

2023 NNAHRA

27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 25 - 27, 2023

2023 TRAVEL TIPS

HATS OFF TO YOU AND ALL YOU DO!

We're thrilled to gather with you in scenic Chandler, AZ for the 27th Annual Conference. Chandler and surrounding areas are one of the fastest-growing municipalities in the country. A number of historical sites and museums add to the cultural landscape. Attending NNAHRA's annual conference is like no other, reuniting with longtime friends across Native American Country, and networking with the best industry experts, all while learning and expanding our human resources professional toolkit. To make your journey and adventure extra special, here are a few tips we've gathered. We can't wait to see you all soon!



BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

Become acquainted with Chandler, AZ by visiting <https://www.chandlerchamber.com/>, <https://www.visitarizona.com/>, and our gracious hosts, the Gila River Indian Community (<https://www.gilariver.org>). Remember to set plenty of time aside to network and visit with your NNAHRA Friends and Family.

Attire and Weather: As you pack...***business casual with an emphasis on comfort in a warm climate.*** The daily temperature in September is very warm with an average temperature varying between 77.5°F (25.3°C) and 95.9°F (35.5°C). Be sure to pack a sweater for meeting rooms as rooms may be chilly due to air conditioning.

Airport Transportation: The property is located about 11 miles from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. There is no hotel shuttle, but guests may arrive by taxi, Uber, or Lyft easily (\$18-

\$24). There is a local shuttle that does a round between the Resort and the Sheraton down the road (Whirlwind Golf and Aji Spa) and the Premium Outlets next door, every 15 minutes or so. The outlets are walkable.

Lodging: Have you booked your room? Please do so right away to take advantage of the conference rates. Here's our link: [27th Annual Conference Hotel Reservation](#). Outside of the room block the rates are climbing fast. While at the resort you will enjoy a number of amenities including pools, restaurants, shopping, and more.

To familiarize yourself with the resort and its offerings, please visit [Home • Gila River Resorts & Casinos \(playatgila.com\)](#). This link will assist you in locating onsite food venues, a property map, etc.

SHIPPING

If you are planning to ship gifts or door prizes, please be sure your shipment arrives **between September 21, 2023- September 23, 2023**.

Packages must be labeled as indicated below. Packages that arrive at Gila Business Center must be received by the individual or organization who shipped the box(s).

Gila River Resorts & Casinos
Hold For: Guest Name/Confirmation #
5040 W. Wild Horse Pass Boulevard
Chandler, AZ 85226
Hold For: Guest Name
Box(es) ____ of ____
(Multiple boxes must be numbered)

For Questions Contact on shipping/business center- Maria McElroy, Business Center Supervisor- maria.mcelroy@gila.casino or 520-796-4961.

Dining Options: Wildhorse Pass boasts a wide array of dining options. We highly recommend that for dinner you consider making advance reservations. Consider visiting <https://playatgila.com/dining-and-nightlife/> to make your plans in advance. NNAHRA will provide an agenda in advance that includes meals provided so you plan accordingly. Please check out www.nnahra.org to review updated agendas prior to your arrival. There are a number of restaurants located on site and many at the Premium Outlets.

Non-Conference Highlights and Hints:

Things to do nearby in the area: <https://playatgila.com/experiences/>

- Whirlwind Golf Club <https://www.whirlwindgolf.com/>
- Aji Spa <https://www.ajispa.com/>

- Phoenix Premium Outlets <https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/phoenix>
- Book a pool cabana <https://gilariverresorts.idaypass.com/?seating>

Museums:

- Huhugam Heritage Center <https://www.grichhc.org/index.php/visit>
- Heard Museum <https://heard.org/visit/>
- Desert Botanical Garden <https://dbg.org/visit/plan-your-visit/>

DURING THE CONFERENCE - No Host Cocktail Reception

In keeping with NNAHRA tradition, we will have fun, laugh, and be entertained – all while learning from colleagues and our subject matter experts.

Monday , September 26th, 6-9 pm
Showroom

Wear your favorite hat and join us for The Many Hats of HR Gala. Join us for a whimsical evening of hat-wearing fun! Dust off your favorite hat, whether it's a classy fedora, a dazzling sun hat, a quirky beanie, or any hat that expresses your style, personality and even better if the hat correlates with one of the many roles...i.e. hats you wear in HR. We encourage you to get creative and show off your hat-tastic fashion!

Please reach out to your NNAHRA team with any questions. We are here for you! Just email us at info@nnahra.org

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