



Wishes and Stitches

Embroiderer's Guild of America

2026 Nation Seminar – October 9 -14

Orlando, Florida

Hosted by Sun Region

Welcome to Orlando and ***Wish Upon A Stitch***. It has been a long time since EGA National Seminar has been held in Orlando and we are very happy to have you here with us. Orlando has grown a lot since the seminar held here in 2000. We are excited to share our classes with you and all the learning opportunities that come with attending a National Seminar. And we hope you make some time to get out and enjoy what Orlando has to offer.

Enjoy your time with us!

Deby Talley, Chair, 2026 EGA National Seminar

Wish Upon A Stitch

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Registration

Registration will be held on the lower level of the hotel. The hotel elevators list it as Level C- and it is below the lobby level. It can be reached by stairs or elevator. To go there from the hotel registration desk or from Tower 2- make a right at the desk and walk to the first bank of elevators right by the Market Place. We are just below that.

Friday afternoon registration will be held in Plaza Ballroom F from 3pm to 7 pm. The rest of the time it will be across the hall at the office (the Gulf room). See the hours in the schedule

If you are taking one of the two classes on Friday, October 9th, you will be contacted by the registrar and given instructions on when and where to register.

Be sure to have your hotel room number and roommate information when you pick up your seminar registration pack. *Hotel Map on Page 2*

Airport Transport:

The hotel does not have direct airport transportation. Uber and Lyft both pick up at the arrivals level where you get your luggage (level 2 in terminal A and B, level 6 in terminal C). Taxi pickup is on level 1 in terminal A and B. On the A Side they use spaces A 22-25, the B side uses spaces B 30-34 and if you are arriving in terminal C you will find the taxis on level 6- the arrivals level. If you are coming with more than two people you may want to look at Viator- they offer airport transportation to and from the hotel area. While there are companies offering shuttles they only go to the Disney area hotels and not the convention area hotels we are staying at.

Average taxi cost is \$35-50. Average rideshare cost depends on the size car but ranges from \$35-\$60.

Useful Websites:

[Wish Upon A Stitch: EGA National Seminar 2026 | Embroiderers' Guild of America](#)

[Hyatt Regency Orlando - Orlando, Florida | ReservationDesk.com](#)

[Orlando International Airport \(MCO\)](#)

[Things to Do in Orlando Beyond Theme Parks | Find Attractions](#)

[Public Transit - City of Orlando](#)

Safety

While the area around the hotel is safe, it is always advisable to be aware of your surroundings. Please be careful when crossing the streets even at crosswalks since drivers making a right-hand turn do not always pay attention.

