



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

LIVING CULTURES, LIVING LANDSCAPES

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Your registration includes access to: All conference sessions with specified meals beginning with workshops on Monday afternoon, Monday’s Opening reception, Wednesday’s Culture Night at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center hosted by Pueblo of Acoma, & Thursday’s site visit to Sky City.

	SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2026	MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2026	TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2026	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26, 2026	THURSDAY AUGUST 27, 2026	FRIDAY AUGUST 28, 2026
BASIC SCHEDULE*	REGISTRATION OPENS Registration 4:00-8:00pm	SITE VISITS & WELCOME RECEPTION Registration 8:00am-5:00pm	CONFERENCE SESSIONS & BUSINESS DINNER Registration 8:00am-5:00pm	CONFERENCE SESSIONS & CULTURE NIGHT Registration 8:00am-5:00pm	SACRED SITE VISIT & CONFERENCE CLOSING	FAREWELL & SAFE TRAVELS!
BREAKFAST 8:00 am- 9:00 am	On your own	Provided only for Monday Site Visit registrants	Provided	Provided	Provided	On your own
MORNING 8:30 am-12:00 pm	On your own	Site Visits: Option #1: Petroglyph National Park- Boca Negra Trail Option #2: Petroglyph National Park- Piedras Marcadas Canyon Option #3: Petroglyph National Park- Rinconada Canyon Trail Option #4: Sandia Peak Tramway *Additional fee* (registration required)	Sessions start at 8:30 am Includes Break	Sessions start at 8:30 am Includes Break	Sacred Site Visit – Pueblo of Acoma Sky City	
LUNCH 12:00pm-1:00pm	On your own	Lunch *Additional fee*	Awards Ceremony Lunch *Provided*	Lunch *Provided*	Lunch *Provided*	On your own
AFTERNOON	On your own	Workshops: NAGPRA Sec 106 Fundamentals	Session starts at 1pm Includes Break	Session starts at 1pm Includes Break	Conference Closing	
EVENING	Dinner on your own Registration open 4:00-8:00pm	Welcome Reception with hors d’oeuvres	Business Dinner & NATHPO Roundtable *Registration with possible fee* (NATHPO members, prospective member THPOs, and THPO staff)	Culture Night & Dinner at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Hosted by Pueblo of Acoma	Dinner on your own Followed by No-Host Gathering at Tablao Flamenco.	On your own

The NATHPO Conference demonstrates the importance of fostering meaningful connections among Tribal Nations, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the diverse sectors and stakeholders that operate in the field of heritage preservation. It highlights the benefits of collaboration grounded in Tribal sovereignty and how that collaboration can lead to achieving shared goals, enhancing mutual understanding, and creating positive impacts for both present and future generations of Tribal citizens and the broader public.

By emphasizing the purpose behind preservation, the conference invites participants to reflect on the values, stories, and identities of Tribal Nations as living, sovereign communities that shape our shared cultural heritage. It also explores how these values can be communicated effectively from a Tribal perspective in service of Living Cultures, Living Landscapes, and the continued exercise of inherent Tribal rights. Through thought-provoking presentations, interactive workshops, and site visits, the conference offers a dynamic program designed to inspire innovation, foster collaboration, and drive meaningful change centered on Tribal expertise, lived experience, and leadership in cultural heritage stewardship.



25th Annual NATHPO Conference attendees
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ABOUT NATHPO

VISION

NATHPO is a non-profit organization that supports and encourages Tribal Historic Preservation Programs. We provide guidance to preservation officials, elected representatives, and the public about national historic preservation legislation, policies, and regulations. We promote Tribal sovereignty, develop partnerships, and advocate for Tribes in governmental activities on preservation issues.

MISSION

We strive to empower Tribal preservation leaders to protect culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance. Connections to cultural heritage sustain the health and vitality of Native peoples.

Welcome to the 2026 NATHPO Conference! We're honored to have the Pueblo of Acoma as the hosts of our 26th Annual Conference & Sacred Places Summit, and we wish to extend our deepest appreciation to Governor Charles P. Riley and the people of Pueblo of Acoma for their hospitality and support.

