FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

Additional Info Sessions
There will be a virtual meet & greet for registered travelers held 2-3 weeks before the trip, where we'll review the schedule and answer any specific questions travelers may have.

When does the Early Bird Rate close?
The Early Bird rate closes at 11:30 p.m. on January 6th, 2027. After this date, rates will increase by $50, so be sure to secure your spot early!

What time does the bus depart on February 22nd?
The bus departs at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2027, from Columbus, Ohio, with a second pickup stop near Cincinnati at approximately 10:00 a.m. Be sure to arrive 15 minutes early to ensure a smooth departure!

What time will I return on February 24th?
We're scheduled to arrive back in Columbus around 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2027. For those getting off near Cincinnati, the drop-off time will be around 6:00 p.m. *(Please note that these are estimated arrival times and may change due to traffic, weather, road conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances.)*

Can I bring a friend or family member?
This trip is designed exclusively for individuals who work in the field of disabilities and are 18 years or older. Unfortunately, it's not open to friends or family members who are not in the field.

Can I bring the person/people I support?
This trip is designed specifically for individuals who work in the disability services field and are 18 years or older. The experience is intended to give I/DD professionals an opportunity to step away from their day-to-day responsibilities, connect with fellow professionals, and enjoy some time focused on themselves. For this reason, the trip is limited to professionals working in the field and is not designed to accommodate individuals receiving services.

I am only 18. Are there any age restrictions?
Yes, some bars/restaurants in Nashville require patrons to be 21 or older with a valid ID after certain hours. If you're under 21, you may have limited access to certain venues with bars in the evenings.

Is the bus handicap accessible?
We are traveling on a standard coach bus, which is not equipped with accessibility features.

Is there a bathroom on the bus?
Yes, we'll be traveling on a standard coach bus equipped with a restroom.

Will the bus make stops for restroom breaks and food?
Yes, we'll be making scheduled stops for passengers to purchase food and snacks and to use additional restroom facilities.

Can I bring my own beverages and snacks for the hotel and bus?
Yes, you're welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages for both the bus and your hotel stay.

What meals are included in the cost?
The cost includes the following meals:

- Breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Late-afternoon appetizers and drinks on Monday and Tuesday at the hotel

Are lunches and dinners included in the cost?
Lunch and dinners are not included in the trip cost. You're welcome to explore local dining options in Nashville for meals on your own or with the group.

What is the luggage allowance for this trip?
Each passenger may bring:

- One personal item, such as a purse, laptop bag or cooler
- One duffel bag or carry-on-sized suitcase

When does registration close?
Registration will close in early February (exact date TBD), or when we reach our maximum capacity, whichever comes first. Secure your spot soon!

What are my transportation options while in Nashville?
There are multiple options for transportation while exploring Nashville:

- The coach bus will be available for free scheduled-but-optional trips around the city, including downtown and shopping destinations. The schedule will be reviewed during the meet & greet and paper copies will be available at the beginning of the trip.
- Travelers can ride the free hotel shuttle within a 3-mile radius of the hotel.
- Travelers can choose to use Uber/Lyft/Taxis while exploring the city.

Cancellation Policy

Lighthouse Cove reserves the right to cancel the trip if minimum registration requirements are not met by January 6, 2027. In the event of cancellation by Lighthouse Cove, all registered participants will receive a full refund.

Participant Cancellation

- **Participants** must submit cancellation requests in writing by January 6, 2027, to receive a refund, less a $50 processing fee.
- Cancellations received on or after January 6, 2027, are non-refundable. However, organizations may substitute another participant in their place.
- No refunds will be issued for no-shows or unused portions of the trip.

We appreciate your understanding and respect for this policy, which allows Lighthouse Cove the opportunity to manage registrations and offer vacated spaces to other interested participants.

For any questions not covered in the FAQ, please email us at **inquiries@lighthousecove.org**