



FinnFest USA 2026 Attendee FAQ

September 17 through 20 in Minneapolis

Hilton Minneapolis: 1001 Marquette Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55403

The Cabooze: 917 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404 | Friday Night Paleface
Minnehaha Park

American Swedish Institute (ASI): 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55407 | Sunday all day

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Top Questions

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Can I buy a pass at the door?

Yes. Passes will be available for purchase at the event and online.

Where do I register and get questions answered:

Registration is on the second floor of Hilton Minneapolis. Registration opens Thursday at 3 p.m. Bring a photo ID; the team will check you in by name.

Who should I contact with a ticket question?

Email: FF26@finnfest.us

Tickets Passes and Entry

What is included with a FinnFest pass?

A FinnFest pass includes the programming assigned to the day or days purchased. Tours, meals and specially marked experiences may require a separate ticket.

Who may attend the Opening Convocation and Reception?

Everyone with a FinnFest pass is welcome at the Opening Convocation and the reception that follows, including the cash bar. If you would like to eat at the reception, you must purchase a separate food ticket in advance. Food tickets are limited. A cash bar will be available to all attendees.

Do children need a ticket?

Children younger than 12 attend free.

What is included in the Sunday Family Package?

One Sunday Family Package covers the entire household on a single ticket. There is no limit on the number of family members in the household.

Are senior, military, educator or member discounts available?

No. FinnFest is not offering discounts in those categories.

Are tickets refundable or transferable?

Tickets are not refundable, and Eventbrite fees are not refundable. If you cannot attend, you may transfer or sell your ticket to another person. Email FF26@finnfest.us so the name on the ticket can be changed.

Can I change my day pass to a different day?

Yes. Email FF26@finnfest.us for assistance.

Registration and Schedule

What do I need to bring to registration?

Bring a photo ID. You do not need to print your Eventbrite ticket; the registration team will find your registration by name.

Do four-day passholders need to check in every day?

No. Four-day passholders check in once and receive a lanyard for the full festival.

Can I pick up another person's credential?

No. Each attendee must check in personally.

Can I leave and return during the day?

Yes. Re-entry is allowed during the day.

Will there be a printed program?

No. QR codes at the festival will link to the complete online schedule.

Can I reserve a seat for a session?

General seating is not reserved. Existing \$250 passholders will have VIP seating areas near the front at keynote and featured events.

Will sessions be recorded or streamed?

No. FinnFest sessions will not be recorded or livestreamed.

How will last-minute changes be communicated?

Important changes will be sent by email and posted on venue doors. Programs will be presented in English.

Parking Hotel and Transportation

Is the FinnFest hotel rate still available?

No. The official FinnFest room block is closed. Contact Hilton Minneapolis directly to ask about current room availability.

What time is hotel check-in and can the Hilton store my luggage?

Hotel check-in begins at 3 p.m. Ask the Hilton front desk directly about early arrivals or luggage storage.

Where can I find parking information?

Parking options and current guidance are posted in the Ticket FAQs at finnfest.us/tickets. Always check posted ramp rates and restrictions when you arrive.

Can I use public transportation?

Yes. Public transportation, taxis and rideshare services are available throughout Minneapolis.

Where do FinnFest shuttles pick up and drop off?

All FinnFest shuttles use the Hilton's 10th Street entrance on the first floor. Additional shuttle details will be posted at the Hilton by Registration (2nd Floor).

Shuttles will be available for the Friday, Cabooze event, Saturday's Play at Minnehaha Park and ASI on Sunday.

When does the Cokato tour begin?

The Cokato tour begins at 8 a.m. Follow the tour instructions sent to participants for arrival and boarding details.

Free Events and Offsite Programs**Do I need a pass or registration to visit the Tori Nordic Fair?**

No. The Tori is free and open to the public on Friday and Saturday. Visitors who are only coming to the Tori do not need a festival pass and do not need to check in.

Is Paleface appropriate for children?

Paleface's daytime Tori appearance is appropriate for children. The Friday evening event at The Cabooze is for guests age 21 and older.

What happens if it rains Saturday evening?

If rain prevents the Minnehaha Park performance, the play will move to Hilton Minneapolis. Watch your email and FinnFest notices for updates.

Can I attend Sunday programming at the American Swedish Institute without a FinnFest pass?

No. A FinnFest Sunday pass or four-day pass is required for FinnFest's Sunday programming at the American Swedish Institute. FIKA Café will be open for food and beverages purchased separately.

Food Drink and Merchandise**Will food be sold in the Tori?**

Hilton catering policies do not allow food vendors inside the Tori. The Hilton has on-site dining, and there are many restaurants nearby. Food trucks will also be located outside Orchestra Hall, kitty-corner from the Hilton. Lots of information onsite at the Hilton front desk area.

Is the Play Outdoors at Minnehaha Park?

YES! The play is outdoors – we will make a decision by Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. to determine if we will move to the rain location at Hilton.

Where can I get food at Minnehaha Park?

Food is available for purchase at Sea Salt Eatery in the park. You may also purchase food at the Hilton before boarding the shuttle and bring it with you. Or pick up and bring to the park.

Will drinks be available Thursday evening?

Yes. A cash bar will be open to all attendees at the Thursday reception. A separate advance food ticket is required to eat at the reception, and quantities are limited.

What payment methods will vendors accept?

Payment methods vary by vendor. Check with the individual vendor before purchasing.

For Existing Founding 250 Passholders

Where do I pick up my Founding 250 merchandise?

Founding 250 merchandise will be available at registration.

How does VIP seating work?

VIP seating will be located near the front at keynote and featured events. Look for the designated VIP area.

Where can I use my drink tickets?

Founding 250 drink tickets may be used Thursday night or Friday night.

Accessibility and Venue Information

Are the principal FinnFest venues accessible?

Yes. The principal venues are accessible, and attendees may bring mobility devices.

Will assistive listening or ASL interpretation be available?

No. FinnFest will not provide assistive-listening devices or ASL interpretation.

Are service animals allowed?

Yes. Trained service animals are permitted.

Will quiet spaces be available?

Yes. Quiet areas will be available for attendees who need a break from festival activity.

Is there a dress code?

No. Wear what makes you comfortable, and choose shoes and layers that work for a full festival day.