



25TH ANNUAL NATHPO CONFERENCE 2025 AGENDA

Upholding Tribal Sovereignty: PROTECTING NATIVE PLACES IN A SHIFTING LANDSCAPE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Registration and check-in for conference
LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION
Evening (on your own)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration open
LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

7:00 am – 7:45 am Breakfast (grab and go)
LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

Sacred Places Summit Site Visits

Preregistration for the site visits is required as they will be off-site and require advanced planning. Box lunch and transportation provided.

7:45 am – 8:00 am Load busses to depart for Petroglyphs/writings on the rock
LOCATION: GSR VALET (2500 E. SECOND ST)

8:40 am – 9:15 am Tour Petroglyphs/writings on the rock

9:15 am – 9:30 am Load busses and depart for Zephyr Cove State Beach

11:00 am – 1:15 pm Explore Zephyr Cove State Beach
Lunch (box lunches provided)

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm Load busses and depart for Stewart Indian School Cultural
Center & Museum

2:15 pm – 4:45 pm Tour Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum
Performance by The Mankillers: A Native all-woman drum group

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Load busses and depart for GSR

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Opening Reception with heavy appetizers
LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm** Registration open
LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION
- 8:00 am – 9:30 am** Breakfast and Welcome *LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION* • Prayer and Opening Remarks • Entrance of the Colors: Walker River Paiute Tribe VFW Post #6825,

Truckee Paiute Singers, and The Mankillers •
NATHPO Introductions: Board & Staff •
Moment of remembrance
- 9:45 am – 10:45 am** A Tribute to our Cultural Past; Honoring our Culture Today and Preparing for our Future *Presentation by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony THPO Michon R. Eben*
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am** Break (Coffee, water, and tea)
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm** Regional Tribal Breakouts Non-Tribal participant best practices discussion *Reno Franklin (moderator)*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** Lunch (provided) • Excellence in Tribal Historic Preservation Award • Federal Changemaker Award • NATHPO Impact Award

• Lance Foster Lifetime Achievement Award
- 1:00 pm – 1:20 pm** Examining the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Program *Michael Spears, Applied Anthropologist, University of Arizona and MOS Research, LLC*
- 1:20 pm – 1:45 pm** NATHPO Announcements Land Area & Name Directory (LAND) *John Swigart, GIS Coordinator, NATHPO*
Protecting Native Places Grants 2025
NATHPO announcement of awardees
- 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm** The Influence of Native Voices on Alternative Mitigation Measures – A Case Study from Tennessee Valley Authority *Ted Wells, Program Manager, Cultural Information Systems, Tennessee Valley Authority*

- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm** Surfacing Solidarities: Indigenous History and Heritage Preservation in Place *Martina Thomas (Delaware, Shawnee, & Lakota), Historic Preservation Director & THPO, Delaware Tribe of Indians Noah Oliver, Cultural Geographer & Geoarchaeologist, Yakama Nation Salem Tsegaye, Senior Program Associate, Humanities in Place, Mellon Foundation (moderator)*
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm** Break (coffee, water, tea, and snacks – cheese & fruit)
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm** USDA Forest Service Update *Reed Robinson (Lakota), Director of Tribal Relations, USFS*
- 3:15 pm – 3:40 pm** Points of Sovereignty that should be Features of a Co-Management Agreement *Victoria Sutton, MPA, PhD, JD Professor; Texas Tech University*
- 3:40 pm – 4:00 pm** Save Indigenous History: A Children's Activity Book *Shannon Cowell, BIA Collaboration Director & Preservation Archaeologist, Archaeology Southwest Walímxuxux, Keegan Livermore (Yakama Nation), Strategic Planning Manager, Yakama Nation Ichishkiin Šnwiit Language Program Twásklay, Trina Sherwood (Yakama Nation), Cultural Specialist, Yakama Nation, Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Program Anastasia Walhovd (Red Cliff Band of Ojibwe), Preservation Archaeologist, Archaeology Southwest*
- 4:00 pm – 5:40 pm** Panel discussion – Tribal Historic Preservation on a Global Context: Equator Principals, IFC PS7, and implications for federally recognized Tribes/Tribal Nations *Justin J Bedard, Principal and Owner, B&K Consulting Group, LLC Gid yakh'ii, Sean Young (Gak'yaals Kiigawaay Raven Clan of K'uuna Lnagaay), Collections Curator and Archaeologist, Haida Gwaii Museum at Kay Lnagaay Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Senior Advisor, NATHPO*
- 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm** Business Dinner Open only to NATHPO members and prospective members (THPOs & staff) LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration open
LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast Attendees prepare NAGPRA questions for Open Conversation LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

