

Open Circle Network - Seabeck 2026 Gathering  
Frequently Asked Questions & Pre-Registration Required Reading

<p>What should I expect from this gathering?</p>	<p>Open Circle Network gatherings are <i>experiential</i>. They are not academic conferences, and there are no observers. Everyone attending is a participant and will have opportunities to share from the heart. There will be a few sessions where it is important for everyone to attend. Small group sessions on various topics including same-sex attraction, abuse and trauma, and addictions. Others focus on movement, music, the arts and healing. Plenty of downtime is built into the program so that participants can get to know each other or have alone time.</p> <p>All participants are also required to read and agree to abide by the Guidelines before registering. These help give you a better sense of what the gathering will be like.</p>
<p>If this is my first OCN gathering, what pre-registration requirements are there?</p>	<p>If you have never attended an in-person gathering by OCN (or our predecessor, BNASAA), we require you to have an orientation phone call with a member of the Planning Committee before registering and making travel plans. Please first read the OCN Guidelines and this entire FAQ sheet, then <a href="#">email</a> with the subject line "Seabeck questions" and include your name, phone number and a good day/time to reach you.</p> <p>Your registration is NOT considered confirmed until AFTER you have completed this step. We strongly suggest <u>waiting to make travel arrangements until you have had your orientation phone call</u>.</p>
<p>What if I need financial assistance?</p>	<p>Some scholarship funds are available to help offset the costs of registration. If you are comfortable asking your Local Spiritual Assembly for support, the registration fees can be split three ways among the LSA, OCN, and the participant. First, <a href="#">email</a> to discuss your situation with an OCN Planning Committee member, using "Seabeck Scholarship" as the subject line. You can fill out the registration form, but your registration is not complete until you have confirmed funds are available with OCN.</p>
<p>Can non-Baha'is attend?</p>	<p>Yes! (Please see OCN guidelines for more about this)</p>

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<p>Can I leave in the middle of the gathering?</p>	<p>Except for emergencies, all participants who register for the conference are expected to stay on campus for the duration. This means at the latest, arriving Friday by 8:30am, and staying through Sunday at 12:30pm. <b>Please book flights no earlier than 3:30pm Sunday.</b></p>
<p>Where is Seabeck and how do I get there? Is transportation from Seatac airport available?</p>	<p>Seabeck is located about one hour away from Seattle. Their <a href="#">website</a> provides information for three options for transportation to Seabeck from SeaTac airport and Bremerton, in addition to car rentals and ride share (Uber, Lyft, etc.). Due to cost and complexity, OCN is not able to offer shuttles. In the registration form there is a place for you to ask for a ride or offer rides, and we will put people in touch to coordinate amongst themselves.</p> <p>Seabeck Conference Center 13395 Lagoon Drive NW Seabeck, WA 98380 360-830-5010</p>
<p>Arts/Music/Drama</p>	<p>There will be time at the conference for sharing your artistic creations and talents with the group. We hope you will bring your visual art, instruments, poetry, musical offerings, live or digital. Please bring an adapter and/or cables to connect your device.</p>
<p>Am I required to attend all the sessions?</p>	<p>There will be a few sessions where it is important for everyone to attend, however you are encouraged to take care of yourself – whether that means leaving a session to stretch your legs, bringing your own snacks, or finding a quiet space to be alone during breaks.</p>
<p>Check in and Check out times</p>	<p>Please arrive AFTER 4 pm on Thursday. Check out is no later than 1 pm on Sunday, please be packed before lunch. Cars must be off campus by 2 pm.</p>
<p>Do I have to stay for lunch on Sunday?</p>	<p>No. If you would like a boxed lunch to go, please request in advance in the space provided on the registration form.</p>
<p>Can I go off campus during the gathering?</p>	<p>We encourage everyone to stay on campus for the duration of the conference. If you have an urgent need to leave the campus please, speak with a planning team member beforehand.</p>

