

ABIDE Conference 2024 Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the ABIDE Conference?

- ABIDE is a conference for women ages 18+ who are interested in igniting their faith, strengthening their walk with Jesus, and cultivating relationships through sisterhood and community.
- The ABIDE Conference is sponsored by The Salvation Army Central Territory.

When is the ABIDE Conference?

- October 11-13, 2024

Where is the ABIDE Conference being held?

- Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake WI. See their website for more info: [GLCC](#)
- Conference housing FAQ can be found here: [ABIDE Housing FAQ](#)

Who is eligible to attend?

- All women ages 18 and over: officers, soldiers, adherents, employees, participants, women from other churches, and faith backgrounds, new believers, un-churched or non-believers, advisory board or women's auxiliary members, friends, relatives, neighbors, the lady next door with all the cats – all women are welcome to attend!

What can I expect at the conference?

- The conference begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon.
- There will be three plenary sessions featuring the following:
 - Musical guests: Laura Story (Friday), Selah (Saturday), and Sheena Marquis (Sunday).
 - Guest Speaker: Ann White, author of [Courage for Life](#).
 - Praise and Worship by Sharon Irving.
- Other conference elements include:
 - Guided prayer opportunities by [Connect Up](#) Prayer Ministry.
 - Workshops opportunities.
 - Free-time activities.
- This conference has a “Retreat-My-Way” vibe, meaning we want you to experience ABIDE in your own way. For example:
 - Workshops are encouraged but optional.
 - Connect Up Prayer is offered throughout the entire conference.
 - There will be a copious number of free-time opportunities and afterglows including a craft makerspace, The Abide Merchandise Mart, the ARC Shopping Bus, coffee shop, young adults gathering, campfires, and much, much more!

What is the cost for the ABIDE Conference?

- **Early Bird** Registration cost is **\$175** per person.
 - Early Bird Registration runs March 1 – 31, 2024.
- **Regular** Registration cost is **\$250** person.
 - Regular Registration runs April 1 – September 9, 2024 **or until sold out!**
- The cost includes registration, housing, meals, and conference amenities.

REGISTRATION

Where do I register for the conference?

- Register here: [ABIDE 2024 Registration](#)
 - Early Bird registration opens March 1 – 31, 2024.
 - Regular registration runs April 1 – September 9, 2024 **or until sold out!**

Are there group registrations?

- YES. We encourage Salvation Army Corps units to register everyone under one group.
- There are no discounts for group registrations.

PAYMENT

- SALVATION ARMY INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS
 - You may choose to pay immediately at registration by credit card or select “pay by check” to reserve your space until payment is received. You then have until September 9, 2024 to pay or your registration will be cancelled.
 - **Please let your corps officer know that you have registered and how you intend to pay.**
- SALVATION ARMY CORPS/GROUP REGISTRATIONS
 - You may choose to pay immediately by at registration by credit card or select “pay by check” to reserve your groups’ spaces.
 - If you choose to be billed after the conference, each Division is responsible for collecting payment from every corps after September 9, 2024 for spaces that have been reserved.
- NON-SALVATION ARMY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP REGISTRATION
 - You may choose to pay immediately at registration by credit card or select “pay by check” to reserve your space. You then have until September 9, 2024 to pay or your registration will be canceled.

What if I need to cancel or make changes to my registration?

- Please email us to make changes or to cancel your reservation ASAP.
USC.THQ.WomensMinistries@USCSalvationarmy.org
- You can request a refund up until September 9, 2024. After that date, you cannot make any changes or request refunds. However, you may make substitutions for women who cannot attend.

What is the housing for the conference?

- There are hotel units, cottages, and dorms (see the [GLCC website](#) for pictures).
- All housing assignments will be made by THQ. We will take all considerations into account but can not guarantee anything other than you will have a place to sleep, you will not be sharing a bed, and you will have a roommate.
- See all Housing FAQ’s here: [ABIDE Housing FAQ](#)

Is there parking on the property?

- Yes. However, it is **limited**. We HIGHLY recommend that you carpool.
- Bus parking is available for Corps bringing a large delegation on a charter bus.
- There will be golf-cart transportation available to get you where you need to go during the conference.

How is the food at Green Lake Conference Center?

- The food is wonderful! It is served buffet style so you may choose what and how much you would like to eat. There is a beverage station including hot, cold, and fountain beverages. There is also a dessert station!

What if I have food allergies?

- Green Lake accommodates the following food allergies (only):
 - Gluten
 - Dairy (almond milk available)
 - Egg
 - Nut (tree and peanut)
 - Vegetarian diet
- If you have any of the food allergies listed above, **you MUST fill out the Medical Dietary Request Form** at registration. This form goes directly to Green Lake. We will not be able to see it or confirm receipt.
- You may bring your own food to supplement if necessary.
- Additional dining information can be found here: [GLCC dining](#).

Are officers required to attend?

- No. This is an optional event for officers.

Do I need my Salvation Army uniform?

- No. Dress is casual all weekend – **this includes officers!**

Can I bring my nursing baby to the conference?

- Yes. However, they must be **0-12 months old**. Children over 12 months will not be permitted.
- If you will be attending with more than one child, please let us know by emailing us. The conference center does not provide any bedding, cribs, etc. for babies. You will have to bring everything necessary for you and your child. See more here: [ABIDE Housing FAQ](#)
- There will be **NO CHILD CARE** available during the conference.

***If you need to make changes to anything after you have completed registration, please email USC THQ Women's Ministries Shared Box: USC.THQ.WomensMinistries@USC.Salvationarmy.org**

For more all other questions and information:

- [Central Women Website](#)
- Email us: USC.THQ.WomensMinistries@USCSalvationarmy.org.
- Follow us on Instagram and Facebook: @CentralWomen.