conference	Member	Non-Member
Early Bird (May 20–August 4)	\$680.00	\$1,045.00
Advance (August 5–September 8)	\$785.00	\$1,150.00
Regular (September 9–September 19)	\$890.00	\$1,255.00
Full access to sessions, networking and community experiences, the Exhibit Hall during show hours, and all other conference events not requiring pre-registration or an additional fee.		
Full Conference (Student Rate)		\$400.00
Full access to sessions, networking and community experiences, the Exhibit Hall during show hours, and all other conference events not requiring pre-registration or an additional fee.		
A valid student ID or proof of enrollment is required during registration.		
Single-Day: Thursday, September 17		\$290.00
Day-restricted access to sessions, networking and community experiences, the Exhibit Hall during show hours, and other conference events taking place on Thursday, September 17, that do not require pre-registration or an additional fee.		
Paid sessions and events happening outside of Thursday, September 17, are available for purchase.		
Single-Day: Friday, September 18		\$290.00
Day-restricted access to sessions, networking and community experiences, the Exhibit Hall during show hours, and other conference events taking place on Friday, September 18, that do not require pre-registration or an additional fee.		
Paid sessions and events happening outside of Friday, September 18, are available for purchase.		
Single-Day: Saturday, September 19		\$290.00
Day-restricted access to sessions, networking and community experiences, and other conference events taking place on Saturday, September 19, that do not require pre-registration or an additional fee.		
Paid sessions and events happening outside of Saturday, September 19, are available for purchase.		
Exhibitor: Full Conference		\$680.00
Access to the Exhibit Hall during setup, teardown, and show hours. Full access to sessions, networking and community experiences, and all other conference events not requiring pre-registration or an additional fee.		
Only available to individuals at exhibiting organizations that will be staffing a booth during show hours.		
Exhibitor: Exhibit Hall Only		\$200.00
Access to the Exhibit Hall during setup, teardown, and show hours. Restricted access to sessions, networking, and other conference events taking place in the Exhibit Hall.		
Only available to individuals at exhibiting organizations that will be staffing a booth during show hours.		

Attendee Details

Please complete the following information for the individual you are registering.

First Name*

Last Name*

Email*

Job Title*

Organization*

City*

State/Province*

Zip Code*

Country*

Please select the job role that best describes the majority of your work.*

Please select the field(s) in which you currently work.

Select all that apply

Education

Government

Museums

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Other:

How long have you been working in your current field?*

What is your role in the purchasing process for products or services at your organization?*

I am a final decision maker

I am part of the final decision-making process, but I am not the final decision maker

I am involved in the initial stage(s) of the purchasing process, but I am not part of the final decision making

I am not involved in the purchasing process in any way

Please select all of the previous ASTC Annual Conferences you have attended.*

2025 – San Francisco, California

2024 – Chicago, Illinois

2023 – Charlotte, North Carolina

2022 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2021 – Virtual

I have attended an ASTC Annual Conference prior to 2021

This is my first time attending an ASTC Annual Conference

How is your attendance at the ASTC 2026 Annual Conference being financially supported?

Business expense paid by my organization

Personal expense paid by my own funds

Funded by a grant or other restricted fund

Other:

Acknowledgements and Consents

Attendee Information Acknowledgement

Please read and acknowledge the following statements regarding your basic attendee information and contact details.

I understand that my basic information (name, job title, and organization) will be included in ASTC's professional networking resources including the conference program, app, online forums, and general attendee list to be shared with all registrants and exhibitors.*

I understand that my basic contact data will be processed and stored by ASTC for communication purposes and that I may unsubscribe from mailing lists at any time, using the "Unsubscribe" link provided at the bottom of each email or by writing to info@astc.org.*

Attendee List for Sponsors and Conference Partners

To facilitate networking and marketing, select conference sponsors and ASTC-partner organizations will receive a list with the name, title, organization, and email address of all registrants who opt-in for the ASTC 2026 Annual Conference attendee list for sponsors and conference partners.*

Include me in the list

Include me in the list without my email address

Do not include me in the list

ASTC Privacy Policy

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and other international privacy laws, please review our privacy policy at www.astc.org/privacy-policy and acknowledge below that you agree to the use and storage of your personal data for the purposes of attending this event.*

I have read and understand ASTC's privacy policy and agree to the use and storage of my data

ASTC Code of Conduct

Please review the Code of Conduct for ASTC Conferences, Events, Online Engagement, and Project Participation at www.astc.org/membership/code-of-conduct and acknowledge below that you understand and agree to adhere to the ASTC Code of Conduct.*

I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to ASTC's Code of Conduct

Request Official Documents For Conference Attendance

Do you require a formal letter of invitation in order to attend the ASTC 2026 Annual Conference?

Please only select "yes" if you require a formal letter for a travel Visa application or employer documentation.

Yes

No

If you selected "yes" to the previous question, please select the letter of invitation type you require.

