



CONNECT Arab America Empowerment Summit Program

Events Scheduled to Date:

FRIDAY Evening, November 12

3-6:00pm Registration and Information

5:30 pm

Ahlan Networking Reception and Buffet Dinner

Attend the opening reception of the CONNECT Arab America: Empowerment Summit. Meet new friends and indulge in a tantalizing buffet of Arab cuisine.

7:30 pm

Buses Depart to Ford Performing Arts Center

8:00 pm

National Arab Orchestra Concert

Join the National Arab Orchestra (NAO) as they perform LIVE at the Ford Performing Arts Center in Dearborn, MI for the first time since the pandemic began. The NAO is an internationally recognized arts organization that preserves and integrates Arab culture through music. The concert will feature the NAO Takht Ensemble as well as some of the country's most talented artists. Don't miss a fantastic evening of great music and celebration that will be sure to make you feel alive with joy!

10:00 pm

Buses Leave Ford Performing Arts Center for Doubletree Hotel

SATURDAY Daytime, November 13

8-4:00 pm

Registration and Information

8:00 am

Man'oushe, Foul, and Qahwa Networking Breakfast

Meet and get acquainted with summit attendees before the summit at this buffet breakfast and networking event.

9:30 am

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12:00 Noon

Sahtein Networking Lunch

Meet Arab American attendees from throughout the U.S.

1:30 pm

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4:00 pm

Breakout Meeting: State Teams

5:00 pm

Daytime Activities End

SATURDAY Evening, November 13

6:30 pm

Buses Leave Doubletree Hotel for Fairlane Banquet Center

7:00 pm

Al-Rabitah Gala and Hafla

The event of the year! Celebrate your heritage at this formal event featuring authentic Arab cuisine, special recognition, Arab music, and dance in the heart of Arab America.

11:00 pm

Buses Leave Fairlane Banquet Center for Doubletree Hotel

SUNDAY, November 14

Optional Community Bus Tour

9:00 am

Bus Leaves Doubletree Hotel

9:30 am

Breakfast at New Yasmeen Bakery

Enjoy good company and fresh-baked Arab delicacies at New Yasmeen Bakery in Dearborn.

11:00 am

Visit Henry Ford Museum

A national historic landmark with an unparalleled collection of artifacts from 300 years of American history, Henry Ford is a force for sparking curiosity and inspiring tomorrow's

innovators. Rosa Parks' Bus, Kennedy's Presidential Limousine, Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Complex, and the Wright Cycle Shop, are just a few of the attractions.

1:00 pm

Box Lunch

Enjoy shawarma and falafel from a renowned Dearborn eatery.

2:00 pm

Visit Detroit and the Motown Museum

Although the interior of the museum is closed due to construction, celebrate the legacy of Motown by enjoying their outdoor space, including snapping your photo on the iconic front steps of Hitsville USA, walking around the new “Still Going On” outdoor exhibit, exploring their retail pop-up shop, and singing along to Motown music in their Dancing in the Street Park.

4:00 pm

Tour Arab Dearborn--the heart of Arab America

If time permits stop at Greenland Market and Shatila

5:00 pm Tour Concludes