We are also grateful for the support of Kathy Felipe, THPO for the Pueblo of Acoma, and Steven Concho, Pueblo Acoma's Tribal Secretary and former THPO, for all the work they have put into making this conference a success. And of course, we greatly appreciate the hard work and professionalism of the staff of the Hotel Albuquerque.

We chose the theme of this year's conference - Living Cultures, Living Landscapes – months ago, but it could not speak more directly to the moment we as THPOs find ourselves in. It is our responsibility to preserve sacred places and cultural resources not because they are part of some removed past, but because they are part of the living cultural landscape our Tribal Nations steward and interact with every single day.

For our host Tribe, that landscape surrounds us here in and around Albuquerque, and on Monday and Thursday we'll have the opportunity to experience parts of it firsthand. During the rest of the week, our sessions will give us a chance to both celebrate successes and assess shared challenges ahead of us as we work to protect the living cultural landscape to which our peoples are inextricably linked.

Our challenges are many and varied, but these challenges are nothing new to us, and we know that it is necessary to face them together. Thank you all for your support of NATHPO over the years, and I hope your time in the Albuquerque and Haak'u is both enjoyable and meaningful.



Wéwéné (In a good way),
Lakota Hobia (Citizen Band Potawatomi)
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Welcome to the National Association of Tribal Historic
Preservation Officers (NATHPO) Conference

Dear Friends and Family,

On behalf of the Pueblo of Acoma, it is my esteemed pleasure to welcome you to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the 26th Annual NATHPO Conference. The Pueblo of Acoma is sincerely honored to host this year's conference and hopes it will be an experience to remember.

As we gather, we recognize that New Mexico is the ancestral homelands of the 19 Pueblos, the Apache, and the Navajo Peoples, whose enduring stewardship, cultural traditions, and deep connections to these lands continue to shape the "Land of Enchantment". We offer our respect and gratitude to the ancestral communities and acknowledge the privilege of convening on their ancestral homelands.

The Pueblo of Acoma is approximately 60 miles west of Albuquerque and is considered to be one of the "Oldest Continuously Inhabited Cities" in the United States. To the Acoma people this place is called "Haak'u" meaning a place prepared. Acoma Pueblo sits atop a 367-foot sandstone bluff. Today the people that live there still survive without modern amenities such as running water or electricity.

For the Acoma People, and for many Pueblo Nations, migration and origin stories are not simply stories of the past—they are living histories that continue to guide our identity, responsibilities, and relationship with the land. The Acoma migration story, like those of other Pueblo Peoples, touches many sacred places across the Southwest, including Chaco Canyon, Mesa Verde, Bears Ears, and the canyons and landscapes that connect our ancestral homelands. These places are not relics of history; they are living cultural landscapes where our ancestors lived, prayed, and left their footprints. Our people continue to journey to those homelands today to fulfill our cultural and spiritual responsibilities.

As Tribal Nations, we continue to advocate for the protection of these sacred places from oil and gas company exploration teams and other development organizations that could disrupt the land. We do so because these landscapes remain alive in our traditions and continue to sustain our ceremonies, teachings, and migrations. Protecting the land is not only about preserving the past—it is about safeguarding living cultures and ensuring that future generations can maintain their connections to our ancestral homelands.

The NATHPO Conference brings together Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Tribal leaders, cultural practitioners, preservation professionals, federal and state partners, scholars, and

advocates who share a common purpose: Protecting Tribal cultural heritage, preserving sacred places, strengthening Tribal sovereignty, and ensuring that Indigenous voices guide the stewardship of cultural resources for future generations.

In the coming days, we hope you will find opportunities to learn from one another, exchange innovative ideas and best practices, strengthen existing partnerships, and build new relationships. May this conference inspire collaboration and reaffirm our collective commitment to preserving the histories, cultures, languages, and living traditions of Tribal Nations through keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, and informal conversations. We welcome you to experience the history of the land and resiliency of the people of Acoma, Sky City, at your scheduled site visit during the conference.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our hosts, presenters, sponsors, volunteers, and planning committee for their dedication in making this gathering possible. Most importantly, we thank each of you for your commitment to protecting Tribal heritage and for the invaluable work you do in your communities every day.