I reside within the United States and need to provide a formal letter of invitation to my employer

I reside outside the United States and require a letter of invitation for my travel Visa application

Do you require a certificate of attendance after the conference?

Please only select "yes" if you require a formal certificate of attendance for official or employer documentation.

Yes

No

Onsite Information

In Case of Emergency Contact

The emergency contact information you provide will be printed on the back of your conference badge and will be only used by ASTC in the event of an emergency during the conference.

Full Name*

Relationship to Attendee*

Phone Number*

For phone numbers outside of the United States and Canada, please include the country code

Accessibility Accommodations and Assistance

ASTC is committed to making our Annual Conference as welcoming and accessible as possible. We will do our best to work with our staff, vendors, the convention center, and you to provide reasonable support for the accommodations and assistance that are requested.

Consumer Health Data

The information you provide regarding accessibility accommodations and assistance may qualify as consumer health data under applicable state law in the United States. Providing this information to ASTC is optional and not a requirement for registering or attending ASTC events.

Please review our [Consumer Health Data Privacy Policy](#) and acknowledge below that you understand and agree to the use and storage of your consumer health data for the purposes of attending this event.

I have read and understand ASTC's Consumer Health Data Privacy Policy and agree to the use and storage of my consumer health data for the purposes of attending this event.*

Please indicate any dietary restrictions you have.

Select all that apply

- Food Intolerance or allergy
- Gluten Free
- Halal
- Kosher
- Pescatarian
- Vegan
- Vegetarian

If you selected "Food Intolerance or allergy", please complete the two (2) additional follow-up questions in the [Follow-Up: Accessibility Accommodations and Assistance](#) section.

Please select any of the following accessibility accommodations or assistance you will need in order to participate in the conference.

Select all that apply

- Auditory
- Medical condition
- Mobility
- Vision
- Other

If you selected anything for this question, please complete all of the applicable follow-up questions in the [Follow-Up: Accessibility Accommodations and Assistance](#) section.

Sessions and Events

Below are the sessions and events at the ASTC 2026 Annual Conference that require pre-registration. Details regarding any provided transportation, food, and beverages can be found in the description for each session and event.

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. MST

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\$185.00 A Tour of Lowell Observatory

Join Todd Gonzales, Director of Public Programs, for an exclusive pre-opening tour of Lowell Observatory. Experience the cutting-edge exhibits of the brand-new Astronomy Discovery Center before journeying through the historic campus to see the landmark instruments that discovered Pluto and the first evidence of the expanding universe.

Location: Lowell Observatory

Transportation: Provided

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$185.00 From Spark to Prototype: Immersive MuseumLab for Museum Professionals Workshop

Experience the core principles of the eight-month MuseumLab for Museum Professionals (MLMP) program in an eight-hour workshop. Collaborate in groups to apply MLMP's foundational practices, developing a hands-on prototype that centers creativity, authenticity, and purposeful making. Come for inspiration and leave with practical tools to nourish the creative process.

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$185.00 Community Relevance as a Business Strategy

Visit three Tucson institutions navigating distinct community ecosystems - a children's museum, botanical garden, and a university-embedded science center. Leave with concrete frameworks for managing multiple audiences, building meaningful partnerships, and grounding your business model and offerings in the communities you serve.

Location: Children's Museum Tucson, Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium, Tohono Chul Park

Transportation: Provided

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$95.00 Integrating the Four 'C's in Natural History Institutions: Collections, Culture, Community, and Collaboration

This interactive session explores how institutions are transforming their practices around Collections, Co-Authorship, Community, and Collaboration. Participants will examine these "four Cs" in the context of exhibits, programs, and community relationships, while learning how these efforts intersect with fundraising and financial sustainability.

Location: Arizona Museum of Natural History

Transportation: Provided

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$95.00 Dialogue and Deliberation in Action: AI and Planetary Health

Participate in a live dialogue and deliberation event exploring AI's relationship to planetary health and then step back with a panel of practitioners to examine the process, compare approaches, and consider what it might look like at your institution.

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

\$95.00 From Ideas to Impact: Co-Creating STEM Camp Curriculum and Resources

This interactive session empowers camp professionals to innovate STEM curriculum through collaborative lesson development, staff training strategies, and evaluation frameworks. Participants will co-create a shared digital resource space, a curriculum writing starter kit, and adaptable evaluation tools, while building professional networks to sustain workforce development and collaboration beyond the conference.

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

\$95.00 Play It Forward: A Network-Powered Dive into Learning Through Play

Come play! Join members of the LEGO® Playful Learning Museum Network for a deep dive into Learning Through Play across various audiences-the museum way. Participate in hands-on experiences, learn shared best practices, and explore network-developed resources. Leave with actionable tools to launch or strengthen play-based experiences at your institution.

