



IFVIII ATTENDEE QUICK GUIDE

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LOCATION

The festival takes place at the Crystal Gateway Marriott located at [1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202](#). This 4.5-star hotel is located just minutes from D.C. and the DCA airport.

PARKING

Parking is available at the hotel at a discounted rate (\$29.25 per day). We recommend using the alternative parking source below or the metro. The hotel is also located directly above the Crystal City Metro stop, making it to travel to and from the festival without a vehicle.

- Crystal City Shops at 239-241 18th St S, Arlington, VA 22202 Free after 4pm & weekends
- Colonial Parking Garage: 2200 S Eads St. Arlington, VA 22202
- SpotHero is also recommended

ARRIVAL

Once you arrive at the hotel, proceed to the second floor and check in at the festival registration desk (near the candlelight conversations Skyview area). There will be signs guiding the way.

The registration hours are as follows:

- Thursday: 4:00pm – 12:00am
- Friday: 8:00am – 2:00am
- Saturday: 8:00am – 2:00am
- Sunday: 8:00am – 2:00am

Please bring your photo ID and ticket info. You will be provided a specific type of wristband to confirm your registration. There will be optional nametags available at the front desk.

GROUNDS & LOCATIONS

See the [downloadable](#) map of the IFVIII festival grounds [full map directory](#). Signs will be posted throughout the event space designating studio names and locations. Our team of Security and Access staff are here to help in case you need assistance locating an activity.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are staying at the host hotel, proceed to the hotel front desk upon arrival to receive your keys. If you're looking for shared hotel accommodations, please join the [room sharing group](#). For those seeking another option consider staying at the overflow [Crystal City Marriott](#) hotel.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

Food and beverages are permitted on site, but we kindly ask all in attendance to keep the workshop spaces clear of trash and waste. We encourage everyone to bring a water bottle to fill

at water stations instead of using disposable cups. Please consider bringing your own reusable cups/utensils to reduce our impact on the environment.

PERSONALIZED SCHEDULES

All pass holders will receive access by email to the Sched system to plan their experience. Pass holders may visit the Interfusion [Schedule page](#) at any time to log back in and see their personal schedules. At this time signups are not required in an effort to reduce congestion in hallways. Arriving 15 minutes early to popular daytime activities and workshops is recommended.

IFVIII PHOTO FRAMES

To create a new framed photo for social media, visit [this site](#).

NIGHT DRESS THEMES

Dress themes are optional and provide suggestions on how to dress on each night of the festival. For additional inspiration, click below to check out our Pinterest Vision Boards.

- [Friday - Mysterious Masquerade](#) (click for examples)
- [Saturday - Space Galaxy](#) (click for examples)
- [Sunday - Pajamas/Onesies](#) (click for examples)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q: I want to learn more!

A: Check out [our welcome guide](#) to help you prepare your experience.

Q: Are there refrigerators on the festival grounds?

A: There are no common refrigerators on the festival grounds. Please plan on bringing non-perishable food or a lunch box/cooler to store any food you bring.

Q: What are my options for food?

A: There are several restaurant and food options available during the festival including a restaurant in the hotel and several fast food options located near the entrance of the metro. There's a Whole Foods Market a 6-minute walk from the hotel as well as many neighboring restaurants.

Q: I'm arriving/departing from the airport. Is there a shuttle?

A: The hotel provides a complimentary round-trip shuttle to/from Reagan National Airport. The shuttle runs every 20 minutes from 05:00 AM - 12:00 AM. If you would like to arrange pick up from the airport to the hotel please call the Shuttle Phone at 703-920-3230. The airport is located just 2 miles from the hotel.

Q: I plan on taking the metro to/from Interfusion.

A: The hotel is located directly above the Crystal City Metro stop, making it easy for you to travel in the areas in and surrounding the nation's capital. Please ask the hotel staff for directions to the metro station.

Q: Are there any COVID precautions this year?

Interfusion Festival follows all state and federal mandates at the time of the event. At this time Interfusion Festival is not collecting information on vaccination status of persons seeking to participate in IFVIII. It is recommended that participants have a mask on hand and use it based on individual risk tolerance. Testing before and during the festival is strongly encouraged.

Q: Where do I get a nametag?

A: You can find nametags at the registration desk upon check-in.

Q: Should I bring a yoga mat?

The participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mats to use for daytime activities and workshops. Backup yoga mats and Mexican blankets are provided in selected locations on site.

Q. What are the community values & principles?

Our [core values & guiding principles](#) were built from heartfelt feedback received by our community. The intention of these ten pillars is to act as a reference point, whenever it may serve the greater good and our community, to support each other towards thriving in the face of adversity and our ever-changing world.

Q: Are there Affinity Group Spaces this year?

Yes. Affinity Group Spaces are designed for members of marginalized and vulnerable groups to exchange resources and support each other. See more information [here](#).

Q: How do I report a consent-related incident?

To report any incidents of inappropriate behavior online, use the Incident Reporting [Form](#). The festival consent team has the authority to take actions if the behavior of any individual or small group detracts from the safe, relaxed and comfortable atmosphere of Interfusion Festival VIII.

Q: I need onsite support. Who do I contact?

A: Our team of volunteers and staff are here to support you. If you require assistance for a consent-related incident, you can find a Consent Team member either at the Consent Booth or around the Festival grounds, who will be wearing lanyards that say "Consent". You may also reach out to any staff or volunteers and ask them to contact the Consent Team on your behalf.

Interfusion Team
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