



EMMA/Nobel Conference Experience - Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register?

- If you are a student from a participating school, see your school's student liaison for registration materials. If you are a community member, click here to download the 2017 [registration form](#).

What are the travel arrangements?

- Attendees from Appleton and Shawano travel by coach buses, each equipped with a bathroom, Wi-Fi and a DVD player for movie-watching.
- Appleton attendees leave from the Goodwill parking lot, 1800 Appleton Road in Menasha, north side of the building. **Buses will depart promptly at 4:00 pm on Monday, October 2, 2017.**
- Shawano attendees leave from the Boarders Motel at 7393 River Bend Road in Shawano at approximately **4:50 pm on Monday, October 2, 2017.**
- There are no planned rest stops.
- Buses depart from the conference at **4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.** Shawano attendees will arrive back at the Boarders Motel at approximately 10:00 pm, and the Appleton attendees at Goodwill at approximately 11:00 pm.
- Traveling time provides an opportunity to do homework and/or read emails. To ensure that there is enough bandwidth for all we ask that you not stream video.

Will I have any free time?

- There is a block of free time Tuesday evening after dinner.
- While on campus, you will also have some free time each morning before the sessions begin.

Are meals included?

- All meals are provided from the time of departure on Monday through lunch on Wednesday, including a boxed meal and beverage for the bus ride.
- Attendees are expected to purchase their own dinner on Wednesday, October 4. The buses stop at a location with multiple quick food options.
- Attendees will eat meals together as a group, either at the hotel or at the college.

What if I have dietary restrictions?

- Be sure to include any dietary restrictions or allergies on your registration form so that we can accommodate your needs.

What should be done if I need to cancel my registration

- If for some reason, you need to cancel your registration, please contact Lisa Jabas **as soon as possible**. She can be reached at ljabas@cfoxvalley.org. **If you must cancel on the day of the trip, please call Lisa at 920-832-1517 or Cathy Mutschler at 920-209-0066.**

Where do we stay?

- All attendees stay at the [Best Western Hotel in Mankato, Minnesota](#); 507-625-9333. The hotel accommodations include a swimming pool.
- Students will share rooms, from two – four students per room. Most rooms will have two students per room. We seldom have more than three students in one room.
- Community members and student liaisons/chaperones will have single rooms unless otherwise requested.
- Please include any special room assignment requests on your registration form.

What is the cost to attend?

- Through grant funding provided by the Mielke Family Foundation and the EMMA Fund of the Appleton Education Foundation, students and educators from Appleton, Shawano and Two Harbors attend at no cost. Community members are asked to pay \$325, which includes transportation, accommodations, meals and admission to the conference. This contribution allows us to extend the trip at no cost to more students and educators each year.

What expenses are not included?

- All expenses are covered, except for snacks or beverages outside of meal-time and any books, t-shirts or other conference-related materials/souvenirs.
- On the return trip, we stop for a quick meal. The cost of the meal is the responsibility of the attendee.

What is the expected dress for the conference?

- There is no required dress code. The bus trip is long so you'll want to be comfortable. At the conference, we suggest you also dress for comfort but with a reminder that we are representing our communities.

Who should I contact if I have questions or concerns during the trip?

- Cathy Mutschler is the primary conference coordinator and can be reached during the trip at 920-209-0066 or emmanobelconference@gmail.com
- We also designate a “bus mom” for each bus, who will be your primary bus contact. His or her contact information will be made available prior to departure.
- All schools have a designated chaperone/liaison, whose contact information you should have. Should there be a health emergency where a student is unable to continue with the group, their school liaison and/or a committee member will stay with the student until arrangements can be made with a parent or guardian. The committee members have access to emergency contact information while on the trip.

Who organizes this trip?

The EMMA/Nobel Conference Experience is coordinated by a committee of the Appleton Education Foundation and the Mielke Family Foundation. Committee members represent the communities of Appleton and Shawano, most of whom are past participants. The 2017 conference committee members are:

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Ellen Mielke Moore Anderson (EMMA) *deceased*
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