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Is there a curfew?	Seabeck’s quiet hours are from 10:00 pm until 7:00 am.
What if I have food allergies or a special diet?	Seabeck Conference Center is a nut-free facility, and has limited options that include vegetarian, vegan, non-celiac gluten free, dairy-free or a combination of these. They do not accommodate medically necessary diets and have no dietician on staff. Available diet options are noted on the registration page.
Can I bring food or drinks with me? Can I keep food in my room? Is there a refrigerator I can use?	<p>You are welcome to bring snacks, food, or drinks if you feel you will need them. There is a refrigerator and microwave in the dining room and in Pines.</p> <p>Note: Seabeck Conference Center is a nut-free facility. <b>Do not bring any nut-based foods with you</b> (including nut milks).</p>
Can I get a single room?	There are a limited number of single rooms available on a first come, first served basis. Some have a private bathroom and some have a shared bath.
Can I decide who I want to share with? How are roommates selected?	The registration form has a place for you to indicate with whom you want to share a room. Due to the limited number of single rooms available, we really appreciate friends and family sharing rooms so that we can accommodate the highest number of participants.
Are the rooms ADA compliant?	All the rooms in Pines are ADA compliant with wheelchair accessible showers. Firs and Annex are not ADA compliant.
What if I have difficulty walking, how will I get around?	The Inn (dining hall) and Pines are wheelchair accessible, but there is a hill between them that some find challenging. OCN has reserved a golf cart that we will use to help transport those in need.
Is there hearing assistance?	Seabeck Conference Center has hearing loops assistive listening system for those with telecoil-enabled hearing aids and cochlear implants, and streamers.
Can I bring my pet?	No. Only service animals are allowed at Seabeck Conference Center. Emotional support animals are not considered service animals.

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<p>How can I be of service?</p>	<p>Please <a href="#">email</a> if you would like to offer your help before or during the conference. Some of the tasks we need help with are: offering prayers, chants, music, set-up, clean-up, registration desk, as well as other impromptu needs that arise. If driving, or otherwise convenient, extra drums, small percussion, or other instruments are welcome.</p>
<p>Is there WIFI at Seabeck?</p>	<p>Yes. There is no cost, no password and is campus-wide. Info will be in your packet.</p>
<p>Can I bring my bike to Seabeck?</p>	<p>Yes! Seabeck encourages all bicyclists to use helmets. Skateboards, scooters, roller blades, and roller skates are not to be used on the grounds.</p>
<p>Does Seabeck allow Smoking or Vaping?</p>	<p>Yes, but you must follow the WA state law, which bans smoking inside buildings and 25 or more feet from any door or window. Marijuana is prohibited on the grounds. For safety purposes, absolutely no smoking is allowed in grassy or wooded areas, including trails.</p>
<p>What clothing should I bring?</p>	<p>Due to unpredictable Northwest weather, as well as graveled paths and other uneven surfaces, Seabeck recommends that all guests bring a pair of comfortable walking shoes with good tread. Also, a jacket, comfortable layered clothing and an umbrella are recommended. And don't forget the flashlight. When you are out of the city and into the woods, it is very dark at night.</p>
<p>Should I bring bottled water?</p>	<p>They have really good tap water at Seabeck. There are also water bottle filling stations in the Inn Lobby and Pines.</p> <p>If you need distilled water for CPAP machines, please consider bringing a few extra gallons to share, if you are driving.</p>
<p>Does Seabeck provide linens and towels?</p>	<p>All beds at Seabeck are made with fresh linens upon your arrival. Towels are also in the rooms when you arrive and daily towel service is provided.</p>

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<p>Does Seabeck provide soap and shampoo?</p> <p>Does Seabeck provide hair dryers?</p>	<p>Yes, Seabeck provides soap and shampoo.</p> <p>There are no hair dryers in the rooms, but Seabeck has a few in the office for guest use.</p>
<p>More Seabeck info available</p>	<p>Go to <a href="http://www.seabeck.org/faq">www.seabeck.org/faq</a> – see the following tabs for vital information - General, Lodging, and Dining, and more details are available in the Seabeck <a href="#">Facility Use Policies</a>.</p>
<p>Will we be the only group there?</p>	<p>Other groups may be on campus and sharing the dining facility. Our meeting spaces and dormitory buildings will be private.</p>
<p>How does registration work?</p>	<p>In addition to the pre-registration call (see above) for new attendees, all participants must first read the Open Circle Network guidelines, our conference FAQs, and the <a href="#">descriptions</a> for Pines, Firs, and Annex, to help inform your room request.</p> <p>If you have any questions, concerns, or need financial aid, <u>do not</u> proceed to registration. <a href="#">Email</a> your name, phone number and a good day/time to reach you, with the subject line “Seabeck Questions” or “Seabeck Scholarship”.</p> <p>When you are ready, follow the registration link on the <a href="#">OCN website</a> to register.</p>
<p>What if I don't register before the deadline?</p>	<p>Please <a href="#">email</a> us and we will let you know if we can accommodate your request. Space is limited. <u>Registration closes September 30th or when full.</u></p>