A few months before the convention:

View NASP 2022 Annual Convention information at www.nasponline.org/NASP2022 and click ‘Plan Your Trip’ to view hotel and travel information. Register early to get the best convention registration rates and hotel room rates at the two official meeting hotels listed on the website. Use NASP’s Roommate Locator Assistance Service (when you register online) to find a fellow NASP convention attendee to share a hotel room with, and reduce your costs even further! Keep in mind that your first step is to register to attend the convention, then you will be approved for the discounted NASP hotel room rate and the roommate locator service.

Before leaving for the convention:

Make a packing list, and stick to it. Ensure you’ve packed all electronics (and chargers!), toiletries, and medications you’ll need as well as business and casual attire appropriate for both the convention and leisure activities. To save money on meals, pack nonperishable snacks and food items, or purchase these items when you arrive at the convention.

Before attending the convention:

Plan your convention schedule in the convention mobile app (launching January 2022) or at www.nasponline.org/NASP2022. Give special consideration to attending graduate student meetings and events, such as the Student Welcome Orientation on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., and Graduate Student Outing on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Refer also to the list of graduate student-oriented sessions disseminated by your program’s Student Leader.

Allot time for breaks, meals, and sleep—otherwise, you’ll quickly burn out! If you need time alone to recharge, build this into your schedule. Also, schedule time to attend poster sessions. These 90-min sessions include many posters, scheduled in themes, allowing you to peruse at your own pace, choose which presenters and posters to approach, and have in-depth conversations about session content.

At the convention:

Fill gaps in your schedule with trips to the Exhibit Hall, where you’ll have the opportunity to speak with schools, education companies, and publishers about jobs, products, and services available to you. Exhibit booths often offer free goodies, such as pens, notepads, and bags. In exchange, vendors typically look to scan your ID badge and collect your contact information; you may receive an email from these vendors in weeks to come! Also in the Exhibit Hall are the NASP Publications Center, where you can purchase books and other products, and the NASP Connect Booth, where you can speak with staff about the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential, NASP membership, and advocacy-related matters.

Throughout your time at the convention, take notes, collect business cards, network, and enjoy yourself!