



2023 Annual Session Overall Agenda

Please note, events and meetings are still being finalized. This schedule is subject to change.

Saturday, September 9, 2023

7:05 PM – 12:00 AM [Providence WaterFire Show](#)

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM National Pre-Board Meeting
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration /Hospitality Open

Monday, September 11, 2023

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration/Silent Auction Drop-Off/Service Project Drop-Off
8:00 AM – 2:30 PM Hospitality Table Open
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Pre-Conference Workshops
11:15 AM – 12:45 PM First Timer Orientation Lunch
12:45 PM – 2:15 PM Affiliate Officer Meetings
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM Leadership Experience Networking Event - TBD
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Opening General Session
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM Welcome Event (*onsite*)

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM Wellness Activity
7:00 AM– 4:00 PM Registration/Silent Auction Drop-Off/Service Project Drop-Off
8:00 AM – 10:45 AM Concurrent Sessions
8:40 AM – 11:30 AM Hospitality Table Open (also open between concurrent sessions)
8:45 AM – 10:45 AM Life Member Meeting
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Regional Business Meetings & Awards Luncheons
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM In-Depth Sessions
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM Program Leaders Meeting – Day 1
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Exhibitor & Showcase of Excellence Poster Display Set-Up
6:00 PM States Night Out

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM Wellness Activity

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Silent Auction Drop-Off
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Exhibitor Set-Up/Silent Auction Set-Up/Poster Set-up
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration Open/Service Project Drop-Off
8:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions
8:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Hospitality Table Open (also open between concurrent sessions)
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Exhibit Hall Orientation (<i>Exhibitors Only</i>)
12:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Program Leaders Meeting – Day 2
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Hospitality Table Open
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open (<i>Boxed Lunch provided</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction (<i>Last bid 5 PM</i>) • Showcase of Excellence (<i>Posters will be manned from 12:30-1:30 PM</i>)
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	National Program Leaders & Board Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	National Dining with Diabetes Program
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Program Leaders Meeting – Day 2
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Exhibit Forums
2:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Annual Business Meeting
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Leadership Event (<i>offsite</i>)

Thursday, September 14, 2023

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	Wellness Activity
7:00 AM– 2:00 PM	Registration/Service Project Drop-Off
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Exhibit Hall Open (<i>Continental Breakfast Provided</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase of Excellence Poster Displays
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Hospitality Table Open
8:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Exhibit Forums
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	2024 Annual Session Planning Committee Meeting
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Showcase of Excellence (Poster) Teardown
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Concurrent Session
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Closing General Session
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Silent Auction Winners Announced & Pick-Up
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	NEAFCS National Post-Board Meeting
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Past President's Luncheon (<i>offsite</i>)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Discussion Forums / Concurrent Sessions
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Program Leaders Meeting – Day 3
2:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Committee Meetings
5:00PM – 6:00 PM	President's Reception
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Closing Awards Banquet

Friday, September 15, 2023

9:15 AM – 1:45 PM	<i>Alternate In-Depth Session (Oyster Tour)</i>
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In-Person Registration Policy:

Every attendee must register for the conference to attend a conference function, including sessions, meals, and in-depth sessions. You have the choice of purchasing a full conference, one-day registration, spouse/guest registration and/or individual event tickets. Please see explanations below.

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Full Conference Registration

Includes admission to the Monday Welcome Event; Tuesday Regional Meetings and Awards with Lunch; Wednesday Lunch, Thursday Evening Reception and Awards Banquet; General Sessions, Concurrent Sessions, Poster Sessions, Ignite Presentations, Wellness Activities. PLEASE NOTE: Full Conference Registration **DOES NOT** include access to the FCS Program Leaders Meeting.

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Program Leaders Meeting Registration. Full Conference Registration **DOES NOT** include access to in-depth sessions and pre-conference activities. These must be purchased separately.

Early Bird Registration--by August 1, 2023

Member: \$450

Non-member: \$550

Guest/Spouse: \$350

Student Member: \$275

Advanced Registration - by September 1, 2023

Member: \$500

Non-member: \$600

Guest/Spouse: \$400

Student Member: \$325

Onsite Registration - starting September 11, 2023

Member: \$550

Non-member: \$650

Spouse/Guest: \$450

Student Member: \$375

Single Day Ticket (per day)

Includes admission to all activities on the selected day, **except** for the Monday Welcome Event and the Thursday Awards Banquet for which separate tickets may be purchased.

