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# Summit is almost here!

*If you aren't attending Summit, you probably registered someone else. It's crucial that they receive this! Please forward it to them.*

This is a bit of a long email, but we promise - it's important, and it's worth it. This is a more extensive and inclusive set of information than we've provided previously online.

## First: WELCOME!

We're absolutely thrilled to be hosting another sold-out Summit! Our community's continued strong support is what makes our nonprofit, all-volunteer event possible, so give yourself a pat on the back for helping to make it happen. Summit is a very different kind of event - it's not your usual tech conference in almost any way. That's why reading all of this stuff is so important if you want to get the most out of your week with us.

## Communications

Statistically, we know this email all reach only about 2/3 of you at best. Email is not a great way to communicate with masses of people. So PLEASE log into our Slack team (email [donj@powershell.org](mailto:donj@powershell.org) if you've not got an invite, and include your EventBrite order number), and monitor the Summit post category on PowerShell.org. The @PSHSummit Twitter account is also a good place to watch for news. Yes, you'll have to "pull" updates and info rather than us "pushing" them to you, but it's worth the effort - our alumni will attest to that!

## Refunds & Transfers

Because this is the time of year when it starts to come up, remember that we don't offer registration refunds. You're welcome to transfer your membership, however, at no fee. Just log into EventBrite (if someone else registered you, they'll need to do this) and change the attendee information. Voila! Post in the Summit forum on PowerShell.org if you're seeking a transferee. Any financial arrangements are private between you.

## **Pre-Arrival**

For the love of all that is good and just in the world, make sure you have your EventBrite ticket. That can be printed, in the EventBrite phone app, in an email on your phone, or whatever - we just need the barcode. If you don't have this, there will be a Sad Summiteer line for you to stand in, where we can look you up by name or order number.

Speakers! You're not in EventBrite yet, but you will be. A bit before Summit, we'll be registering you, so be sure to watch your email. If you haven't provided Richard with a good email address (we **STRONGLY** suggest a personal one to avoid corporate spam-traps), please do so **NOW**.

## **Registration Process**

When you get to the Meydenbauer Center, go **DOWNSTAIRS** to Center Hall A and B. This is not where we've been in the past. Do not go upstairs.

Step 1 will be to get your EventBrite ticket scanned. Don't have yours? Sad panda, you'll need to stand in Sad Summiteer line for a manual name lookup. Then...

Step 2, find your badge (organized by last name), and insert it into a badge holder. Also grab a commemorative 2018 1" logo button (if you're an alum, it's traditional to wear all your annual buttons on your badge lanyard). Then, on to...

Step 3 is T-Shirt pickup. This must be done right then - we won't have this set up later, and leftovers will be donated to a local charity. If you're skipping Monday for some reason, you will not get your shirt. We will have tables set up for each shirt size. Go to the table corresponding to your pre-selected choice in EventBrite, where your name will be checked against a list. Your shirt size is also printed on your name badge for your convenience.

*This is a good time to double-check your EventBrite shirt size selection. You can change it until March 5th or so (if someone else registered you, they will need to make the change for you as well). You cannot change your mind later*

because we're ordering the exact quantities indicated in EventBrite. Speakers! We collected your shirt size during the Call for Topics; check with Richard Siddaway on your shirt size, if you need to. Do this RIGHT NOW if you're not certain.

Step 4 is breakfast. Enjoy. And wear your badge at all times, please.

### **YOU Need Stinkin' Badges**

Please have your event badge visible AT ALL TIMES. This is especially important at our offsite Wednesday evening event - no badge, no admission, no exceptions.

### **Venue Layout**

Monday, we'll be downstairs in Center Hall A and B all day. All day! Tuesday-Thursday, we're back in our traditional space upstairs (rooms 401-409) for all sessions; meals will remain downstairs in Center Hall. During meal times, all escalators will run in the direction of food; about halfway through meal breaks, we'll run them all back in the direction of sessions. If you want to go the opposite direction for some weird reason, take the elevators. Do not run wrong-ways on the escalators.