Conference Level Floor Plan

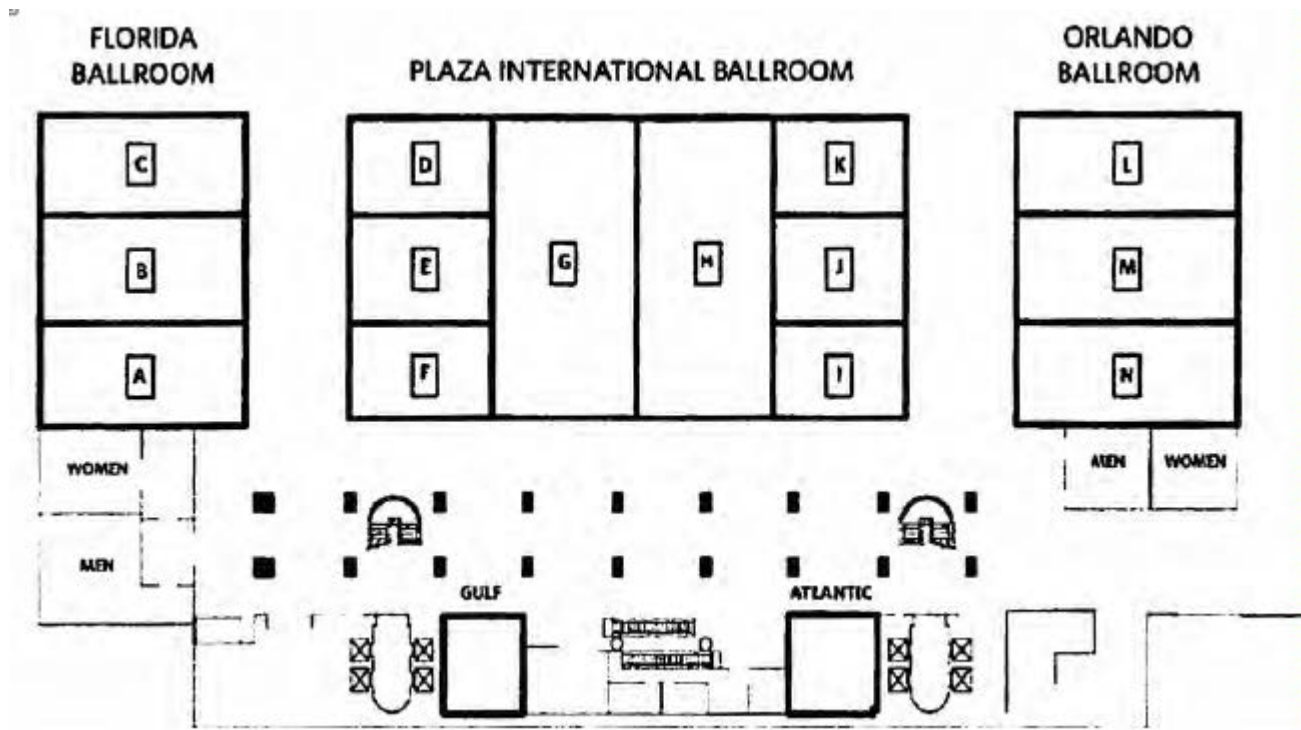
Friday Registration - Plaza F

Gulf - Office & Registration

Pop Up Shops - Florida Ballroom A

Education Exhibit - Florida Ballroom B

Elevators - Next To Gulf Room



EGA Seminar 2026 - October 9-14, 2026

Orlando, FL

Tentative Schedule of Events

Day/Date/Time	Event	Notes
Thursday, October 8		
9:00am-5:00pm	EGA Board of Directors Meeting	Florida Ballroom C
Friday, October 9		
9:00am-5:00pm	EGA Board of Directors Meeting	Florida Ballroom C
9:00am -3:00pm	Exhibit set up	Florida Ballroom B
8:30am-4:30pm	One day classes	See classroom listings
9:00am- 6:00pm	Pop Up Shop set up	Florida Ballroom A
3:00pm-7:00pm	Registration/Seminar Office open	Plaza Ballroom F registration Office is the Gulf room
4:30pm-5:30pm	Angel packet pickup	Atlantic, Level 1
5:00pm-6:00pm	Meet the Faculty	Level 3 outside classrooms
7:00pm-9:30pm	Sun Region 50 th Anniversary Kickoff Party **ticket required** See last page	Plaza Ballroom E Level 1
Saturday, October 10		
7:30am-5:30pm	Registration/Seminar Office open	Gulf Room, Level 1
8:30am-4:30pm	Classes	See listing
8:30am to 6:00pm	Stitching Time Night Owls 4:30pm- 6:00pm	Winter Park 54, level 4
11:30am-1:30pm	Lunch	
11:45-1:15pm	Faculty Luncheon	Florida Ballroom C
12:00pm-5:30pm	EGA Education Exhibit open Seminar 2027 Preview EGA Sales	Florida Ballroom B
11:30am-5:30pm	Pop Up Shops open	Florida Ballroom A
6:00pm-7:00pm	Pre-dinner Reception	Outside Plaza ballrooms D,E,F
7:00pm	Opening Banquet- ticket required	Plaza Ballrooms D,E,F
Sunday, October 11		
7:30am – 8:15am	Coffee with EGA National Board Members	Table area next to Market Tower 1, Lobby Level
8:00am-6:00pm	Registration/Seminar Office open	Gulf Room Level 1
8:30am-4:30pm	Classes	See listing
9:00am-5:30pm	EGA Education Exhibit open Seminar 2027 Preview	Florida Ballroom B