We wish you a meaningful, productive, and enjoyable conference, and we hope your time in New Mexico, "The Land of Enchantment" is filled with education, spiritual connection, and renewed purpose.

Welcome to the 26th Annual NATHPO National Conference.

Respectfully,

Steven Concho
Tribal Secretary and former THPO
Pueblo of Acoma



SITE VISITS & CULTURE NIGHT

MONDAY OPTIONAL SITE VISITS

X PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT

Located in Albuquerque, Petroglyphs National Monument is home to one of North America's largest petroglyph sites. It includes designs and symbols carved into the rock by the region's Indigenous peoples and, later, Spanish settlers. Participants will be able to choose one of three different hikes in the monument area. The Boca Negra Trail (moderate to strenuous difficulty) offers three separate trails with a view of roughly 100 petroglyphs; the Piedras Marcadas Canyon Trail (easy to moderate difficulty) offers views of nearly 400 petroglyphs; and the Rinconada Canyon Trail (moderate difficulty) follows the northern escarpment, allowing the viewing of a variety of petroglyphs.

MORE ABOUT THE SITE WWW.NPS.GOV



X SANDIA PEAK TRAMWAY

Located on the outskirts of Albuquerque in the Cibola National Forest, Sandia Peak, also known as "Turtle Mountain" and to others as "Big Mountain," is a sacred place to many Pueblo peoples. Participants will enjoy stunning views as they ride the tramway, the longest aerial tram in the Americas, to the peak. From there they will have a beautiful view of Albuquerque below, and Mount Taylor (known as Kaweshtima to many Pueblo peoples) in the distance. Participants may also have time to take a brief hike along Sandia Crest, where they can enjoy more even more of this rich living cultural landscape.

MORE ABOUT THE SITE WWW.SANDIAPEAK.COM



WEDNESDAY CULTURE NIGHT

X INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER

Located in the heart of Albuquerque, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is the site of Wednesday's Culture Night celebration. The museum itself is the result of collaboration between the 19 Pueblo Nations and sitting on land governed by those 19 Nations. Visitors will get a look into the rich history of the Pueblo Nations, and the vibrant Pueblo culture still thriving today. We will be treated to delicious local and traditional cuisine, enjoy dances from local Pueblo communities, and all the while surrounded by art and storytelling of the Pueblo peoples.

MORE ABOUT THE SITE WWW.INDIANPUEBLO.ORG



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THURSDAY SACRED PLACES SUMMIT

X ACOMA SKY CITY CULTURAL CENTER AND HAAK'U MUSEUM

Located about an hour west of Albuquerque, Acoma, also known as Sky City, is one of the Oldest Continuously Inhabited Communities in the United States. On Thursday, we will stop first to visit the Acoma Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum, and from there venture up the mesa to Sky City itself, where we will get to experience this historic community still inhabited by members of Pueblo of Acoma and used for ceremonial gatherings throughout the year. From Sky City, we will be treated to another view of Kaweshtima (also known as Mount Taylor) and other parts of the valley that have been home to the Acoma people for generations.

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Altitude sickness occurs when people ascend to high altitudes too rapidly, preventing the body from acclimatizing to the reduced oxygen levels. While it’s more likely to happen above 8,000 feet, some individuals may experience challenges at lower elevations closer to 5,000 ft. The high altitude can cause mild symptoms that include headache, nausea, loss of appetite, fatigue, dizziness, and difficulty sleeping. Primary treatment for mild altitude sickness includes rest, hydration, and over-the-counter pain relievers like ibuprofen. At an average elevation of 5,312 feet (1,619 meters) above sea level, Albuquerque is one of the highest major cities in the United States. If you are feeling unwell, please use your discretion as to what activities you should participate in or if you need to see seek medical attention.