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$50.00 From Projection to Panels: Operational Realities and Creative Futures in LED Dome Theaters

LED domes are rewriting the rules of immersive cinema in museums-changing operations, staffing, maintenance, and how content gets made. Join Arizona Science Center's Dorrance DOME team for candid lessons learned and a forward-looking discussion on real-time pipelines, programming strategy, and the future of fulldome and giant screen storytelling.

Location: Arizona Science Center

Transportation: Not Provided – Located across the street from the Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Not Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$50.00 Behind the Science: Research-Science Center Partnership Tour of TGen's Genomics Laboratory and Research Facilities

Step inside TGen's working research lab on this exclusive tour designed to showcase partnership between research facilities and Science Centers. Experience next-generation sequencing technology and biomedical laboratories where scientists unlock mysteries of cancer, neurological disorders, and infectious disease, while exploring how real-world research can be translated into public learning experiences.

Location: TGen Genomics Laboratory and Research Institute

Transportation: Not Provided – Located roughly 0.3 miles from the Phoenix Convention Center.

Food & Beverage: Not Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$95.00 IF/THEN Champions Network: Advancing Gender Equity in STEM Through Connectivity and Collaboration

Calling all IF/THEN® Champions Network members! Join us for an extended session focused on strengthening collaboration and advancing gender equity in STEM. Connect with fellow changemakers, discover new resources and opportunities, and collaborate on strategies to amplify the Champion's Network impact. Let's create lasting change in the museum field!

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$95.00 Neurodiversity and Universal Design for Learning: Practical Strategies for Creating Neurodiversity-Affirming Museum Experiences

This session shares research-based guidelines for supporting belongingness among neurodiverse museum audiences. Participants will explore design and facilitation strategies that create space for visitors who learn in many different ways, and will walk away with practical, low-cost strategies for creating more accessible and inclusive learning experiences.

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

\$95.00 Useful and Feasible: A Realistic Approach to Evaluation Planning

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Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Food & Beverage: Provided

Extended Sessions & Expeditions

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. MST

Wednesday, September 16

\$0.00 Navigation and Networking Gathering

Kick off your conference experience at the ever-popular Navigation and Networking Gathering event! Meet some of your fellow attendees, find out how to make the most of your conference experience, and have a few snacks before exploring Phoenix.

Location: Phoenix Convention Center

Social Event

Thursday, September 17

7:00 9.m. – 10:00 p.m. MST

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\$35.00 **Host Party at Arizona Science Center**

Celebrate the start of ASTC 2026 at an unforgettable opening party hosted by Arizona Science Center—where science, discovery, and celebration come together for an incredible night!

Enjoy delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres, explore hands-on experiences in the Learning Lab, and take in stunning visuals inside the new Dorrance DOME. Get inked with science-themed tattoos, sip creative cocktails during a throwback film screening in our giant screen theater, and hit the dance floor with a Mad Scientist DJ or choose your own vibe at the silent disco.

Connect, play, and celebrate with the ASTC community; this is a party you don't want to miss!

Attendees and guests must be 21 years of age or older.

Location: Arizona Science Center

Transportation: Not Provided – Arizona Science Center is located across the street from the Phoenix Convention Center

Social Event

Guest Tickets

To purchase guest tickets for this event, please select one (1) of the following ticket options:

\$60.00 **One Guest Ticket**

\$120.00 **Two Guest Tickets**

Friday, September 18

7:00 9.m. – 10:00 p.m. MST

Friday, September 18

\$40.00 **A Night Out in Mesa**

Come explore downtown Mesa, including a special evening open house at the Arizona Museum of Natural History! Attendees will have the opportunity to explore museum exhibits while enjoying hosted beverages and hors d'oeuvres in a casual networking setting. The museum is located in the vibrant downtown district of Mesa within walking distance of a variety of restaurants, bars, and entertainment venues to enjoy.

Attendees and guests must be 21 years of age or older.

Location: Arizona Museum of Natural History

Transportation: Provided

Social Event

Guest Tickets

To purchase guest tickets for this event, please select one (1) of the following ticket options:

\$65.00 **One Guest Ticket**

\$130.00 **Two Guest Tickets**

Follow-Up: Accessibility Accommodations and Assistance

Return to the [Onsite Information: Accessibility Accommodations and Assistance](#) section

Food Intolerance or Allergy

Use the space below to list the food intolerances or allergies that you have, and if applicable, provide information about any preferred medical emergency care response.

Would you like someone from the ASTC staff to follow up with you regarding this information?

Yes

No

Auditory Support

Please provide a detailed description of the specific support needed to participate in the conference.

Would you like someone from the ASTC staff to follow up with you regarding the support requested?

Yes

No

Medical Condition-Related Support

Please provide a detailed description of the specific support needed to participate in the conference.

Would you like someone from the ASTC staff to follow up with you regarding the support requested?

Yes

No

Mobility Support

Please provide a detailed description of the specific support needed to participate in the conference.

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Yes

No

Vision Support

Please provide a detailed description of the specific support needed to participate in the conference.

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Yes

No

Other Support

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Yes

No