9:00 am – 10:15 am Differences of compliance under NAGPRA and State Burial Laws
Reylynne Williams (Akimel Odham), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Gila River Indian Community THPO Office Angela Garcia-Lewis (Akimel Odham), Cultural Preservation Compliance Supervisor, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community THPO Office Stacy Ryan, Assistant Repatriation Coordinator, Arizona State Museum/ University of Arizona Cristin Lucas, Repatriation Coordinator, Arizona State Museum/ University of Arizona

10:15 am – 10:30 am Break (coffee, water, and tea)

10:30 am – 11:20 am Open Conversation on NAGPRA with panelists from previous session
C. Timothy McKeown, Repatriation Advisor, NATHPO

11:20 am – 11:40 pm Native American Experiences During Reconstruction Era Project
Brook Bauer (Catawba) Associate Professor, University of Tennessee Knoxville Ashton Pemapani Dunkley (Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape), Project Researcher at Emory University's Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies; Ph.D. Candidate in American Studies at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Beth Michel (Tohono O'odham/Navajo/Hopi), Senior Associated Director, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, Emory University Malinda Maynor Lowery (Lumbee), Emory University Professor of History and Faculty Director, Center for Native American Studies Abiodun Ademiluwa, Ph.D. student at Emory University, Graduate Digital Media Coordinator at Emory's Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies

11:40 am – 12:00 pm Stewart Native American Boarding School National Historic Landmark Project *Marie Archambeault, Tribal Liaison/Archaeologist, SIYO Group Nesta Anderson Historian/Archaeologist, OSIYO Group*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm – 1:20 pm The Challenges and Solutions Non-Federally Recognized Tribes Undertake to Protect Tribal Sovereignty and Sacred Places *Dean Tonenna, Kootzaduka'a Tribal Elder and Cultural Preservationist, Mono Kootzaduka'a Tribe of California and Nevada*

1:20 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>THPO consultation for energy and mineral development projects <i>Kerry Rohrmeier, Nevada Climate & Energy Strategy Director, The Nature Conservancy (moderator)</i> <i>Mervin Wright (Numu (Northern Paiute)), NV Restoration Tribal Liaison, The Nature Conservancy</i> <i>John Cougher, State Director, The Nature Conservancy</i> <i>Diane Teeman (Numu), Proprietor, High Desert Heritage Consultants, LLC</i> <i>Bessie Shorty (Yurok), Repatriation Collections Manager, Yurok Tribe</i> <i>Linzey Scott (Numu), THPO, Walker River Paiute Tribe</i> <i>Warren Graham (Newe (Western Shoshone)), THPO, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe</i> <i>Stacy Laravie (Ponca), Indigenization Director, NATHPO</i></p>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break (Coffee, water, tea, and snacks – cheese & fruit)
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Mining, Refining, and Gigafactories: How the Lithium & Critical Minerals Economy is Harming Great Basin Indigenous Peoples <i>Michon Eben, THPO, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Shelley Harjo, Tribal Member Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe</i> <i>Laurie Thom, Tribal Member Yerington Paiute Tribe</i> <i>Travis Numan, PhD, Tribal Member Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Will Falk, Cultural Resources Attorney</i></p>
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Federal Framework for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Solutions-Focused Discussion <i>Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Senior Advisor, NATHPO Reno Keoni Franklin, Chairman Emeritus, Kashia Pomo Tribe</i></p> <p><i>Briece Edwards, Historic Preservation Manager, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Indian Community of Oregon</i> <i>Valerie Grussing, Executive Director, NATHPO</i></p>
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Retreat of Colors: Walker River Paiute Tribe VFW Post #6825
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<p>Culture Night with Dinner LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Meal provided by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony • Closing Ceremony • 2026 NATHPO Conference!

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

- 7:30 am – 8:15 am Breakfast LOCATION:
SUMMIT PAVILION
- 8:15 am – 8:30 am Load busses and depart for Grimes Point/Hidden Cave
Archaeological Site LOCATION: GSR VALET (2500 E. SECOND
ST)
- 9:45 am – 11:30 am Tour Grimes Point/Hidden Cave Archaeological Site
- 11:30 am – 11:45 am Load busses and depart for Stillwater Point Reservoir
- 12:15 am – 12:45 pm Explore Stillwater Point Reservoir Commemorate
Sept. 11 – prayer/moment of silence
- 12:45 pm – 1:00 pm Load busses and depart for Fallon, NV for lunch
- 1:20 pm – 2:20 pm Lunch (provided at Fox Peak Cinema)
- 2:20 pm – 3:00 pm RESILIENCE – *Voices of Basket Weavers in the Great Basin*
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Load busses for drive back to GSR
- 4:15 pm Arrive at GSR
Dinner on your own

