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ACT's 40th Annual International Conference • #ACT26

July 26–29, 2026 | Philadelphia Marriott Downtown | Philadelphia, PA

We look forward to welcoming you to Philadelphia for ACT's 40th Annual International Conference! The following are important details as you prepare for your trip to Philly and ensure a great conference experience.

REGISTRATION PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



EVENT HOTEL

[Philadelphia Marriott Downtown](#)

1201 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107
(Guest entrance is at 1201 Filbert Street)

CONFERENCE GUIDE

View the schedule, exhibit hall layout, conference floorplan, and more! [Click here](#) to access the full guide.

TRANSIT PASSES

[Jawnt](#), ACT's official Mobility Wallet Sponsor, is making it easy for attendees to get around Philly. If you added the complimentary **\$5.80 transit credit** to your registration before June 30, your Jawnt Pass will be waiting for you at registration with your badge.

Your Jawnt Pass will be active July 23–31 and valid on any Philadelphia-area transit system. Any unspent funds will expire after July 31, at which time your Jawnt Pass will be deactivated.

AIRPORT & GROUND TRANSPORTATION

There are several options to get you from Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) to downtown Philadelphia:

- **Take the SEPTA Airport Line** — Regional Rail connects PHL directly to Center City (Jefferson Station, Suburban Station, and 30th Street Station) in about 25 minutes. Trains run roughly every 30 minutes from about 5 a.m. to midnight. One-way fare is \$8.75 with a SEPTA Key, contactless tap, or Quick Trip ticket (\$11 if paying cash onboard). [Plan your trip on SEPTA.org](https://septa.org/planning-and-development/transportation/airport-line).
- **TNCs** — Uber and Lyft are available curbside at PHL. Please make sure to access the Whova app — once logged in, you can connect with other attendees landing at the same time as you and share a ride together.

EVENT REGISTRATION

ACT will open registration Sunday morning enabling you to avoid the long lines before the opening reception. Head to Registration Desk 1, 5th Floor of the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

REGISTRATION HOURS:

Sunday, July 26: 8:00AM – 5:30PM*

** Registration will close at 5:30pm. If you arrive after 5:30pm and would like to attend the opening reception, we will have a check-in station at the museum. You will still need to pick-up your badge and other materials Monday morning.*

Monday, July 27: 7:45AM – 5:00PM

Tuesday, July 28: 8:00AM – 4:45PM

Wednesday, July 29: 8:00AM – 10:00AM

CONFERENCE APP

Stay in the know with the latest updates from ACT, build your own conference schedule, and connect with attendees — all from your phone! [Click here](#) to download the app, or search for “Whova” wherever you download apps. If you haven't downloaded Whova before, you may be asked for an invitation code. Please use the following to gain access: **ACT40PHILLY**

OPENING RECEPTION ***(Please Bring your Badge)**

Step away from the ordinary and into history. This year, we're marking ACT's 40th Annual International Conference with an opening reception unlike any other — hosted at Philadelphia's Museum of the American Revolution.

As we gather in the city where American democracy was born, the timing couldn't be more fitting. The nation is celebrating its 250th anniversary, and ACT is celebrating four decades of advancing TDM — two milestones that deserve more than a ballroom.

Mingle with colleagues and fellow attendees as you move through the museum's remarkable galleries, exploring the stories, artifacts, and turning points that shaped a nation. And yes — you'll come face to face with George Washington's original field tent, the very shelter that served as his command center during the Revolutionary War. It's the kind of moment that stops you in your tracks.

This is your chance to connect, celebrate, and be inspired — surrounded by the spirit of bold ideas and the people who had the courage to see them through. It's a spirit ACT has carried for 40 years, and one that feels very much alive in Philadelphia this summer.

Join us. History is waiting.

**Please bring your conference badge to enter the building. If you arrive to the hotel after 5:30pm and would like to attend the opening reception, we will have a check-in station at the museum. You will still need to pick-up your badge and other materials Monday morning.*

For the Opening Reception at the Museum of the American Revolution, feel free to dress in **red, white, and blue** to celebrate America's 250th anniversary alongside ACT's 40th!

Getting there: Since the reception is off-site, [CharterUp](#) will be running shuttles to and from the venue throughout the reception. Buses will be waiting outside the main entrance of the hotel on Filbert Street. Volunteers will be holding signs directing you to the buses.

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TUESDAY LUNCH OPTIONS

If you selected Lunch and Explore on your registration form, you'll receive a \$35 gift card to [Reading Terminal Market](#) when you pick up your badge at the registration desk.. You'll be asked to sign for the card to confirm receipt — **please note that lost or misplaced cards cannot be replaced, so be sure to keep it safe.**

If you chose to have lunch at the hotel, you'll receive a lunch ticket with your badge. You'll need to present this ticket to enter Room 401-403 (4th Floor) for lunch on Tuesday, so be sure to hang on to it.

Please note: We are unable to accommodate any changes to your lunch selection at this time.

CONFERENCE MEALS

On the [Attendee Resources page](#), we list the menus for each day of the conference. **Note:** There will be a separate option for attendees that are gluten/celiac and vegetarian/vegan for all meals. We are still working with the hotel on how attendees will need to specify if they need a separate meal, but we'll let you know onsite once that has been confirmed.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

The dress code for the ACT International Conference is business casual. Keep in mind that conference rooms can be chilly, so bring a sweater or jacket to have on hand.

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GREEN DAY — MONDAY, JULY 27

Kick off the first day of the conference in style by wearing **green** on Monday! It's the color of ACT and a great way to show your ACT pride and unity as we begin a great week together. Let's turn the conference green and make a bold statement of community, energy, and purpose.

THINGS TO DO IN PHILADELPHIA

ACT's Conference Committee has put together a guide of favorite activities, restaurants, and other experiences to check out while you're in Philly — plus self-guided walking tours and tips for getting around town. [Visit the Attendee Resources page to view recommendations and other resources.](#)

- Get Around Philly with Ease — enjoy free unlimited 1-hour rides on any Indego bike throughout the conference, sponsored by [Revolution](#). Sign up at rideindego.com/portal/act-pass/ with passcode **ACT40**.
- Check out a self-guided “Path to Democracy” walking tour or the “Path of Patriots” walking tour, both linked on the Attendee Resources page.

TOURS

If you are participating in a tour, you will receive an email with specific instructions on where to meet and what to bring prior to the tour this week. Be on the lookout!

WEATHER IN PHILADELPHIA

The weather is expected to be hot and humid in Philadelphia, with highs generally in the upper 80s to low 90s and overnight lows in the 70s. For the latest forecast, [click here](#). Please make sure to stay hydrated throughout your trip!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Tag us on social media! Use the hashtag **#ACT26** and mention @actnational (Instagram and X), @actnational.bsky.social (Bluesky), or Association for Commuter Transportation (Facebook and LinkedIn). You can download social media tiles and utilize sample wording through our [social media toolkit](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Additional details can be found on our conference website and in the Whova App. Please reach out to Casey Murphy at cmurphy@actweb.org for any questions.

Travel safely and we look forward to seeing you in Philly!

The ACT Team