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# **2025 Frequently Asked Questions**

# What is the cancellation & refund policy?

Should an attendee need to cancel, registration refunds will be granted based on the following guidelines:

- A \$60.00 dollar cancellation fee will be deducted from the conference registration.
- No refunds will be provided for cancellations on or after Tuesday, April 8, 2025.
- Attendees may transfer their conference registration to another colleague until Tuesday, April 17th, 2025.

## How do I pay for registration?

Credit Card: Visa and Mastercard are accepted

\*\*If you have questions about using a credit card, please reach out to Janka Arsenault, Finance Manager, conference@barrcenter.org.

#### Are discounts available?

Yes, please use the early bird discount rates:

Members: \$975 Early Bird rate on or before February 28, 2025 (use member code).

Non-Members: \$1,325 Early Bird rate on or before February 28, 2025 (no code needed).

## Is the BARR 2025 National Conference being hosted virtually?

No, the 2025 BARR National Conference will only be held as an in-person conference.

#### Where can I get the most updated information?

The <u>BARR Website</u> will have all the latest conference and registration information. You may also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Linkedin for details.

# What meals are included with registration?

All meals from Tuesday evening through Thursday lunch are included with your registration! Past conference attendees can attest that the food is amazing at the BARR National Conference, with full meals served each day. This is a \$600 value.

- Tuesday, April 22 meals:
  - o Evening Welcome Reception with multiple food stations, games, and music
- Wednesday, April 23 meals:
  - Full breakfast with hot and cold offerings
  - Morning snack and refreshments
  - o Themed buffet-style lunch and outdoor patio seating
  - Afternoon snacks and refreshments
  - Networking Dinner Event with multiple food stations and live music

## • Thursday, April 24 meals:

- o Full breakfast with hot and cold offerings
- Morning snack and refreshments
- o Themed buffet-style lunch and outdoor patio seating
- o Afternoon snacks and refreshments

#### What else is included in the registration fee?

- Attendance to all main stage keynotes, interactive breakout sessions for professional development and networking areas.
- Meals and refreshments listed above (valued at \$600). This includes Lunch and Learns with national leaders and breakfasts with colleagues in a similar professional role.
- Network and Connect at the Tuesday evening Welcome Reception.
- \*New\* Poster Gallery to learn from other BARR schools.
- Swag bag with popular BARR items.
- Complimentary Shuttle to downtown Palm Springs restaurants, art fair, and food trucks on Thursday evening.

Do I need to sign up for individual sessions or breakouts after I register for the conference? No, you do not need to sign up for individual sessions or breakouts prior to the event.

## Should I reserve my hotel room now?

Yes! BARR Center has a block of rooms reserved at a special rate that will be filled on a **first-come**, **first-serve basis**. Please note that this hotel books very quickly! You can reserve a room with **this link** or contact the hotel directly and request the group rate for **BARR 2025** (or group code Code **BA3608**). Room block ends March 19, 2025. If you have questions about your Hotel Reservation, please direct them to the resort group housing team at **grouphousing@westinmh.com**, **phone: 1-877-253-0041**. After the allocated rooms have been filled, you may complete this <u>form</u> to be added to the waitlist.

#### **Health and Safety at BARR Center events**

We care about the health and safety of all our attendees. The conference planning team will continue to monitor city, state, and federal policies.

#### Is there parking at the hotel?

Yes, parking is available and is complimentary for all guests and conference attendees.

#### What should I wear?

You will be networking with schools, district leaders, and keynote speakers, so plan to wear business casual attire. The conference rooms and evenings in the desert can get chilly, so wear layers to be comfortable.

#### I am not currently implementing BARR at my school, can I attend?

Yes, we welcome those who are interested in learning more about BARR. Our general sessions, keynote speakers, and breakouts provide information and professional development for all.