NAGPRA OPEN CONVERSATION:

Have NAGPRA questions? Please come ready to discuss NAGPRA issues and get some answers with knowledgeable panelists, Monday afternoon.

NATHPO LAND/GIS BOOTH:

Please stop by the Land Area & Name Directory (LAND) booth, where our GIS Coordinator John Swigart will discuss how participating in the LAND database can facilitate our mutual goal of protecting important places within Tribally defined areas of interest (AOI). If you are interested in having your Tribal AOI and contact info in LAND, we can input them right at the booth—or, if it’s more convenient, we can schedule a post-conference appointment.

Need GIS Assistance? NATHPO Is Here To Help!

In addition to his work on NATHPO’s LAND (Land Area & Name Directory) Initiative, Geospatial Director John Swigart is also available to provide technical assistance for all things GIS to THPOs and THPO staff.

You can reach him by email at GIS@NATHPO.org or by phone at 402-476-3746.

GUIDELINES & ETIQUETTE WHEN YOU VISIT ACOMA

VISITOR ETIQUETTE

Tours of the Pueblo of Acoma are a privilege granted by the Acoma Tribal Council. Visitors must follow all Pueblo laws, rules, and regulations. Smoking is prohibited during tours.

When descending from the mesa top on foot, always remain on the designated path.

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

Before taking photographs on Acoma lands, purchase a camera permit at the Sky City Cultural Center. Photography is prohibited inside the church, in the cemetery courtyard, and during feast days. Always obtain permission before photographing Tribal members or their artwork.

Tripods, GoPros, video cameras, digital video cameras, binoculars, and audio recording devices are prohibited. Acoma imagery may not be used commercially or for personal profit.

VIOLATORS OF THESE GUIDELINES WILL HAVE THEIR FILM AND/OR CAMERA CONFISCATED.

DRESS CODE

Dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather. Out of respect for the cultural significance of the Acoma Reservation—especially the village mesa top—please avoid revealing clothing, including short shorts or skirts, and tank tops. Visitors wearing inappropriate attire will be respectfully asked to cover up. Thank you for observing the dress code while visiting the Pueblo of Acoma’s historic and sacred sites.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Reno Keoni Franklin, *Chairman Emeritus*, Kashia Pomo Tribe
Steven Concho, *Tribal Sectary*, Pueblo of Acoma



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SUNDAY CHECK-IN BEGINS

MONDAY SITE VISITS & WORKSHOPS
OPENING RECEPTION

TUESDAY CONFERENCE DAY 1
BUSINESS DINNER

WEDNESDAY CONFERENCE DAY 2
CULTURE NIGHT

THURSDAY SACRED PLACES SUMMIT
SKY CITY CULTURAL CENTER AND HAAK’U MUSEUM

AGENDA

LIVING CULTURES, LIVING LANDSCAPES

SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2026

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

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 (for site visit registrants)

Sacred Places Summit Site Visits

Preregistration (by Aug. 2) for the site visits and buffet lunch is required as they require advanced planning. Transportation provided.

9:00 am – 9:15 am Load buses 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 (Prior registration required)

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Workshops

- Section 106 Workshop (Alvarado ABC)
- NAGPRA Workshop (Alvarado Ballroom)

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Opening Reception with heavy appetizers (Casa Esencia)

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

- Welcome, Prayer, & Opening Remarks:
Steven Concho, Tribal Secretary, Pueblo of Acoma
- Entrance of the Colors
- NATHPO Introductions: Board & Staff
- Moment of silence

TUESDAY CONTINUED

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
Sean Hess, PhD, Cultural Resources Policy Analyst, Cowlitz Indian Tribe THPO; **Wes Furlong**, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund; **Jessie Barrington** (Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians), Attorney, Partner| Chair, Tribal Nations Practice, Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC; **Ira Matt** (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Executive Director of Indigenous Diplomacy and Federal Relations, NATHPO

10:45 am – 11:00 am Break (coffee, water, and 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