Early Bird Registration--by August 1, 2023

Member: \$175

Non-member: \$225

Advanced Registration - by September 1, 2023

Member: \$225

Non-member: \$275

Onsite Registration - starting September 11, 2023

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Member: \$325

Non-member: \$375

FCS Program Leaders Meeting

The target audience for the FCS Program Leaders Meeting are those who serve in a leadership role for Family & Consumer Sciences at the state level; usually FCS Program Leaders and/or FCS State Program Specialists. **This meeting is not open to Extension Educators or Extension Agents.**

OPTION 1:

The 3-Day FCS Program Leaders Registration includes attendance at the Program Leaders' Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, Wednesday, September 13 and Thursday, September 14. Due to the schedule change, the only meal provided in the 3-Day Program is lunch on Wednesday. This selection *does not* include the full NEAFCS conference activities. See option 2 below for FCS plus conference.

3-Day Program ONLY Registration Fee

\$200

OPTION 2:

If you are interested in attending the FCS Program Leaders Meeting and the full NEAFCS Annual Session, this registration includes all FCS Program Meeting meals plus all NEAFCS educational session and exhibit hall, exhibit forums, showcase of excellence, admission to the Monday Welcome Event, Tuesday Regional Meeting and Awards Lunch, and admission to the Thursday President's Reception and Awards Banquet.

Early Bird Registration - by August 1, 2023

Member: \$495

Non-member: \$595

Advanced Registration - by September 1, 2023

Member: \$545

Non-member: \$645

Onsite Registration - starting September 11, 2023

Member: \$595

Non-member: \$695

Pre-Conference Workshops

[Click here](#) to view details on Pre-conference workshop offerings. Workshops will be held on Monday, September 11 from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Continental breakfast will begin at 7:30 AM.

Workshop Pricing

\$85 - members

\$100 - non-members

Pre & Post Oyster Farm Tours

[Click here](#) to view details on the Oyster Farm Tours. Two tours will be offered, pending attendance. Lunch is not included but available for participants to purchase onsite for an additional cost. **The first tour will be offered on Monday, September 11 from 9:00 AM - 1:45 PM. Please note, Monday's tour conflicts with Pre-Conference Workshops, First Timer Orientation & Lunch, and the Affiliate Officer Meetings.** The second tour will be held post-conference on Friday, September 15 from 9:00 AM - 1:45 PM.

Tickets will not be available for purchase onsite.

Early Bird Tour Pricing - by August 1, 2023

\$90 - members/non-members

Advanced Tour Pricing - by September 1, 2023

\$100 - members/non-member

In-Depth Sessions

[Click here](#) to view details on In-Depth Session offerings. In-Depth Sessions will be held on Tuesday, September 12 from 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM.

You MUST be a registered attendee to purchase in-depth session tickets. Tickets may not be purchased for guests, unless the guest is a registered attendee (i.e., full conference, daily, etc.).

Transportation for all offsite in-depth sessions will be provided.

Each in-depth session has a minimum guarantee and a maximum allowed. If your session does not meet its minimum by August 1, it may be cancelled. If so, we will notify you with alternate options.

If you are paying by check (rather than pay by credit card online), your spot in the in-depth sessions will NOT be guaranteed until payment is received.

All In-Depth Sessions will be ticketed events, and you must have a ticket for a specific activity to be admitted. In-depth session tickets will not be sold onsite at the conference.

Early Bird Ticket Price - by August 1, 2023

Onsite Sessions - \$60

Offsite Sessions - \$80 (*excluding the Life Member Tour - Blithewold*)

~~Life Member Tour - Blithewold~~ - \$90 SOLD OUT

Advanced Ticket Price - by September 1, 2023

Onsite Sessions - \$70

Offsite Sessions - \$90 (*excluding the Life Member Tour - Blithewold*)

~~Life Member Tour - Blithewold~~ - \$100 SOLD OUT

Individual Event Tickets

Reminder: The Single Day Ticket Registration and the 3-Day Program Leaders Meeting Only options do not include tickets for the Monday Welcome Event and the Thursday Awards Dinner following the President's Reception.

Monday Welcome Event Ticket Pricing: \$60

Thursday Reception & Awards Banquet Ticket Pricing: \$80

Registration Policies

Membership:

If you are eligible for membership but not currently a NEAFCS member, you may join now and get the member rate for the Annual Session. A new member application can be found at www.neafcs.org/join-neafcs. Dues, which are \$100, are based on a calendar year and not pro-rated. So, please keep in mind that your membership will be valid for the 2023 membership year. Dues are not pro-rated.