### **GET THE SCHEDULE APP!**

If you hustle to the schedule website (linked from PowerShellSummit.org), we suggest you bookmark it. Then, get our iPhone or Android app for your phones. If you need a Windows Phone app, HAHAAHAHAHAHAHA. The app is where ALL schedule changes will be reflected. Install it. Examine it. Love it. Seriously - much of the "extra important information" we need to pass along about various events and sessions will be in the schedule app, nowhere else. We suggest READING the descriptions of anything you're considering attending or doing.

### **CHOOSE YOUR FACTION!**

If you haven't already been participating in Iron Scriptor Prequel on PowerShell.org, jump in. And use the #faction- channels in our Slack team to find the faction whose style fits you best. Locate members of your faction all week, and get to be friends - because you'll need each other for the epic,

annual IRON SCRIPTER tournament Thursday afternoon! (And, from Tuesday at Chris' upstairs registration table, we will have rubber stamps you can use to indicate your faction loyalty on your name badge!)

### **Iron Scripter**

Pre-event puzzles will be available daily - this is a great time to find fellow members of your chosen faction, get to know them, and start working on puzzles together. Done correctly, these puzzles can provide a Huge Advantage in our penultimate competition on Thursday afternoon! But... be careful of solutions offered by the mysterious Dark Faction, designed to both help and hinder.

### **Open Spaces / Side Sessions**

Tuesday-Thursday, rooms 407 and 408 will be available for ad-hoc "Side Sessions." We do not provide A/V in these rooms, but you can suggest a session anytime you like. Email your suggestions to [sidesessions@powershell.org](mailto:sidesessions@powershell.org). If you have a time slot request, or a time you don't want your session to be, just mention it. We'll do our best to accommodate, reply to you, and add you to the schedule. We'll announce sessions each morning, so try to schedule at least by the day before.

### **Session Reviews**

THESE ARE IMPORTANT. DO THEM. You can do so right from within our app, or the Sched.com website. Reviews end on Thursday afternoon, so you can't save these up and do them a week later, sorry.

### **Power Cord Policy**

Do not under any circumstances WHATSOEVER drag a power cord across any walkway. Do not leave your electronics leaning against the wall in an attempt to avoid running a cord across the walkway. This is serious, Fire Marshal business. Do not poke the Fire Marshall - his office is literally across the street. It is easier for us to ask you to leave the event than to have the Fire Marshall shut us down.

### **Standing Room Only**

...is not a thing. During all sessions, your butt must be in a chair, full stop. This is, again, a fire code concern - you cannot stand in any walkway, even if it's alongside a wall, and you cannot stand in any doorway. Please be courteous and help others locate empty seats. Please do not place luggage and backpacks in empty seats. And, if we've placed a ROOM FULL sign on a door, please respect that and choose a different session.

### **Talking in the Hallways**

...during sessions is rude. Please retreat to Room 403, which we've helpfully provisioned with Comfy Chairs, to have your discussion. If you'd like to follow-up with a presenter, please do not gird them on the stage - wait until they've packed up, stalk them to the back of the room, and drag them to 403 for follow-ups.

### **Slack**

People often use the Slack team to coordinate dinners and more; we recommend getting their mobile app and logging into the DevOps-Summit workspace. If you missed your invite, drop a line to donj@powershell.org and include your EventBrite order number, please.

### **Dietary**

If you've made a special dietary request, you can confirm it with chrisg@powershell.org, and we recommend doing so. In many cases, special meals will be prepared offsite and delivered to the venue (especially in instances where cross-contamination is a concern). If you've asked for something simple like Vegetarian, no worries - stuff you shouldn't eat will be clearly marked. If you've asked for something special, like Halal, please DO NOT EAT from any of the main buffets. Enjoy the meal specially prepared for you. This is a big deal for our venue's catering staff, as a special meal request creates a legal obligation for them. Similarly, don't take someone else's tasty-looking special meal, because then they won't be able to eat.

### **Hug Jason**

Hugs are an important part of Jason Helmick's personal economy, and as this is his last year serving as our CFO, please take a moment to thank the big bald

goofball for his service.

### **Spouse / Guest Passes**

Please bear in mind that only paid attendees are permitted to any and all Summit activities - this is as much about insurance requirements as it is our costs. We did offer Spouse/Guest passes on the main registration site - those provide access to our Monday and Wednesday evening events only. Please ensure your guest brings their EventBrite ticket (barcode) with them to each event. We cannot accommodate early admission for guests.

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