- **Awards:** Excellence in Tribal Historic Preservation, Lifetime Achievement
- **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
- **Art is Advocacy:** Creating Political Advocacy Postcard
- **Land Area & Name Directory (LAND):** **John Swigart**, Geospatial Director, NATHPO

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Regional Tribal Breakout Discussion

- **Eastern** (Franciscan-half room): **Michael Kickingbear Johnson**, Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribal Nation THPO
- **Eastern Oklahoma** (Franciscan-half room): **Billie Burtrum**, NATHPO Secretary/Treasurer, Quapaw Nation THPO
- **Midwest** (Alvarado FGH): **Lakota Hobia** (Citizen Potawatomi Nation), NATHPO Chair, Gun Lake Tribe (Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians)THPO
- **Northwest** (Potters): **Nicholas Kager**, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Deputy THPO
- **Pacific** (Alvarado DE): **Buffy McQuillen**, NATHPO Vice Chair, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria THPO
- **Rocky Mountain** (Alvarado C): **Crystal C' Bearing**, Northern Arapaho Tribe THPO
- **Southern Plains** (Weavers): **Raphael Wahwassuck**, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation THPO
- **Southwest** (Turquoise): **Vacant**; **Valerie Grussing**, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, NATHPO
- **Western** (Alvarado AB): **Warren Graham**, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of the Duckwater Reservation, Nevada THPO

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Fireside Chat: Congressional Efforts to Protect Native Places
Governor Raymond Aguilar, Jr., Santo Domingo Pueblo
Senator Martin Heinrich (NM-D)
Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández (NM-D)

TUESDAY CONTINUED

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break (coffee, water, and tea)
3:45 pm – 4:10 pm	Sovereignty in a Shifting Landscape: Uplifting Histories of Indigenous Resilience in the Reconstruction Era Southeast Malinda Maynor Lowery (Lumbee), Emory University Professor of History and Faculty Director, Center for Native American Studies; Ashton Pemapanik Dunkley (Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape), Project Researcher at Emory University’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies; Ph.D.; Brook Bauer (Catawba) Associate Professor, University of Tennessee Knoxville; Abiodun Ademiluwa , Ph.D. student at Emory University, Graduate Digital Media Coordinator at Emory’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies; Beth Michel (Tohono O’odham/Navajo/Hopi), Senior Associated Director, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, Emory University
4:10 pm – 4:55 pm	West Coast Tribal Cultural Landscapes Work Ana Canter , THPO Assistant and GIS Specialist, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria; Lezlie Heckel , Indigenous Knowledge & Life Ways Technician, Pulikla Tribe of Yurok People; Dr. Wendy Teeter , Contract Cultural Resources Archaeologist, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
4:55 pm – 5:00 pm	Housekeeping/Closeout
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Business Dinner (Franciscan) Open only to NATHPO members & prospective members (THPOs & staff); required pre-registration.

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 Elysia Poon , Executive Director, Indian Arts Research Center, School for Advanced Research; Tim Wilcox (Diné and Tewa), Archaeologist; Lillia McEnaney , Archaeology Seminar Project Manager, Indian Arts Research Center, School for Advanced Research
9:00 am – 9:40 am	The Native American International Museum Exchange (NAIME) Program: A Global Repatriation Model Nicholas Bruscato , International Relations Specialist, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Dept. of the Interior; Sarah Glass , Senior Program Officer & Tribal Liaison, Office of Museum Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services; Martha Only A Chief , NAGPRA Coordinator, Cultural Resources Division, Pawnee Nation