Refund Policy

Read this policy carefully. You will be required to agree to the policy before completing your registration.

All cancellations must be submitted in writing ([using the NEAFCS Refund Request Online Form](#)) as per the following guidelines:

To receive a full refund less a \$50 cancellation fee, the written request must be postmarked and/or received by the National Office no later than the early-bird registration deadline date.

To receive a 50% refund less a \$50 cancellation fee, the written request must be postmarked and/or received by the National Office no later than the Advanced Registration deadline date.

There will be no refund of registration fees after the Advanced Registration deadline date.

Exception: Registrations canceled for reasons of health emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances, must be requested in writing ([using the NEAFCS Refund Request Online Form](#)). Any amount of refund is at the discretion of the Executive Board. If the Board grants the request, the approved amount will be refunded minus a \$50 processing fee.

All cancellation/refund requests must be received in writing ([using the NEAFCS Refund Request Online Form](#)) no later than 30 days post Annual Session start date. Requests after this date will not be granted.

NEAFCS will allow substitutions at no additional cost up until 30 days out of the start of the NEAFCS Annual Session. All substitution requests must be submitted in written form (includes email messages) to the National Office. Any substitution requests after this date will be reviewed by the National Office on a one-off basis.

Pre-conference Workshops, including Post-conference when offered, and In-depth Session fees are transferable but not refundable (based on requirements set with each session).

All fees for tours and special activities are non-refundable.

Restricted Travel: If your organization suspends all non-essential affiliated or sponsored travel, please contact NEAFCS to request a refund for approval.

Payment Options

You may pay your registration fees by Cash, Check, Money Order, Visa, Master Card, or American Express. Purchase orders will NOT be considered as a method of payment for the Annual Session. The online registration form allows for only one method of payment. Therefore, if you would like to split your registration with

multiple payment methods please complete your registration online and select the "Invoice Me" option at checkout. Then, mail, fax, or e-mail your invoice (which you will receive via e-mail after you register) to the NEAFCS National Office along with a [Payment Authorization Form](#). If you select the "Send Check" option, your spot in the in-depth sessions will NOT be guaranteed until payment is received.

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Hotel Information

The Graduate, Hilton Providence and Courtyard Providence (listed below) are currently sold out. You can continue to check this page available as cancellations may occur. NEAFCS has secured an overflow block, Hampton by Hilton. Details below. Click here for more information.

Providence area.

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OVERFLOW HOTEL

HAMPTON BY HILTON - 58 Weybossett St., Providence, RI 02900
9 minute walk to the Rhode Island Convention Center (0.4 miles)

[Hotel website](#)

Upcoming Events

Wed Aug 16, 2023

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Hotel offers a complimentary shuttle around downtown Providence proper. This same shuttle can go to and from TF Green A. The shuttle operates from 7AM-10PM, and should be made with advance reservations.

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NEAFCS has secured three hotels for the 2023 Annual Session due to limited number of rooms available at each. Attendees Please note the different rates, amenities, distance from convention center, etc. for each hotel offered below. **All meetings are held at the Rhode Island Convention Center.**

GRADUATE PROVIDENCE - 11 Dorrance St, Providence, RI 02903
4-minute walk to the Rhode Island Convention Center (0.2 miles)
[Hotel website](#)

Room Rate: \$174.00 per night (excluding taxes). Additional adult charge (more than 2 adults) \$15 per room, per night.

- **Reservation Deadline:** August 8, 2023 or when the room block sells out, whichever comes first.
- **Concessions:** Complimentary guest room internet. Complimentary resort fees for all guests booking in the group block.
- **Check-In/Check-Out:** 4:00 PM / 11:00 AM
- **Deposit/Cancellation:** All reservations must be made using a major credit card. No deposit is taken, credit card will be charged at check-in for stay. If a guest does not cancel a reservation within forty-eight (48) hours before the guest's check-in date, then Hotel may charge the credit card one night's room fee plus any applicable taxes.

Reservation Link: <https://www.graduatehotels.com/providence/#/booking/step-1?group=2309NEAFCS&arrive=9/10/2023&depart=9/15/2023>

- **Reservation Phone:** (401) 421-0700 and reference NEAFCS 2023 Annual Session

AC/Heat:– The hotel does not have the ability to run both AC/HEAT at the same time so depending on the weather/time of year, the hotel will determine which element will be used.

