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ATTENDEE GUIDE

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WELCOME

You're registered for Aspen Ideas 2027! Now what? Review this attendee guide to help you prepare for Aspen Ideas Festival and Aspen Ideas: Health. From booking your travel to where to pick up your pass to tips for making the most out of the event experience, we've got you covered. See you in June!

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TRAVEL & LODGING

DETERMINING YOUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Identify your travel dates based on the start and end times listed below. Please note these are DRAFT times and are subject to change.

HEALTH: June 22-25, 2027

- Registration Begins: 12:00 PM MT on June 22
- Programming Begins: 2:00 PM MT on June 22
- Programming Concludes: 12:00 PM MT on June 25

*See the Health Agenda at a Glance for an outline of the daily schedule.

FESTIVAL 1: June 25-28, 2027

- Registration Begins: 12:30 PM MT on June 25
- Programming Begins: the evening of June 25, time TBA
- Programming Concludes: 5:00 PM MT on June 28

FESTIVAL 2: June 28-July 1, 2027

- Registration Begins: 12:30 PM MT on June 28
- Programming Begins: the evening of June 28, time TBA
- Programming Concludes: late afternoon July 1, time TBA

TRAVEL AND LODGING

We encourage you to make your travel and lodging reservations early. With the Aspen Airport closed for runway renovations during summer 2027, attendees can fly into nearby Eagle County (EGE), Grand Junction (GJT), or Denver (DEN) and connect to Aspen via shuttles, rental cars, or private car services.

Visit our planning webpages for HEALTH and FESTIVAL for detailed information on recommended airports, ground transportation, and exclusive lodging offers in Aspen and Snowmass, along with contact details for local travel specialists who are ready to assist with your arrangements.

GETTING AROUND ASPEN

The Aspen Institute's campus (1000 N. 3rd Street, Aspen, CO, 81611) is located about one mile from downtown Aspen and 7 miles from nearby Snowmass village. Attendees have a variety of options for easily accessing the event.

Visit our planning webpages for HEALTH and FESTIVAL for detailed information on the Aspen Ideas shuttle, WE-cycle bikeshare program, city busses, and parking options near campus. If you have special transportation needs during the event, our conference services team is available to assist (see page 9 for contact information).

REGISTRATION & PASSES

LOCATION & VENUES

The majority of programming for Aspen Ideas: Health and the Aspen Ideas Festival will take place on the Aspen Institute's campus located at 1000 N 3rd Street, Aspen, CO 81611. Event maps will be available on our mobile app and in the program book.

ONSITE REGISTRATION

When you arrive on campus, you will check in at the Ideas Pavilion, which is located outside of the Paepcke building to receive your pass, gift bag, printed program book, and additional event information. **Please bring a photo ID with you.** Registration hours are as follows:

HEALTH:

June 22 from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM MT
then daily from 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM MT

FESTIVAL 1:

June 25 from 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM MT
then daily from 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM MT

FESTIVAL 2:

June 28 from 12:30 - 6:00 PM MT
then daily from 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM MT



ACCESS

Your pass must be worn at all times when you are on the Aspen Institute campus and attending event programming. Health, Festival 1, and Festival 2 attendees will have access to all scheduled programming for their designated event segment, including sessions, workshops, roundtables, receptions, Evenings at Ideas, and more. Seating in the venues is on a first come, first served basis. Please plan to arrive early, as seats fill up quickly and latecomers can be disruptive to speakers.

Do you have a friend or family member who doesn't have a general admission pass, but wants to attend a session? Limited public tickets will be available for select programming. These tickets go on sale in early June on aspenshowtix.com.

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PROGRAMMING

PROGRAM TRACKS

Explore the dynamic program tracks that will guide the 2027 conversations at Aspen Ideas: Health and the Aspen Ideas Festival:

HEALTH

Amidst changes and challenges, innovators never pause in their quest for new ways to keep us healthy. As science, technology, and AI drive extraordinary advances in medicine, human-centered approaches that nourish creativity, promote empathy, and allow us to thrive remain essential to personal and community well-being. At this pivotal moment, how do we shape a future of health that is both high-tech and deeply human?