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 ENDS BY 12:00 PM

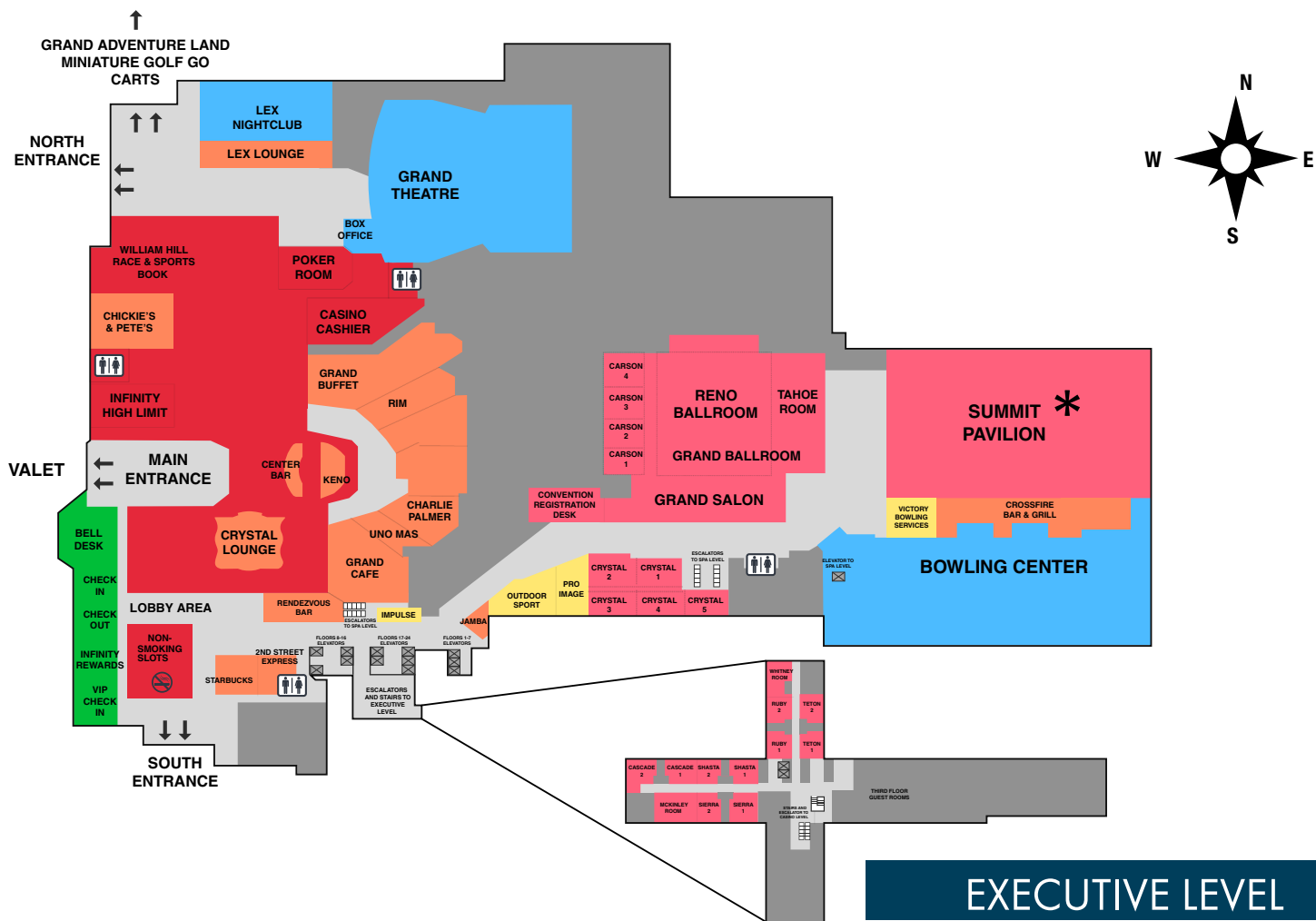
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Community Building Breakfast & Farewell
LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch on your own & travel safe



RSIC Jingle Dress Dancers at a
Women's March in Reno, NV.

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| | ENTERTAINMENT | |
| | MEETING/BALLROOMS | |
| | HOTEL REGISTRATION | |
| | RETAIL | |
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SPA LEVEL



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 SPA/FITNESS CENTER	 RESTROOMS
 RESTAURANTS & LOUNGES	 ELEVATOR
 ENTERTAINMENT	 ENTRANCE/EXIT
 MEETING/BALLROOMS	 ESCALATOR
 POOL/ICE RINK	
 RETAIL	