



Effective Altruism Global

EA Global: San Francisco 2022 | Attendee Guide

This guide covers everything you need to know to have an awesome EA Global experience. We can't wait to see you all soon!

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We're excited to see all of you at our upcoming conference, EA Global: San Francisco 2022, which will take place at the Palace of Fine Arts from Friday July 29th – Sunday July 31st. This will be one of our largest events ever, with around 1500 attendees.

This guide outlines key information concerning registration, the venue, food, and other details. If you have any questions not answered within this document, please contact hello@eaglobal.org.

Venue WiFi

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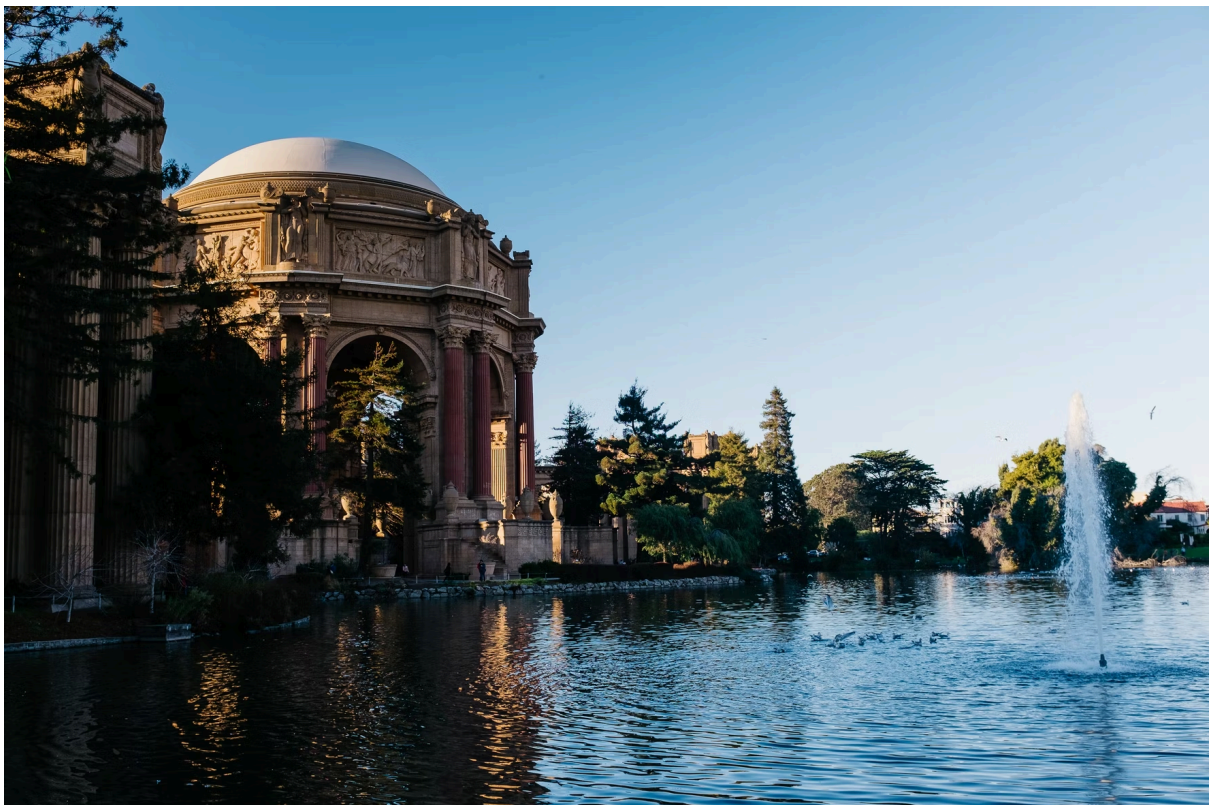
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Arrival and registration

The [Palace of Fine Arts](#) is located at 3381 Lyon St, San Francisco, CA 94123 — the easiest way to get there is to take an Uber or Lyft. Upon arrival, you'll need to register in person to get your name badge (and we also have various goodies we'd like to give you!). You'll need to have the Swapcard networking app on your phone in order to register (please see below). Unfortunately there aren't any designated on-site parking spots we can guarantee for you if you're driving to the venue, so we'd recommend against this.

