

CONFERENCE TIPS

Name Badges

- Specific Package purchased and *a la carte* meal information is listed on the back. Please check that it is accurate. Badge must be worn for entry into all workshops and events
- \$5 replacement fee for lost badges

Member Information

- **MEMBER ONLY BENEFIT** – All members will be given a complimentary USB drive with presentation materials, non-members can purchase the USB drive for \$15.00. (*Only 1 USB drive will be given or sold to each registrant*)
- Not a member yet? Stop by the state table and **become a member!**

Reminders

- Final program and workshop listings can be found at www.nysaeyc.org, check often for updated workshop listings.
- Pick up your Name Badge & FINAL program at the pre-registered check in area (Event Center Atrium) and check your final program for session changes.
- Look for early bird sessions on Friday and Saturday morning for an additional hour of training credit.
- Parking is free to all conference participants.

Special Events and Highlights

- “Welcome to Verona” Networking Dinner: Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
- Opening Keynote Presentation: Patti Digh, Thursday 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- NYSAEYC Annual Membership Meeting, Friday, 12:30 p.m. in Cypress AB
- Exhibit Hall Hours: Friday, 10am-6pm and Saturday, 8am-1pm
- Exhibitor and Networking Reception Friday, 5-6pm
- Special Exhibitor Showcase Hours, Friday, 12:00-1:30pm & Saturday, 11:30am-1:00pm
- 12th Annual *Champion for Children* Awards Ceremony & Dinner: Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Meals

- Breakfast and Lunch items will be for sale both Friday & Saturday at Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center
- No on-site sales for dinner events.

Activities Beyond the Conference

- Visit the local hospitality table hosted by Nassau and Syracuse AEYC, in the registration area for restaurants, site seeing and other Verona information.
- Go to www.turningstone.com/stay

Logistical Information

- **Turning Stone** has offered a special conference rate of \$159 single/double; \$169 triple \$179 quad. For reservations call 800-771-7711 or www.turningstone.com/stay. Make sure to say you are with NYS Association for the Education of Young Children’s group to get the special rate.

Contact Us With Any Questions!

518-867-3517

contactus@nysaeyc.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



Pre-Conference Preparation

- Please confirm that all the information on your email confirmation is correct; if not please contact us as soon as possible.
- Indicate any special meal requirements before arriving.
- Pre-plan your sessions & prioritize. Plan a couple of alternative sessions in the same facility in case your first choice is full.
- Don't be afraid to expand beyond your own area of expertise and consider new experiences.
- While it is important to pack according to the local weather, remember that the temperature of meeting rooms often varies greatly from the temperature outside. Bring clothing that allows you to dress in layers.
- Confirm your hotel reservations and travel arrangements.

At the Conference

- Arrive early for workshops to ensure a seat. Please note that the codes for your certificate of participation will not be shared until the session has concluded.
- NYSAEYC does not pre-assign workshops and sometimes seating is limited. We feel allowing participants to select their workshops during the conference enables you to best meet your professional development needs.
- Please fill out workshop evaluations and leave them with your presenter at the conclusion of each session. Your thoughtful feedback will enable us to tailor future conferences to better serve your needs.
- Check the message board. You never know who may be trying to connect with you! Take advantage of networking opportunities. If you have a particular interest that you would like to discuss with others, leave a message on the message board (Conference Registration area).

Important Conference Addresses

- Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center, 5128 Patrick Road, Verona, NY 13478
 - Phone: 800-771-7711

After the Conference

- Be sure to complete the electronic conference survey to tell us about your overall conference experience. An electronic survey will be sent to you shortly after the conference. Your feedback is vital to our planning efforts for future conferences.
- If you are applying for EIP funding for your conference registration fees, you must have your completed application into the EIP office no later than **May 1st**. Apply online at www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu.
- Take time to start planning for the 2016 NYSAEYC Annual Conference in Westchester, NY April 7-9, 2016.
- Consider submitting a presentation proposal for next year's conference.
- Have www.nysaeyc.org bookmarked as one of your favorite web sites.
- Like us/follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching NYSAEYC.