Our 2027 program tracks will illuminate what's possible when hope meets action:

- The Chronic Condition
- Innovation Ecosystem
- Moonshot Medicine
- Care Reimagined
- Psychology of Everything
- Beyond the Doctor's Office

FESTIVAL

Every generation faces defining choices about the world it will leave behind. Ours is a moment of extraordinary possibility, when big ideas, breakthrough discoveries, and the power of human imagination offer new opportunities to rethink what is possible. Which ideas are worth pursuing? Which assumptions deserve challenging? And what bold bets must we make today to build a better tomorrow?

Our 2027 program tracks will ask: What are we willing to imagine, challenge, and pursue to create a better tomorrow?

- Reinventing the World
- Super-Human
- The Art of Being

SPEAKERS & AGENDA

The Aspen Ideas Festival and Aspen Ideas: Health are known for bringing together an exceptional mix of visionary thinkers and innovative doers across a range of disciplines and viewpoints. 2027 speakers will be announced throughout the spring and the full agenda will be released in early June. Keep an eye on your inbox for Attendee Wire emails for those event updates and more. During the event, attendees will be able to access the agenda and speaker bios via the Aspen Ideas mobile app.

STAY CONNECTED

MOBILE APP

The 2027 Aspen Ideas mobile app will be released in early June. You will receive an email with instructions to download. Available on iOS and Android, the app will be your go-to guide during the event for the agenda, speaker bios, maps, underwriter exhibits, shuttle tracker, and more. The app will allow you to star (⭐) sessions to build your personal schedule. Please be sure to allow push notifications to receive real-time updates.



WEBSITE

The Aspen Ideas website is the digital hub for the event, providing you with information on our program tracks, speakers, agenda, and sessions. Following the event, sessions recordings will be available on the website and Aspen Institute YouTube channel. We encourage you to watch sessions you may have missed in-person and share links to your favorite conversations on social media.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Help amplify the big ideas shared on our Aspen Ideas stages! Follow our primary social media accounts below and tag us in your social posts from the event.



Instagram: @aspenideas

LinkedIn: Aspen Ideas Festival

Facebook: Aspen Ideas

X: @aspenideas

Event Hashtags: In addition to tagging the accounts above in your social posts, please use the following hashtags:

HEALTH: #AspenIdeasHealth
FESTIVAL: #AspenIdeas

PODCAST

While nothing beats the experience of being in the room, you can listen to Aspen Ideas Festival conversations year round by subscribing to "Aspen Ideas To Go" on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or your favorite podcast platform. New episodes featuring sessions from the 2027 event will be released weekly starting in July.

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DINING & ACTIVITIES

DINING

You will have access to a range of delicious food and beverage options on the Aspen Institute's campus during the events, including breakfasts, lunches, snacks, coffee carts, and dinner and drinks during evening receptions. Designated times and locations for these dining options will be highlighted on the mobile app and in the printed program book.

For in-town dining options, please visit the Aspen Chamber website to learn about local restaurants in downtown Aspen.

ALTITUDE, WEATHER & ATTIRE

Aspen is a walking city situated nearly 8,000 feet above sea level. To help you acclimate, make sure to drink lots of water, monitor your alcohol intake, and wear sunscreen.

Weather can range from highs in the 80s to lows in the 50s during the summer. Cool evenings and afternoon thundershowers are common.

Dress comfortably, yet professionally (aka "Aspen Casual"). We highly recommend layering, bringing a light jacket, and wearing comfortable shoes to help you get around campus and town. If you plan to participate in morning yoga, birdwatching, and guided nature walks, please pack accordingly.