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

9:40 am – 10:20 am	O’Odham Cultural Landscapes: Connecting Oral Traditions Reylynne Williams , Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Gila River Indian Community; Barnaby V. Lewis , Elder, Gila River Indian Community; Shane Anton , Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; J. Andrew Darling , Ethnography Lead, Logan Simpson
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Break (coffee, water, & tea)
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Importance of Technical Comment Letters for Policy and Litigation Purposes Wes Furlong , Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund; Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) Executive Director of Indigenous Diplomacy and Federal Relations, NATHPO; Jessie Barrington (Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians), Attorney, Partner Chair, Tribal Nations Practice, Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Living Landscapes at the Intersection of Material Culture and Repatriation Kimberly Charlie , ATHPO Advisory Board Member, Pueblo of Acoma; Kathy Felipe , Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Pueblo of Acoma; Christopher Garcia , ATHPO Advisory Board Member, Pueblo of Acoma; Bonnie Leno , ATHPO Advisory Board Member, Pueblo of Acoma; TobieMae Patricio , ATHPO Cultural Monitor, Pueblo of Acoma; Karl Pedro , ATHPO Advisory Board Chairman, Pueblo of Acoma; Stephanie Vicente (Riley) , Tribal Consultant, Pueblo of Acoma; Matthew C. Sanger , Tribal Liaison, Repatriation Office, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; Marissa Shaver , Tribal Liaison, Repatriation Office, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (provided)
12:15 pm – 12:35 pm	Acoma Model of Consultation Steven Concho , Tribal Secretary, Pueblo of Acoma; Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) Executive Director of Indigenous Diplomacy and Federal Relations, NATHPO
12:35 pm – 12:45 pm	Perspectives on Tribal Historic Preservation in Practice Michael Spears , Principal, MOS Research, LLC and Designated Campus Colleague, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	36 CFR 800 Amendments Q&A with THPOs Panel Discussion Moderated by: Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) Executive Director of Indigenous Diplomacy and Federal Relations, NATHPO
1:50 pm – 2:35 pm	Managing Tribal Data: Successes, Barriers, and Needs (FAIR+CARE) Shasta Gaughen , Executive Director, Pala Environmental Dept./Pala Band of Mission Indians; Sarah Whitcher Kansa , Executive Director, The Alexandria Archive Institute/Open Context; Richard Begay , THPO, Navajo Nation; Beau Duke Carroll , Interim THPO, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; John Swigart , Geospatial Director, NATHPO; Stephen J. Yerka , Historic Preservation Specialist, THPO, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
2:35 pm – 2:45 pm	Break (coffee, water, & tea)
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Areas of Tribal Importance Garet Couch , President/CEO, TribalGIS

- 3:00 pm – 3:20 pm Tribal Cultural Resource Monitoring: Building Capacity Through Collaborative Training
Sean Scruggs, THPO, Fort Independence Indian Reservation; Instructor and Curriculum Development Consultant, Archaeology Southwest; Shannon Cowell, ARPA Director & Preservation Archaeologist, Archaeology Southwest
- 3:20 pm – 4:20 pm Living Cultures, Living Water: Lessons from 14 Years of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project
Isaac Gutierrez, , Cultural and Water Resources Field Lead, Santa Clara Pueblo; Danny Naranjo, THPO, Santa Clara Pueblo; Kim Charlie, Cultural Advisor, Pueblo of Acoma; Bonnie Leno, Cultural Advisor, Pueblo of Acoma; Chris Garcia, Cultural Advisor, Pueblo of Acoma; Everett Garcia, Sr., Cultural Advisor, Pueblo of Acoma; Karl Pedro, Cultural Advisor, Pueblo of Acoma; Ka-Voka Jackson, Director/THPO, Hualapai Tribe; Carrie Cannon, Ethnobotanist, Hualapai Tribe; Stewart Koyiyumtewa, THPO, Hopi Tribe; Erick Laurila, Principal, Logan Simpson; Ulysses Reid, Lt. Governor/THPO, Pueblo of Zia; Howard Pino, THPO, Pueblo of Zia; Fermin Lopez, THPO, Pojoaque Pueblo; Zachary Nelson, Upper Colorado Basin Regional Archaeologist, Bureau of Reclamation; Kristin Bowen, Missouri Basin and Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas Gulf Regions Regional Archaeologist, Bureau of Reclamation
- 4:20 pm – 4:30 pm Closing Ceremony
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
Traditional Meal provided by Pueblo of Acoma
- 8:00 pm Buses begin departing IPCC
- 8:00 pm – 8:45 pm Buses depart in rotation

Sacred Places Summit Site Visit

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am Load buses and depart for Sky City Cultural Center and Haak’u Museum
Stop at scenic overlook
- 10:30 am Arrive at Sky City Cultural Center and Haak’u Museum
- 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: At Tablo Flamenco with karaoke

No formal programming or meals.

