

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What does the registration fee cover?**

Registration covers workshops, general sessions, consultations, the Saturday banquet and all meals from Thursday night dinner through Sunday breakfast. If you arrive before Thursday or stay after Sunday, there are restaurants on site and nearby.

### **What does a scholarship for first-time attendees cover? And how do I apply?**

Scholarship cover registration fees only for up to two adults and two children, in addition to the individual with CdLS (who is never charged). Additional family members will be charged. The scholarship does not cover fees for the Kids Explore! childcare program, your hotel room or any travel expenses or personal expenses at conference.

To apply, simply check the box on the registration form, under the Special Request section and indicate how much you are applying for. Scholarships are given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **What about the grandparent scholarship?**

We are offering scholarships to two sets of grandparents this year. Like the family scholarship, it covers registration fees only.

To apply, simply check the box on the registration form, under the Special Request section and indicate how much you are applying for. Awardees are chosen randomly.

### **How do I get from the airport to the hotel?**

If you are not driving or renting a car, there are several ways to get to the hotel. There is a shuttle service from O'Hare and Midway airports to the Lincolnshire Marriott provided by YPL Chicago Transportation. You can review prices and schedules at <http://yplchicagotransportation.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=CF33877&LOGON=GO> call (847) 259-5010.

Regional train service is also available, although it is not direct and you will have to take a taxi from the train station to the hotel. Go to [www.transitchicago.com/travel\\_information/trip\\_planner.aspx](http://www.transitchicago.com/travel_information/trip_planner.aspx) and use the trip planner feature to find out how to get from an airport or other location to Lincolnshire.

### **Do I need to make my hotel reservation?**

Yes. It is your responsibility to book your hotel rooms(s). Call 847-634-0100 and use group code CDLCDLA to get the special room rate of \$109 per night plus tax.

### **Does the hotel have in-room refrigerators for medicine/formula?**

Yes, when you book your room, you must request a refrigerator if you need one. We have been promised that the hotel will rent additional refrigerators if the requests exceed the number they have.

### **Are cribs available?**

Yes, you must request a crib through the hotel when you reserve your room.

### **What are food allergies and vegetarian options?**

If you or a member of your family has a food allergy, please speak with the food service manager. Vegetarian options will be available at all meals.

### **What are my childcare options?**

Three childcare programs are available and run both Friday and Saturday:

- Children with CdLS (any age) can attend **Jindi's Place** at no cost. The program has specially trained volunteers (several of whom are older siblings of individuals with CdLS) and has been overseen by the same family for more than 20 years. Activities include arts and crafts, movies, games, toys, reading, music, and a quiet room. Arrangements can be made for tube and bottle feedings. The program closes down during lunch each day.
- **Tiny Tots** is for siblings aged six months to four years. The Foundation contracts with an outside childcare provider to be on site. The cost is free. The program closes down during lunch each day.
- **Kids Explore!** is for siblings ages 5 – 17. Participants go off-site for both days. Lunch is provided. This year, the group is visiting the Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium on Friday and Sears Tower and Children's Museum on Saturday. The fee is \$95. There is no discounted rate if the child only attends one day. Individuals with CdLS over age five can participate in *Kids Explore!* if they have a paying chaperone over age 18 to accompany him/her. If the child doesn't have a chaperone available, the Foundation will attempt to find a volunteer.

### **Are any events planned before or after conference?**

There is a golf tournament at the resort on Wednesday, June 20, beginning in the early afternoon. There are no CdLS Foundation-sponsored activities planned post-conference.

### **Do you have any tips for first time attendees?**

Take a deep breath, relax and enjoy. It may seem a bit overwhelming at first—especially if you have never seen another child with CdLS before—but you'll quickly find conference is one big family gathering. In between workshops and informational sessions, there's plenty of time for making new friends, passing babies around and sharing stories.

And don't forget to attend the orientation for first-time attendees Thursday afternoon.

### **How do the consults work?**

When you register for conference, be sure to fill out the consultation request form, where you can choose your top three consultation choices. We will do our best to accommodate all requests. Once at conference, you will be given the times/days of your consults and information on where to go. All new families first meet with a geneticist.

Consults take place Friday and Saturday in a designated area of the hotel. In some consultations, there may be more than one professional in the room assisting. Consults run from 15 to 30 minutes. While we do our best to keep things on schedule, please be patient when they don't.

During a consultation, you may also be asked for a sample of your child's blood or to participate in a research study. You are under no obligation to participate.