



28th Annual Conference Travel Tips

We're looking forward to seeing you September 2024 at Choctaw Casino Resorts in Durant, OK. Known as the "*Magnolia Capital of Oklahoma*," Durant offers everything from downtown shopping to outdoor adventures. Originally settled by a family of French Choctaw origin, Durant boasts a unique combination of small-town charm and a highly celebrated Native American heritage in southern Oklahoma. If this is your first time attending a NNAHRA annual conference, you will be enlightened and highly entertained. NNAHRA's annual conference is like no other. If you've attended past events, look forward to reuniting with longtime friends across Native American Country, and networking with the best industry experts. To assist you in making this journey extra special, here are a few tips we've gathered. We can't wait to see y'all soon!





BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

Become acquainted with Durant, OK by visiting [Tourism | Durant, OK](#), and our gracious hosts, the Choctaw Nation ([Home - Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma](#)), known as **Choctaw Proud**. 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 and cool indoors**. The daily temperature in September is very warm with an average temperature varying between 65°F and 88°F. Be sure to pack a sweater or jacket for meeting rooms as rooms may be chilly due to air conditioning. Cowboy hats and boots optional!

Airport Transportation: The property is located about 94.2 miles from the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport (DFW). Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL) is also an option yet with fewer carrier options – it is a Southwest Airlines hub. (There is no hotel shuttle, but guests may arrive by taxi, Uber, or Lyft (\$133-\$230 one way). We encourage you to consider a rental car and share with a friend or two. The following NNAHRA discount is available: Enterprise Car Rental discount code: OSMBAQT for 5% discount. Another rental tip to consider is establishing an Avis App and linking your Amazon Prime account for additional rental car discounts. Because the trip to the event venue is approximately 90 minutes, please consider the following:

- ✓ Obtain a toll poll access, given at rent a car agency.
- ✓ Bring a phone charger adapter for the car.
- ✓ Bring your portable phone charger.

Lodging: Have you booked your room? Please do so right away to take advantage of the conference rates. Here's our link: [28th Annual Conference Hotel Registration](#), code: **NNAHRA24 IPO**. Outside of the room block the rates are climbing fast. While at the resort you will enjoy several amenities including pools, restaurants, shopping, and more. **Make sure you know which tower your room is located as this is a very large property. **

To familiarize yourself with the resort and its offerings, please visit <https://www.choctawcasinos.com/Durant/>. This link will assist you in locating onsite



food venues, a property map, etc. Treat yourself to a treatment at The Spa and receive a special 20% discount when you mention “NNAHR24”.

Shipping

If you are planning to ship gifts or door prizes, please be sure your shipment arrives **between September 18, 2024 - September 21, 2024.**

Packages must be labeled as indicated below. Packages that arrive at Choctaw Casinos and Resorts must be received by the individual or organization who shipped the box(es).

Choctaw Casinos & Resorts (Durant)

4216 S. Hwy 69/75

Durant, OK 74701

(888) 652-4628

Hold For: Guest Name

Box(es) ___ of ___

(Multiple boxes must be numbered)

For Questions on shipping/business center, contact Megan Machee at mmackey@choctawnation.com or Tyler Bell at tbell@choctawnation.com

Dining Options: Choctaw Casinos & Resorts boasts a wide array of dining and entertainment options. We highly recommend you consider making advance reservations (visit [Choctaw Casino Resorts Activities](#)). 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.

Non-Conference Highlights and Hints

Things to do nearby in the area:



- [The Spa - Choctaw Casinos](#) (NNAHRA 20% discount, using code: **NNAHR24.**)
- [Shop at Choctaw Casinos & Resorts](#)
- [Book a Pool Cabana](#)

[Watch a Movie](#) or Go Bowling all within the resort property

Museums:

- [Choctaw Cultural Center](#) – highly recommended!
- [Three Valley Museum](#)

During the Conference – 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 23rd, 6-9 pm

“Denim, Diamonds & Turquoise”

Location: Aqua

Adorn your fancy “go to town” bedazzled denim, accessorize with diamonds (rhinestones are also a gal’s & pal’s best friend), and beautiful turquoise. Join us for a fun and relaxed evening to reunite with sparkling longtime friends and meet new colleagues across our lands. We encourage you to get creative and enjoy an event in celebration of your shining personalities. Food, entertainment and a no-host bar to spur on the fun.

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

See you soon! Safe travels.

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