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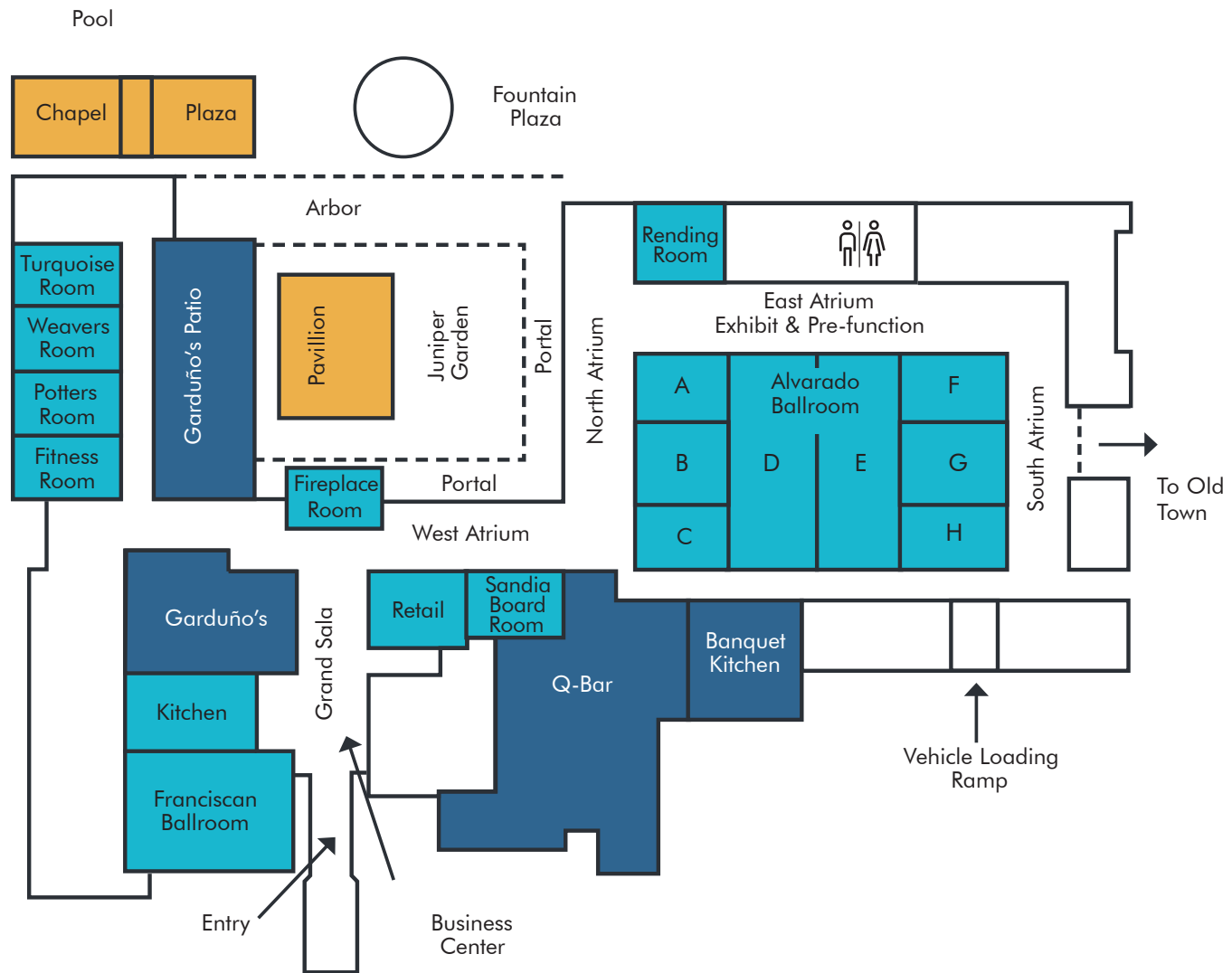
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