	EGA Sales	
8:30am to 9:00pm	Stitching Time Night Owls 4:30pm- 9:00pm	Winter Park 54, level 4
9:00am-6:30pm	Pop Up Shops	Florida Ballroom A
11:30am-1:30pm	Lunch	
12:00am-1:30pm	EGA Annual Meeting	Bring your lunch Florida Ballroom C
5:00pm-6:00pm	Teachers Showcase	Outside the classrooms, level 3
5:30pm-6:00pm	Angel packet pickup	Boardroom level 3
Monday, October 12		
7:30am – 8:15am	Coffee with EGA National Board Members	Table area next to Market Tower 1, Lobby Level
8:00am-6:00pm	Registration/Seminar Office Open	Gulf Room, Level 1
8:30am-4:30pm	Classes	See listing
8:30am to 9:00pm	Stitching Time Night Owls 4:30pm- 9:00pm	Winter Park 54, level 4
9:00am-5:30pm	EGA Education Exhibit open Seminar 2027 Preview EGA Sales	Florida Ballroom B
9:00am-8:00pm	Pop Up Shops	Florida Ballroom A
5:45pm-8:00pm	Faculty night at the pop-up shops	Florida Ballroom A
11:30am-1:30pm	Lunch	
12:00pm-1:30pm	Judges Forum	Atlantic on level 1
4:30pm-5:30pm	Angel packet pickup	Boardroom on level 3
7pm-9pm	Fiber Forum/Fiber Forum Friends	Florida Ballroom C
Tuesday, October 13		
7:30am – 8:15am	Coffee with EGA National Board Members	Table area next to Market Tower 1, Lobby Level
8:00am-1:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm	Registration Seminar Office open	Gulf Room, Level 1
8:30am-4:30pm	Classes	See listing
8:30am to 6:00pm	Stitching Time Night Owls 4:30pm- 6:00pm	Winter Park 54, level 4
9:00am-5:30pm	EGA Education Exhibit open Seminar 2027 Preview EGA Sales	Florida Ballroom B
9:00am-6:00pm	Pop Up Shops	Florida Ballroom A
11:30am-1:30pm	Lunch	
11:45am-1:15pm	NETA meeting	Florida Ballroom C
6:00pm-7:00pm	Pre-dinner Reception	Foyer outside Plaza Ballrooms D,E,F
7:00pm	Closing Banquet- ticket required	Plaza Ballrooms D,E,F

Wednesday, October 14		
7:30am – 8:15am	Coffee with EGA National Board Members	Table area next to Market Tower 1, Lobby Level
8:00am-9:00am 8:00am-5:00pm	Registration Seminar Office open	Gulf Room, Level 1
8:30am-4:30pm	Classes	See listing
8:30am-4:30pm	Stitching Time	Winter Park 54, level 4 There will be no night owls today
9:00am-1:00pm	EGA Education Exhibit open Seminar 2027 Preview EGA Sales	Pieces can be picked up between 2:00pm-4:30pm Florida Ballroom B
9:00am-1:30pm	Pop Up shops	Florida Ballroom A
11:30am-1:30pm	Lunch	
12:30pm-1:30pm	GCC/ICC/Online studio meeting	Florida Ballroom C

Pop up shops

Needle Orts – String Theory Needle Arts – Beads by Design – Great Lakes Region – Wesley Smith

TF Woodcraft – 52 Stitches – Susan Greening Davis – Suwanee Stitchers – June Colburn

- See handbook for daily schedule

The following teachers will have booths on Monday evening:

Kathy Rees - Holly Bean - Terri Bay - Kat Diuguid

The pop up shops will open at 11:30 am and the Education Exhibit will open at noon on Saturday.

A couple of reminders – we do not allow large bags into either room. There will be a bag check outside of Ballrooms A and B to hold your large items while in the ballrooms.

There is no food or drink allowed in either ballroom. And please, no photography of any of the exhibit items.

Classroom notes and tips

Please avoid wearing scents to class and banquets. We will have some smaller rooms, and we do have some members allergic to scents.

If you need lighting to stitch, please be sure to bring a battery-operated light. No extension cords will be allowed in the classrooms

Please note that ***food and drink are prohibited in the classrooms***. We will have water stations outside the classrooms

Be sure and bring something warm for the classrooms just in case they get too cold. Layers are your best friend at seminar.