Registration will start at 1.30pm on Friday in the parking lot. There will be signage and volunteers to help you find it when you arrive. Note that the venue itself will not open until 3.30pm on Friday — if you register in the two hours beforehand you can wait in the space outside or wander and mingle in the adjacent park (the cloakroom is also inside the venue, so that will also be inaccessible until 3.30pm).

If you'd like to arrive and register on Saturday or Sunday, you can do so at the information desk in the main networking space. **Please note that only registered attendees are allowed to attend EA Global.** We will be turning away unregistered guests who show up at the venue.



Swapcard

To get your ticket to the event you will need to use the Swapcard app ([Android](#), [iOS](#)), or access Swapcard via your [browser](#). Then, click or tap the **"My Ticket"** button on the home screen. You will be asked to show this ticket to security and at the registration desk in order to enter the building and receive your name badge.

Swapcard allows you to view and register for talks, workshops, and other sessions and to book meetings with other attendees. **We strongly encourage you to reach out to other attendees and book one-to-one meetings before showing up on the day**, to allow you to better plan your conference.

First time attendees at EA Global tend to be surprised by how networking-focused EAG is, compared to other conferences. One of the most common pieces of feedback we hear from first time attendees is that they wish they had spent more time scheduling 1:1s before the conference.

This year, we've also put together a [spreadsheet](#) that contains information on each attendee at the conference, which you can use to decide who to reach out to. We'll update this approximately every day throughout the conference.

For more information on how to use Swapcard, see these short tutorial videos:

- [90 second version](#)
- [7-minute version](#)
- [How to network](#)

Swapcard is intended for professional networking only. We request that you don't use it for dating purposes.

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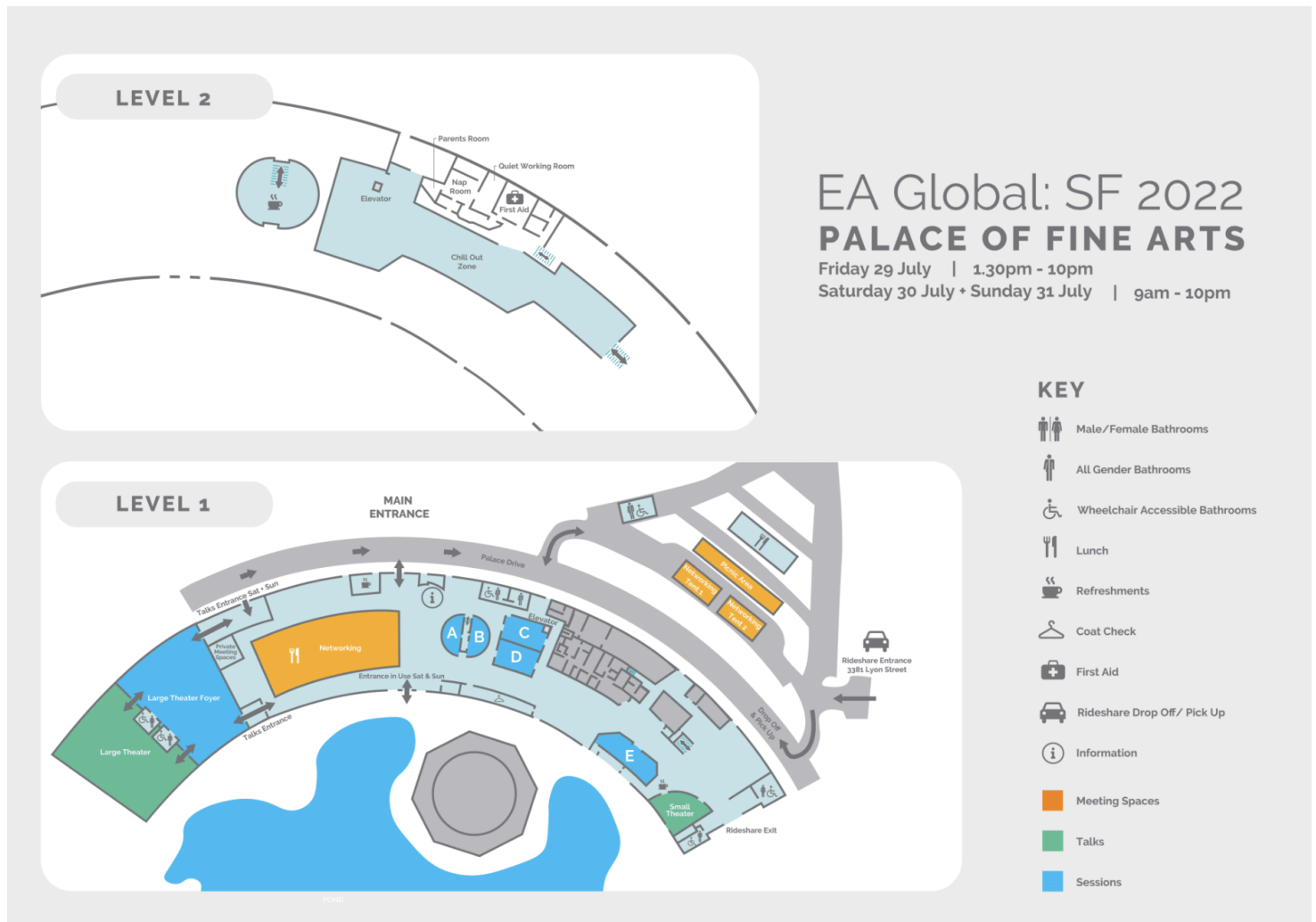
The venue consists of one main networking space with various attached rooms, as well as the adjacent Large Theater, which is accessible through the main networking space. Our floor plan is below and accessible at this [link](#).

