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Summit

2026 First-Time Attendees FAQs

Program Dates – January 26-29, 2026

When should I plan to arrive?

You are invited to join the Seminar Planning Committee for a First-Time Attendee Orientation & Networking starting at 5 pm on Monday. Immediately following is the Welcome Reception & Dinner for all participants and registered guests.

When planning your travel, transportation to The Cape from the airport is approximately 45 minutes. FFE coordinates transportation to and from the airport for all attendees, including guests. Transportation for foundation professionals and Alliance Partners is sponsored by Fraternal Law Partners.

When should I plan to depart?

Summit programming will end by 10 am on Thursday. While FFE encourages your full participation in the program through Thursday morning, we understand some attendees may have travel needs that don't align with Summit schedule.

Please note that your Summit registration includes Thursday breakfast as part of program schedule.

FFE coordinated transportation will be secured based upon flight details submitted via [Summit Attendee Information Form](#). You can expect your shuttle pick up for the airport to be scheduled at least 2.5 - 3 hours prior to your flight time.

What hotel is Summit hosted?

FFE hosts Summit annually at [The Cape, a Thompson Hotel](#) in Cabo San Lucas. Currently, FFE is contracted at The Cape through 2029 to continue to support program feedback from membership and a think-tank atmosphere.

Should I bring my spouse/partner as guest?

While guests do not attend scheduled Summit programming during the day, your guest is welcome to join during meals, networking and social activities.

To ensure FFE can support your guest, be sure to:

- Include guest in your registration to ensure their name is added to hotel reservation.
- Register your guest for meals, if desired, by December 12.
- Submit [Summit Attendee Information Form](#) to opt your guest in for FFE coordinated ground transportation.
- Contact Desiree at desiree.paulhamus@fraternalexcellence.org if you have questions about bringing a guest.

Which airport should I fly into Cabo San Lucas?

All Summit participants and guests should fly into Los Cabos International Airport (SJD), as it's the primary major international airport for commercial flights. FFE coordinated transportation includes option for roundtrip or one-way requests to/from SJD to The Cape, a Thompson Hotel.

How do I secure my ground transportation to/from the airport?

Thanks to our sponsor Fraternal Law Partners for covering the transportation expense for all Summit participants. FFE coordinates all ground transportation. You submit your initial preference for transportation, either round-trip or one-way, via your registration form. Then this is confirmed again along with flight details via submission of your [Summit Attendee Information Form](#).

Please note that transportation for guests can be secured. Estimated cost including taxes and fees for roundtrip is about \$82 and will be billed back to primary attendee following Summit. To ensure your guest is included in transportation, you must submit [Summit Attendee Information Form](#) for your

guest by December 12. By selecting "Guest" via form, it collects only travel information.

Will I be alone in my shuttle to the hotel or with other Summit attendees?

You may be riding to The Cape with other FFE friends and guests. However, this all depends upon the arrival and departure times of those registered.

What do I do if my flight is delayed and I need to adjust mine (*and my guests*) airport transportation to hotel?

OP Transfers is a long-time partner with FFE for Summit airport transportation. We submit your flight details based upon your roundtrip or one-way transportation request directly to them. Their team can monitor flight delays alongside scheduled shuttles.

Prior to your departure, you will receive an email directly from OP Transfers (to the email address you submitted in your Summit Attendee Information Form). This will allow you ease in contacting the service via email or phone call, if needed.

If your flight is significantly delayed or rescheduled to next day, don't worry as OP Transfers will reschedule transportation for you (*and your guest*) as needed.

Will I need cash or local currency?

The Cape, along with many off site locations, accepts US dollars and Mexican Pesos are not needed unless you prefer to do so. Additionally, use of credit cards and room charge are options at hotel property. While local currency may not be needed, you are encouraged to have some small US bills if you plan to go offsite outside of programming or as needed for tipping.

How much should I budget for extras such as beverages and meals/snacks outside of programming?

Please note that The Cape is a high-end resort; food and beverages not included in Summit programming may be more expensive than your typical hotel stay. For an idea of what to expect, you can [view a menu from The Cape's Manta restaurant here](#).

What is the dress code? What do I need to pack?

Summit programming attire is resort casual, comfortable yet polished. For men, this typically includes nice shorts, collared shirts like polos or light button down, loafers, boat shoes, or nice sandals. For women, it includes sundresses, flowy skirts or chic shorts and dressy top, often with sandals, wedges or flats.

The Welcome Reception & Dinner are hosted on the rooftop and can often be cooler temperature. You may want to pack chino pants, long sleeve button down, light cardigan or shawl for this meal.

Most importantly, don't forget your bathing suit as the pool at The Cape is amazing!

For those who have opted-in for Tuesday Whale Watching Excursion, attendees should plan accordingly for the 4-hour private yacht charter. Consider layering for a breezy evening on the water and soft-soled shoes for the deck. Don't forget practical items such as a waterproof bag, sunglasses or hat, seasickness medication, swimsuit and reusable water bottle.

Who do I contact if I have questions before Summit?

For questions specific to Summit registration, hotel reservations, whale watching excursion, ground transportation and programming, contact Assistant Executive Director Desiree Paulhamus at desiree.paulhamus@fraternalexcellence.org or 501-590-3329.

Alicia Favata, Chief Advancement Officer at Delta Zeta Foundation, serves as your 2026 Summit Planning Committee Chair. You are encouraged to email her at afavata@deltazeta.org if you have questions about the experience.