Swap table Since there will be some different items in the registration bags we will have a swap table outside the office during open hours. Please only take an item if you are leaving an item.	Nametags Be sure to wear your nametags so the hotel knows you are part of our group-
Seminar merchandise We will have some tote bags for sale at the office during open hours. We may have a few wooden needle minders and other items may be available as well. Check back during the week to see what is new.	Photography policy <i>NO photography is allowed in any of the exhibit areas.</i> Photos taken by Seminar or EGA staff are for publication and archival purposes. If you do not wish to be included, please excuse yourself from the area.
Future newsletters Check your email on <i>Saturday, Monday and Tuesday</i> mornings for future newsletters. They will announce any classroom changes as well as other needed information	Seminar magnets Please note that this year, we have gone with seminar magnets rather than the usual pins. If you have a medical reason you cannot use a magnet, we have a limited number of pins in the office and we can swap the magnet out for you.

Once you arrive at the hotel

Room registration is to the right of the entrance. This is the lobby level and the second floor of the hotel.

Your sleeping rooms will either be in tower 1 or 2. If you are in tower 1 you have direct access to the classrooms and registration. Tower 2 is a short walk across the lobby. From this tower you also have direct access to the classrooms on level 3 via a walkway, To reach the seminar registration level you have a few options. From tower 1 take the elevator to level C. We are outside the Plaza ballrooms. If coming from tower 2 walk past the lobby and either take the elevators to level C or walk down one flight of stairs. There may be an escalator option- it was closed due to construction on our last visit. Please note that if you are in tower 2 level 1 does not connect to the convention area. You must either go through the lobby or on level 3.

All classrooms and event rooms are stacked in this area- we are on level C (the lowest level) for registration, exhibits, pop-up shops and banquets. Classes are on level 3 and 4. Do not panic when you see the size of the convention center area- we have a very small footprint and do not have to walk end to end. Now if you want some exercise walking the convention center area is great for indoor walking.

Wheelchair info

There are two companies the hotel recommends. Both will deliver and pick up your scooter to the hotel

KM Rentals

Our scooters come in both 3 and 4 wheels the smaller GOGO has a weight capacity of 300lbs and the larger scooter is the Victory has a weight capacity of 400lbs. For this hotel we do not need to meet for the delivery or the pickup. Our pickup time is 11am. The driver will drop off and pick up scooters at the bellhop. GOGO Price for a week is \$220.00 Insurance is optional onetime fee of \$20.00 for damages. Victory Price for the week is \$250.00 Insurance is also \$20.00 onetime fee for damages. We charge 2 days prior to delivery. Please ensure to book reservations ahead of time either by phone or through our website www.km-rentals.com

We are open from 9-4pm 7 days a week. 407-363-738

Scoot around

Attendees may book on our website (online) using the chat feature or call our toll-free number **800-441-7575** to speak with one of our experienced customer service representatives.

We've set up a dedicated booking link that you can share with attendees so they can reserve their equipment directly for the conference dates: <https://scootaround.com/en/ega-wish-upon-a-stitch-2026>

Where to eat

The hotel offers several places- **Descend 21** – a sports bar on the pool level in tower 2, a pool bar open during the day, **Rocks**, a lobby bar with light snacks. **B Line Diner** opens for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, **Fiorenzo** and **Icharo** open in the evenings and **The Market**- open 24 hours. The Market has an option that will let you preorder your food to be picked up at your choice of times. This is a great lunch option

A short walk from the hotel is **The Pointe**, Orlando. This is home of several restaurants including Maggiano's, Capital Grille, Oceanaire Seafood, Cuba Libre, Dicks Last Resort, JoJo's Shake Bar, Kavas Tacos and Tequila, Palm Tree Club, Rodizio Grill, Sals Pizza, Taffers Tavern, Taverna Opa, The Hampton Social, The Pub and Zukku San Sushi.

There are numerous other restaurants on International Drive.

Lunch on class days

We will not be having a grab and go this year. But you can preorder items from the Market Place. There is a QR code posted outside the Market Place that you can use. B Line diner and Descend 21 will also be open and if the weather is good- maybe the pool bar.

Banquets

Be sure to bring the **ticket** from your registration packet to the proper banquet. You will need this to get your favor.

