

## ***2023 ATI Conference – Know Before You Go***

Next week we will be meeting together in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. We look forward to seeing you in person for the first time in many years! Please review this document before embarking on your journey to North Carolina as it has important information about our Covid guidelines, location, what to bring, check-in/registration, and more.

### **Covid-19 Guidelines**

ATI will follow current CDC (US Centers for Disease Control), NC (North Carolina), and BRCC (Blowing Rock Conference Center) guidelines for the safety of all present, and if circumstances change, reserves the right to change this policy accordingly.

We recognize at this stage, everyone has different needs around the risks of the Covid-19 virus. During our time together, we want to create an environment where everyone feels included in an atmosphere of support and open communication. Please ask for what you need!

Beyond abiding by the current guidelines (BRCC, NC, and CDC), we invite everyone to practice the level of safety measures they are comfortable with and to communicate this with one another.

Free masks will be provided for those who choose to wear them, but they will not be required. If you are masked and wish to work closely only with someone who is also masked, please do not hesitate to make that known! We can pause with ease and choose without passing judgment.

For everyone's peace of mind and safety, we are asking that everyone have a Covid test with a negative result within 24 hours of arrival at BRCC and test again 24 hours after arrival. (Rapid tests are fine.) We will rely on everyone's good faith in meeting this request and trust that you recognize its importance.

We encourage attendees to bring masks and Covid test kits with them.

### **Location and Transportation**

The 2023 ATI Annual Conference this year is hosted by Blowing Rock Conference Center (BRCC) in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Blowing Rock is about a two-hour drive from both the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and the Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro. A shuttle service called Hickory Hop runs from Charlotte-Douglas airport to and from BRCC and round-trip service costs about \$170. The other transportation options are Greyhound bus, taxi, ride share, or car rental. More information can be found on our website [here](#).

The address of Blowing Rock Conference Center is [1818 Goforth Rd. Blowing Rock, NC 28605](#).

BRCC provides linens including bedding, pillow, and towels, so you do not need to bring your own.

### **What to Bring**

The high temperatures in Blowing Rock during the week of the conference will fluctuate between the high 40s and mid 50s (Fahrenheit), and the lows may drop down into freezing temperatures. We encourage you to pack for the weather and plan to dress in layers. The conference center and indoor meeting/lodging spaces will be heated, but inside temperatures may fluctuate.

Please plan to bring:

- **Personal medications and toiletries**
- **A swimsuit for the pool and a pool towel** (the pool is heated, but the pool room is not)
- **Casual/comfortable clothing** for workshops during the day
- **Comfortable walking shoes**
- **Nice attire for the banquet/awards ceremony** and evening events
- **Yoga mat\*** (if you are in driving distance and can transport your own). We will have a limited number of yoga mats at the conference center
- **Preferred snacks** – snacks will be provided during snack breaks, but you may want to bring your own as well. Please note that breakfast will not be served on Monday morning.
- **Printed materials** – printed copies of the AGM proposal and the ATI Vision/Mission statement will be provided by ATI staff. If you prefer printed workshop handouts, schedule, etc., please print these before your arrival. You can download a PDF copy of the schedule [here](#). Workshop handouts can be found on Whova, the conference platform.
- **Umbrella/rain gear** – sessions will be in different buildings, please prepare for brief outdoor walking.

### **Check-in/Registration**

Check-in will be open from **5-8 PM on Sunday, October 15, and from 7-8:30 AM on Monday, October 16**. Once you arrive at Blowing Rock, please come to South Wing of Corriher Lodge (the main building) to check into the conference. There will be signage up to help guide your way. You will receive a nametag, your room key, and instructions to download the conference app if you have not already done so.

We encourage you to download the conference app prior to your arrival – you can do so by clicking [here](#). Each person registered has a Whova account already created for them. Please use the email address you registered with to login to your account.