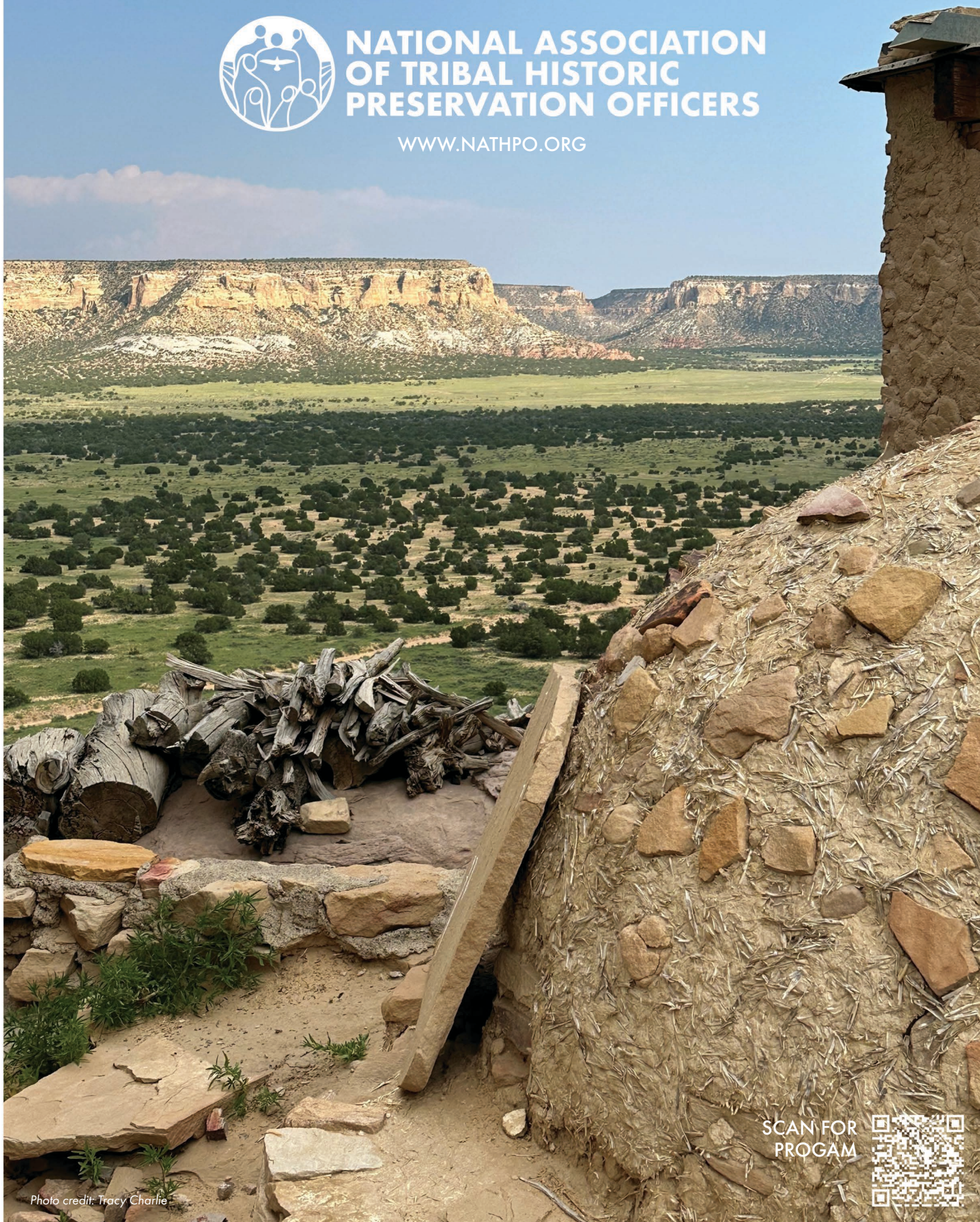


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