



26TH ANNUAL
**NATHPO Conference &
Sacred Places Summit**
ALBUQUERQUE, NM | AUGUST 24TH-28TH, 2026

Agenda
Living Cultures, Living Landscapes

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Travel day. Hotel check-in starts at 4:00pm

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

Monday, August 24, 2026

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration for conference open

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

Preregistration (by Aug. 2) for the site visits is required as they will be off-site and require advanced planning. Box lunch provided for an additional charge. Transportation provided.

9:00 am – 9:15 am Load busses to depart for Petroglyph National Monument or Sandia Peak
Tramway

9:30 am – 11:15 am Tour Petroglyph sites on your own

10:00 am – 11:15 am Tour Sandia Parkway & take tram to top

11:15 am – 11:30 am Load busses and depart for Hotel Albuquerque

12:00 am – 1:00 pm Lunch (buffet lunch)

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Workshops

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



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Tuesday, August 25, 2026

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration for conference open
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am
- Welcome, Prayer, & Opening Remarks: *Steven Concho, Tribal Secretary, Pueblo of Acoma*
 - Entrance of the Colors
 - NATHPO Introductions: Board & Staff
 - Moment of silence
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am Keynote address: Brian Vallo (Pueblo of Acoma) founding director of the Pueblo of Acoma's Haakú Museum, cultural and arts consultant with institutions across the United States. He previously served as governor of the Pueblo of Acoma, as well as the director of the Indian Arts Research Center at the School for Advanced Research.
- 9:45 am – 10:45 pm Amendments to 36 CFR 800
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am Break (coffee, water, & tea)
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Amendments to 36 CFR 800 - Continued
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (provided)
- 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm NATHPO Announcements and Awards:
Protecting Native Places 2026 awardees: *Valerie Grussing, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, NATHPO*
Day in the Life of a THPO: *Stacy Laravie (Ponca), Indigenization Director, NATHPO*
Land Area & Name Directory (LAND): *John Swigart, Geospatial Director, NATHPO*
Art is Advocacy: Creating Political Advocacy Postcard



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1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Regional Tribal Breakouts: <i>Lead by NATHPO Board</i> Non-Tribal participant best practices discussion
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Fireside chat (NM delegation moderated by a NM Pueblo Governor)
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break (coffee, water, & tea)
3:45 pm – 4:10 pm	Sovereignty in a Shifting Landscape: Uplifting Histories of Indigenous Resilience in the Reconstruction Era Southeast
4:10 pm – 4:55 pm	West Coast Tribal Cultural Landscapes Work
4:55 pm – 5:00 pm	Housekeeping/Closeout - Reminder about the business dinner
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Business Dinner Open only to NATHPO members & prospective members (THPOs & staff) and required pre-registration.

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Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration for conference open
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Exploring Recommendations for Navigating Archaeological and Sensitive Donations to Collecting Institutions
9:00 am – 9:40 am	The Native American International Museum Exchange (NAIME) Program: A Global Repatriation Model
9:40 am – 10:20 am	O'Odham Cultural Landscapes: Connecting oral traditions
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Break (coffee, water, & tea)
10:30 am – 11:00 pm	Importance of Technical Comment Letters for Policy and Litigation Purposes
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Living Landscapes at the Intersection of Material Culture and Repatriation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (provided)
12:15 pm – 12:45 pm	Acoma Model of consultation Tribal Historic Preservation in Practice
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Managing Tribal Data: Successes, Barriers, and Needs (FAIR+CARE)
1:45 pm – 2:35 pm	36 CFR 800 Amendments Q&A with THPOs
2:35 pm – 2:45 pm	Break (coffee, water, & tea)
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Areas of Tribal Importance
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Tribal monitoring program -- BIA & Arch SW collab
3:20 pm – 4:20 pm	Living Cultures, Living Water: Lessons from 14 Years of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project

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4:20 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing Ceremony Announcement location for 2027 Conference! Retreat of Colors
5:15 pm	Begin loading buses for IPCC
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Buses depart in rotation
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Culture Night with Dinner and traditional craft demonstrations <i>Traditional Meal provided by Pueblo of Acoma</i>
8:00 pm	Buses begin departing IPCC
8:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Busses depart in rotation

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Thursday, August 27, 2026

Sacred Places Summit Site Visits

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Load buses and depart for Pueblo of Acoma Sky City Stop at scenic overlook
10:30 am	Arrive at Sky City
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Staggered Guided Tours
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunch (provided)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Depart Sky City (film shown on buses)
4:00 pm	Arrive at Hotel Albuquerque
Dinner on your own	
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	No-Host Optional Evening Event with Tribal comedians & karaoke

Friday, August 28, 2026

No formal programming or meals.

Thank you for attending the NATHPO 26th Annual Conference! Safe travels!

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