ASPEN ACTIVITIES

In addition to on-stage programming, we honor the Aspen tradition of enriching the mind, body, and spirit by offering a variety of activities on the agenda. Follow local naturalists on a sunrise hike beneath the majestic Maroon Bells peaks. Get centered with an outdoor yoga practice in Anderson Park. Join a local expert for a bird-watching walk along the banks of the Roaring Fork River. Details will be provided on the mobile app and in the printed program book.

We also encourage you to make the most of their time in the Rocky Mountains. Check out the Aspen Chamber website for other entertainment and recreation options.

JOIN THE ASPEN SOCIETY

The Aspen Society is a national community of Aspen Institute supporters who are committed to making a lasting impact on society. Members gain access to an exclusive network of thought leaders and change-makers through invitations to curated events in Aspen and nationwide. To learn more about membership, visit the website.

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TIPS FOR FIRS-TIMERS

PLAN YOUR SCHEDULE

- Download the mobile app in June! It's easy to use and always the most up-to-date source of information. Star (⭐) your favorite must-see speakers and sessions to create a personalized schedule.
- Step outside of your comfort zone and take full advantage of the event's multi-disciplinary programming. In addition to attending sessions related to your work, mix things up with sessions on topics that expand your thinking into new fields.
- Don't miss the interactive workshops and roundtables on the agenda. These offerings allow you to dive deeper on select topics and take part in hands-on learning in more intimate settings. Some may require advance sign-up, so keep an eye on your inbox for details.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

- The Festival is an unparalleled networking opportunity, so come eager and ready to meet fellow big thinkers working across disciplines. Introduce yourself and feel empowered to start a conversation with anyone, from attendees to speakers.
- Embrace the formal and informal opportunities to connect. Attend the opening reception. Strike up a conversation on the walking paths across campus. Sit with someone new during meals. Say hi to a fellow coffee drinker while the barista makes your espresso. Bond with others during guided nature hikes. The possibilities are endless!
- What happens in Aspen, shouldn't stay in Aspen. Commit to staying in touch with your new connections after you return home. Through collaboration, we can find new ways to turn ideas into action.

KEEP AN OPEN MIND

- Lead with curiosity as you attend sessions. Come with an open mind and collaborative spirit. Don't be afraid to ask questions during Q&As and challenge your own thinking by exploring new topics and perspectives.



COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

The Aspen Institute is dedicated to advancing a free, just, and equitable society. Consistent with that mission, the Institute is committed to creating a safe and vibrant community that is respectful, inclusive, and welcoming to people from all different backgrounds and across the world. We recognize people will have different viewpoints and perspectives. However, only when we treat people with mutual respect and dignity can we truly come together to share a free and open exchange of ideas. So we offer this Community Agreement as a code of conduct to help stakeholders understand what we expect for them when they are engaging with the Institute community, as well as to guide them on what does not belong.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

Our founding commitment to a humanistic outlook remains at our core and reflects our belief that the dignity of every person is paramount, that social progress is imperative and attainable, that we can achieve breakthroughs by engaging with humanity's accumulated wisdom, and that the inner life and values-based leadership require nurturing. As we have gained new insights and understanding over the years, our conception of these points has changed. But our commitment to this humanistic outlook endures.

Our programs today reflect our foundational belief that dialogue among diverse people and across diverse perspectives is essential both to improving our understanding and to finding solutions to modern challenges. This enduring commitment has enabled the Institute to make unique contributions in the search for understanding and solutions. We seek to engage people of integrity and outstanding character from an ever more diverse cross-section of society. Read more about the Principles of the Aspen Institute.



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT US

If you have additional questions about attending Aspen Ideas: Health or the Aspen Ideas Festival, our Conference Services team is available to help at events@aspeninstitute.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Written cancellation requests are required and will be credited as follows:

- Before May 1, 2027: 80% refund
- There are no refunds after May 1, 2027
- In lieu of a refund, you have the option to transfer your pass to another individual before June 22, 2027. Passes cannot be transferred or credited to future years.

Please contact the Aspen Ideas Registrar at events@aspeninstitute.org to request a cancellation or transfer.