You can see a virtual tour of the main venue [here](#), and a virtual tour of the adjacent Large Theater [here](#).

We will also have access to the parking lot, which we've converted into an outdoor venue space with tents (meant for catering and hosting one-to-one meetings) and garden furniture. The venue is right next to a public park and very close to a [beach](#), so there are plenty of options for walks.

The venue will be open from 3:30pm–10pm on Friday and 9am–10pm on both the Saturday and Sunday. Content will finish at around 6pm on the Saturday and Sunday, but

there will be food and drinks available each day until 10pm — and we encourage you to stick around and socialize!



Outside of these common areas, we also have the following spaces available for attendees:

Chill Out Zone

This is a designated hangout space on Level 2 for you to come to if you don't have anything scheduled or would like to meet new people.

Nap Room and Quiet Working Room

Meeting new people and having lots of conversations can be tiring. Make sure you take some time out during the conference if you feel your energy levels flagging. You can relax in our nap room or get some alone time in our quiet working room, both located on Level 2, whenever you need to.

Parents Room

If you would like a space to feed or change your baby, there is a parents room adjacent to the mezzanine on Level 2 (see the map for details).

Coat Check

There will be a coat check on site (labeled on the map) for you to store any coats, bags, or other items. You will need to collect your things at the end of each day.

Food and drink

All food and drink (including alcohol) will be vegan, and there will be gluten-free options available throughout. Additionally, all dishes will be listed with allergen information. For reference, some of our food items will contain nuts, though none of them will contain peanuts (however please note that some items will be prepared in an environment that handles peanuts).

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks will be provided each (though, only dinner will be provided on the Friday). There will also be soft drinks and water available on each day, and alcoholic beverages available in the evening (alongside non-alcoholic options). The drinking age in the US is 21, and if you would like to consume alcohol at the event you'll need to show your ID and pick up a wristband during registration or at the information desk.

If you have any other dietary requirements or concerns, you can ask a server or reach out to us at hello@eaglobal.org. We will also have a fridge available on site should you wish to store any food.

Get help

Volunteers

We will have many volunteers on hand to help make the event go smoothly. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask them — they'll be wearing bright blue lightbulb t-shirts. On Saturday and Sunday, we'll also have volunteers staffing an information desk in the main networking space.