We will have a **cash bar** available before both banquets

And be sure to come early to the opening banquet- some **local celebrities** may be available for photo opportunities outside of the banquet rooms.

Seating will be by region for the opening banquet and the closing banquet is open seating

Seminar contacts

Chair- Deby Talley Talleyega@gmail.com

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Jennalee@hotmail.com

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Volunteers needed

We always need help. Please contact Barb Cowan at mkladyjax@yahoo.com, stop by the office at seminar, or click this link to sign up: **EGA National Seminar Orlando 2026**

Usual Stitching Supplies

Many class descriptions say to bring your usual stitching supplies. So what should you include? While there is no standard definition, these are some tools you may want to consider.

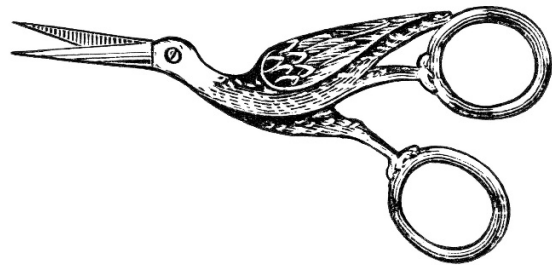
Embroidery Scissors
Paper/Metal Scissors
Variety of Needles
Needle Threader
Needle Minder
Needle Puller (broccoli band, etc.)
Thimble
Straight Pins
Pin Cushion
Measuring Tape or Ruler
Laying Tool
Tweezers
Telescoping Magnet for finding
dropped needles and pin
Sewing Thread for Basting
Beeswax/Thread Conditioner
Chart Stand
Pencil, Pen, Highlighter
Notebook or Paper for Notes
Few Band-Aids and Tissues

Need supplies?

The following stitch supply shops will be at seminar and have offered to bring items to you for delivery on Friday afternoon. Be aware that there are industrywide shortages and not everything you want or need may be available, but they will let you know if that is an issue. When you contact them, please identify yourself as attending the EGA national seminar and ask if they can bring the items to you

Needle Orts shop@needleorts.com

String Theory Needle Arts
jackie@stringtheoryneedlearts.com



In addition to your **Usual Stitching Supplies**, your teacher may suggest specific items, such as hoops, stretcher bars, etc. You should have received a welcome letter from each teacher that indicates what special items you will need for your class

Education Exhibit

On Friday, October 9, the Education Exhibit Team will work on set up from 9 am to 4 pm in Florida Ballroom B. We welcome additional volunteers (sign up here: [EGA National Seminar Orlando 2026](#)). All exhibitors must have submitted an exhibit form online by August 1, 2026. *Exhibitors who are hand delivering, please drop off your items between 8:00 am and 9:00 am (in time for judging at 9:00 am).*

Hours for the Education Exhibit - Florida Ballroom B

Saturday, October 10 - Exhibit Open 12:00 noon to – 5:00 pm

Sunday Monday, and Tuesday, October 11 - 13 - Exhibit Open 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Wednesday, October 14 - Exhibit Open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Pick up hand delivered items 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

Takedown Team begins at 1:00 pm.

The Education Exhibit Team would like a few more volunteers for Takedown on Wednesday beginning at 1:00 pm. Tasks include removing pieces from the exhibit boards and tables, documenting them, and wrapping them for return to the exhibitors. Please contact Laura Smith, Education Exhibit Liaison 704-650-9223 (text or leave phone message) if interested.

Thanks to the Education Exhibit Team members: *Deby Talley*, Receiver and our Seminar Chair; *Sharon Ahmed* (TNE Chair), *Leslie Brady*, *Jean Collette*, *Kathi Christoff*, *Marina Desotti Cortez*, *Christina Fairley Erickson*, *Carole Fiore* (Fiber Forum Exhibit chair), *Sherri Hagar* (National Treasurer), *Maria Hall* (GCC Chair), *Jenny Janes*, *Judy Jeroy* (Award, Teaching Cert, and Judging Cert Chair), *Georgann Lane*, *Carole Rinard* (Award Chair), *Gail Smith* (CAR Region Director), *Terry Wanbaugh*, and *Michelle Ripley Wood*.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

Bags larger than 8.5" x 11" will not be allowed into the Education Exhibit or Pop-Up Shops. Monitored bag checks are set up outside the ballrooms to leave your large bags. Food and drink are not permitted in the exhibits or shops

Not feeling well?

