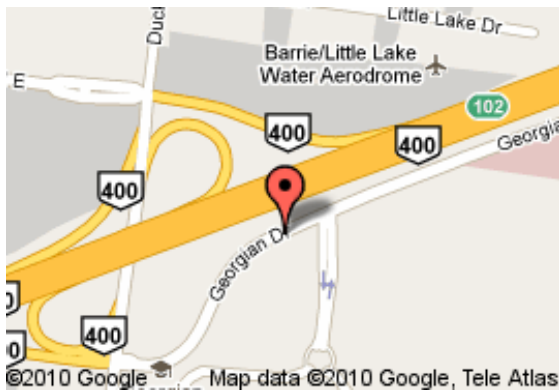


Frequently Asked Questions

1- Where is Georgian College located?

Georgian College is located in the beautiful community of Barrie, situated on Lake Simcoe. Located about 40 Miles north of Toronto, Barrie is easily accessible by automobile, bus and taxi. The nearest airport to Barrie is Pearson International Airport, located in Toronto. There are international flights from many locations to Toronto.



<http://tinyurl.com/georgian-map>

2- Will I be picked up at the airport?

Conference participants will be picked up at Pearson International Airport on **Sunday July 11th** and taken back to the airport on **Saturday July 17th ONLY**. The conference committee will be sending out a form for you to indicate your flight arrival and departure times.

If you arrive earlier or later, you will need to arrange your own transportation to and from the conference venue. There is a transportation company who provides reasonably priced transportation from the airport.

Simcoe County Airport Service is the recommended transportation company from Pearson Airport.

<http://www.simcoecountyairportservice.ca/>

You must make advance reservations for them to pick you up. The rate for an individual from Toronto to Barrie is \$55.00, one way, however, if you are

traveling as a group, there are group rates available.

The ride from Pearson Airport to Georgian College is approximately one hour.

When you reserve transportation, please insure that you ask the driver to take you to Georgian Suites at Georgian College.

Georgian Summer Suites

101 Georgian Drive

Barrie Ontario L4M 6Z5

Tel: 705-722-5190

Fax: 705-730-5558

3- Can I delay the payment until I arrive?

NO. Conference organizers need to know in advance that you are coming and therefore reserve your place. However, people can register for the conference on site BUT conference committee will NOT be responsible for their accommodation or meals. Registration fees will also be higher.

Only participants who register and pay in full before June 10th will be guaranteed accommodation and meals.

4- I would like to come to the conference site early and stay later. How do I make reservations?

If you plan on arriving earlier than July 11th and are wishing to stay at Georgian College, you must make a separate reservation with Georgian Suites. Please indicate that you are with the conference and you are making additional reservations.

<http://summersuites.ca/pages/reservations.htm>

Please make reservations only for the extra days you are planning to stay, not for the days of the conference. If you are staying before and after the conference, you will need to complete two separate forms.

Reservations are based on reserving a suite for approximately 75.00 per night. Each suite has 2 bedrooms, so may be shared with another person. You may be required to move your suite for the conference.

Payment for additional nights must be made to Georgian Suites by credit card or cash on arrival.

Youth Summit Participants arriving early will need to stay at Georgian Suites as there will be no programming or supervision available prior to July 11th.

Meals will not be available; however, there are several restaurants within walking distance.

5- Are there vegetarian meal options?

Yes, there are vegetarian meal available, which must be requested in advance via the conference registration page. No other special (kosher, halal) meals can be prepared. We can not guarantee that the kitchen will be nut free.

6- What is the process for meals?

If you have paid for meals, then you will be entitled to be served three meals daily. When you arrive at the venue and register, you will receive a small coupon booklet for all your breakfast, lunch and dinner meals. For each meal, you will need to submit the correct coupon to the volunteer at the restaurant entrance. Thank you for understanding. If you lose your slips for any reason, you need to contact the help desk or registration desk.

7- Is smoking allowed on the conference site?

Ontario is a smoke free province. All public areas are smoke free, including restaurants, bars, theaters and other public venues. This law is strictly enforced. All bedrooms in both venues are smoke free. Participants who smoke in their rooms will be charged a cleaning fee of 200.00 per day. There is a public smoking area outside, and we encourage participants to use this area only.

8- Is alcohol allowed in the hotel?

The legal age for consuming alcohol is 19. Participants who wish to drink must do so in their rooms or in a restaurant or bar. There is a possibility that the pub on campus will be open during the event.

9- Can I drink the water in Canada?

All tap water in Canada is potable.

10- Is there medical care available at the conference?

All out of country participants are required to have medical insurance while they are in Canada. In case of emergencies, there is a hospital next door to the conference venue. iEARN Canada will not be responsible for any medical costs for uninsured participants.

11- Are there recreational facilities on the campus?

There is a full service gym, running track and rock climbing wall at Georgian College. If participants wish to use the services at the gym, there is a nominal daily fee. Throughout the conference, there will be volleyball and basketball facilities available at no cost.

12- How will I pay for the day trips?

The travel agent will be on site during registration and during the first two days of the conference. Participants may sign up for a variety of trips within Ontario. Payment will be accepted by cash or credit card.

Trip information will be updated on the “Explore Canada” page of the conference web site:

<http://www.iearn2010.org/explore/>

Who is eligible to participate in the conference?

All are welcome! We invite you to join hundreds of educators, students, administrators and partner organizations who come together annually from 50-70 countries at the iEARN Conference and Youth Summit to share how they are using technology to build global understanding and enhance teaching and learning!

Can I bring my iEARN student project work to display at the conference?

Yes, there will be a space available throughout the conference for participants to display iEARN project work. Feel free to bring student project work to display.

After the opening ceremonies, there will be a “Global Youth Gallery” where students are invited to bring their projects to talk about with conference participants and invited guests.

Will I receive a certificate acknowledging my participation in the conference?

All conference participants will receive a certificate to acknowledge their participation in the conference and youth summit.

Will there be evening activities at the conference?

There will be activities each night of the conference. Monday evening, there will be a concert and dance, Tuesday night will be cultural performances and Thursday night will be a film screening. More information will be sent out in news blasts closer to the events.

How can I get Canadian currency?

Participants can exchange money at the airport. There are also ATMs at the conference website. There is not easy access to a bank near the conference site, so if participants want to change money, participants might consider doing this in advance at the airport. Participants will need to exchange their currency for Canadian dollars, as US dollars are not generally accepted widely in Canada.

For current information about exchange rates, see <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>.

How can I stay in touch with home?

Georgian College Campus is wireless, and there are computers available in the library for conference participant use. There is internet in Georgian Suites and Georgian Green in the bedrooms only.

There are phones in the bedrooms and you may make long distance calls using a long distance calling card which is available for purchase at the hotel desk.

Will there be a national dress event at the conference?

Please wear your National Dress and bring your national flag to the Opening Ceremonies. We also encourage participants to wear their National Dress to the Gala Dinner on the final evening.