Personal or interpersonal issues

If you experience any personal or interpersonal problems at the event that you'd like help with, there are two community contact people available:

- Julia Wise from the community health team at the Centre for Effective Altruism, a former social worker who is experienced in dealing with these kinds of issues.
- Charlotte Darnell from the events team at the Centre for Effective Altruism, if Julia isn't available.

Ways to reach Julia and Charlotte:

- Message on Swapcard
- Text/Whatsapp/Signal message at +1(628) 688-2631 (or call if urgent)
- Let any volunteer know, and they can reach Julia or Charlotte

Harassment, bullying, or unwanted romantic/sexual attention is unacceptable at our events, and we encourage you to report any of this behavior to us.

Medical help

We have a trained medic on site upstairs (marked on the map) that will be available to help you with any medical issues you have.

Lost property

If you have left anything at the venue, you can pick it up from the Palace of Fine Arts during the week (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm).

COVID policy

All attendees must be vaccinated to attend, and we ask that you don't attend if you are currently testing positive for COVID, regardless of how many days you've been testing positive for. Additionally, we will have plenty of masks and rapid COVID tests available for any attendee who wants them (just ask one of our volunteers or at our information desk).

We will *not* send out any notifications or emails should an attendee test positive for COVID. Instead we ask those who test positive to fill out [this form](#), which will anonymously populate [this sheet](#). If you test positive for COVID, we ask that you reach out to those you had one-to-one meetings with to let them know.

For more information, please see our [COVID policy](#).

Accessibility

The entire venue is wheelchair accessible and we will also have a few wheelchairs available for attendees who need them. There will also be gender-neutral and wheelchair accessible bathrooms available throughout.

What should I wear?

The dress code is casual, so wear whatever makes you feel happy and comfortable. Please note that despite what many people think, San Francisco can actually be quite chilly (lows of ~55°F / 13°C even in the summer), so please bring extra layers! You can see a 10-day weather forecast for San Francisco [here](#).

Sessions

Are sessions recorded?

Sessions in the Small and Large Theaters will be recorded by default and uploaded to our YouTube channel after the conference, unless a speaker requests otherwise. Although our content is great, we think one-to-one meetings are often a better way for most attendees to make the most out of the conference — so please don't feel pressured to attend lots of sessions.

There will also be a roaming camera crew which will be filming for highlights to put together into a post-event showreel, though not all content filmed will make it to the final output.

By attending this event, you consent to being filmed or photographed, and potentially having those images be used for marketing or promotional purposes.

Will I be able to attend every session I want to?

This is going to be one of the biggest EA Global conferences to date, with ~1500 attendees. This means there is high demand for sessions and folks will have to register for them in advance. To be fair to other attendees, **if you register for a session — please make sure to attend**. Please **unregister from any sessions that you're no longer planning to attend** and also check that you haven't registered for sessions that are happening at the same time.

Journalists

Please note that a few journalists will be attending EA Global. By default, informal conversations will be *off the record* for journalists, meaning that conversations and talks will *not* be quoted for publication. However, journalists may ask to interview you during the conference, in which case what you say *can* be quoted. We offer the following pointers below. If you're generally interested in getting prepared you can reach out to Abie Rohrig (abie@forethought.org).

Dos:

- It's best practice to avoid off-the-cuff interviews when you're not prepared. There is definitely no pressure to give interviews.
- However, if you're actively interested in giving an interview and feel prepared, that's great! We'd be excited for you to do so.
- Understand that speaking with journalists means that anything you say could appear online forever, and that you will likely not be able to redact a quotation once it goes live.
- If you do an interview, note that you can revise your comment in real-time if you misspeak or would prefer to change a line, and ask the person to use the revised version. The revised version won't *necessarily* show up in the piece, but it is worth bearing in mind.
- Feel free to share your work and talk about issues and topics that are important to you!

Don'ts:

- In interviews, don't speak on behalf of the entire EA community, or anyone else in the EA community. You can of course say things *about* EA, but try not to speak for others, and instead use the first person to talk (e.g. "my personal view on X is..." not "EA's view on this is...")

Questions?

If you have any questions before or during the event, you can contact us via the Help Desk in Swapcard (see the help & chat tab in your app), or email the team at hello@eaglobal.org.