****Urgent Care Centers****

CVS Minute Clinic 9am-7:00pm 866-389-2727 10701 International Drive

Centra Care Lake Buena Vista 7am-12AM 407-934-2273 12500 Apopka Vineland Rd

Centra Care Dr. Phillips M-F 8:00am-8:00pm S&S 8:00am-5:00pm 407-291-8975 8014 Conroy-Windermere Rd #104

The Medical Concierge In Room Visit Daily 24 Hours / 7 days 855-932-5252 On call – House visits

The Medical Concierge Clinic Monday–Saturday 8:00am-5:00pm 855-932-5252 6000 Turkey Lake Road St. #208, Orlando, FL 32819 The Hyatt Regency Orlando does not have a doctor or nurse on staff; however, The Medical Concierge, 888-648-5252, provides house calls upon guest request. They have doctors and nurses on call 24 hours a day.

****Hospitals****

Dr. Phillips Hospital–9400 Turkey Lake Road(4 miles from hotel) 9400 Turkey Lake Road, 407-351-8500.

Orlando Regional Medical Center 407-841-5175 1414 Kuhl Ave. (off S. Orange Ave.) 11 miles from hotel (20 min.)

****Pharmacies****

Walgreen's 407-345-8402 6201 International Dr. 24 Hr. Prescription Service

CVS Drugs 407-351-2906 7324 International Dr.

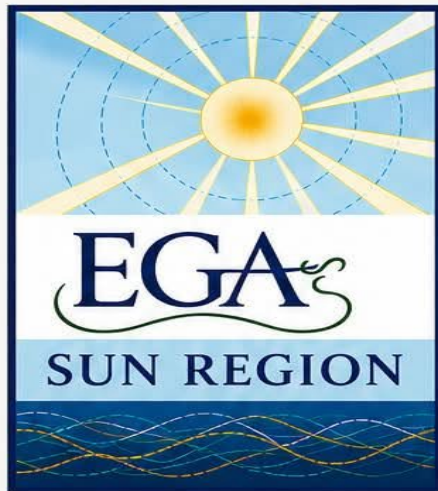
Things to do

The hotel is very close to all things **Universal** including the new Epic Theme Park. Sea World is also nearby. **Disney** is just a little bit further, but all are easy to get to.

The **I-Drive Trolley** has a stop just outside the door. We will have information on this in your welcome packet. There are several fun attractions and restaurants along the route.

If you would like to go further afield, the **Morse Museum** in Winter Park is home to a vast collection of Tiffany Glass. This is on Park Avenue and the shopping street in Winter Park- lots of cute shops and restaurants as well as a boat ride on the chain of lakes await you there.

And on the coast, we have **Cape Canaveral**- home of all thing space. Hopefully there will be a rocket launch during Seminar. It can sometimes be seen from the hotel area if the weather is clear.



THREADS ACROSS THE Stars

AN EVENING OF EMBROIDERY, FRIENDSHIP & FUN



FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2026
7:00 PM



HYATT REGENCY
ORLANDO

Wish Upon A Stitch
EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR



FEATURING A LECTURE BY

June Colburn

SHISHU –
*Masterpieces of
Japanese Embroidery*

June will also share antique obi from the 1920s and 1930s and other stunning embroideries from this remarkable era.



ICE CREAM BAR

A sweet treat to enjoy together!



OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

Fun baskets to win!



MINGLE & CONNECT

Reconnect with old friends and meet EGA members from across Florida and beyond.



Wear the Colors of the Sun!

Help us shine in the colors of the Sun Region logo: blues, aquas, and sunny yellow.



Whether you're a member of Sun Region or joining us from another part of EGA,

everyone is welcome!



\$75

FOR SUN REGION
MEMBERS



\$80

FOR EGA MEMBERS
OUTSIDE SUN REGION

Advanced Registration Required

Register Online by September 25, 2026

link in post.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SPENDING
FRIDAY EVENING WITH YOU IN ORLANDO!

EGA SUN REGION

Registration link: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfwfxpniJ4.../viewform...>