Room Types:

- 1 KING - GRADUATE DELUXE KING - Perfect for one or two travelers, Graduate Deluxe King rooms feature one comfy king bed, a work station and a lounge chair for more space to stretch out.

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Be aware that last-minute cancellations have financial ramifications for the association, so please try to make any changes as early as possible – no later than 4 weeks ahead if possible. When our block has sold out and attendees are holding additional rooms, this will require other attendees to book outside our room block at a higher rate. When attendees cancel their additional rooms that they were "holding", this now opens up a room in our block that the association is held liable to fill or will incur attrition fees.

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Reservation Link: <https://www.graduatehotels.com/providence/#/booking/step-1?group=2309NEAFCS&arrive=9/10/2023&depart=9/15/2023>

AC/Heat:– The hotel does not have the ability to run both AC/HEAT at the same time so depending on the weather/time of year, the hotel will determine which element will be used.

Room Types:

- 1 KING - GRADUATE DELUXE KING - Perfect for one or two travelers, Graduate Deluxe King rooms feature one comfy king bed, a work station and a lounge chair for more space to stretch out.

- **2 KING GRADUATE JUNIOR SUITE** - These suites include a living room outfitted with a sofa, chair and TV. A separate bedroom with two king beds offers a private place to retreat.

Hotel & Room Amenities:

- HDTV
- Mini-fridge
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Iron / Ironing Board
- Safe
- Bathroom Toiletries
- 24-Hour Fitness Center

Food & Drink Options:

- Coffee shop open for breakfast and lunch
- Sports bar open for dinner during the week (lunch and dinner weekends only)

Parking: Privately owned and operated parking garage is located adjacent to the hotel. Overnight guest will be charged \$25.00 per night per car.

THE HILTON PROVIDENCE - 21 Atwells Ave, Providence, RI 02903

3-minute walk to the Rhode Island Convention Center (0.2 miles)

[Hotel website](#)

- **Room Rate:** \$189 per night (excluding taxes)
- **Reservation Deadline:** August 8, 2023 or when the room block sells out, whichever comes first.
- **Concessions:** Complimentary guest room internet. Complimentary resort fee for guests booking within the group block.
- **Check-In/Check-Out:** 4:00 PM / 11:00 AM
- **Deposit/Cancellation:** All reservations must be guaranteed by certified check or credit card. No deposit will be taken at the time of booking. Cancellations must be received 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one-night penalty.
- **Reservation Link:** <https://group.hilton.com/vscdr>
- **Reservation Phone:** (800) 445-8667 and reference the NEAFCS 2023 Annual Session

Room Types:

- DOUBLE BED ROOMS - 47-inch flat-screen HDTV, work desk and chair, free Wi-Fi access. Our comfortable guest rooms feature 2 double Hilton Serenity beds with down pillows.

Hotel & Room Amenities:

- HDTV
- Adjustable Thermostat, Air Conditioning
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Iron / Ironing Board
- Bathroom Toiletries
- Fitness Center
- Business Center

Food & Drink Options:

- sports bar open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Starbucks
- Room service

Parking: \$30 for overnight valet; \$27 for overnight self-parking. (Rates are subject to change)

COURTYARD PROVIDENCE - 32 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903
3-minute walk to the Rhode Island Convention Center (0.1 mile)

[Hotel website](#)

- **Room Rate:** \$179 per night (excluding taxes)
- **Reservation Deadline:** August 8, 2023 or when the room block sells out, whichever comes first.
- **Concessions:** Complimentary guest room internet. Complimentary resort fees for guests booking within the group block.
- **Check-In/Check-Out:** 3:00 PM / 12:00 PM
- **Deposit/Cancellation:** All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night penalty.
- **Reservation Link:** <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1672929967503&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
- **Reservation Phone:** (888) 236-2427 and reference the NEAFCS 2023 Annual Session

Room Type:

- QUEEN ROOMS - 2 Queen(s), complimentary wireless internet, coffee/tea maker, work station

Hotel & Room Amenities:

- HDTV
- Air Conditioning
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Iron / Ironing Board
- Bathroom Toiletries
- Fitness Center

Food & Drink Options:

- Bistro open for breakfast and dinner

Parking: \$30 per night, per car (subject to change)



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