

When: October 14-16, 2024

Where: Embassy Suites, 2321 Lifestyle Way, Chattanooga, TN 37421

Conference Room Rate: \$162.98 (includes all taxes and fees).

Hot breakfast, evening snacks and drinks included with registration.

Booking Link: <https://bit.ly/27thTOTAconf>

Schedule:

Monday, October 14

- 8 a.m. Conference Registration Opens
- 9 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- Lunch on your own
- 1:30 Meet for Conference Preliminaries, Introduction, Schedule
- 2:30 Travel by bus to Tennessee Aquarium Event Center
- 3:30 Visit Ross's Landing
- 4:30 Conference Opening & National Park Partners 20th Anniversary Commemoration Remarks from Chief Hoskin, other Tribal Officials, Local Officials, NPP Board, TOTA & NPP Representatives
- 5:30 Dinner provided by NPP
- 6:45 Transfer to IMAX Theater
- 7:00 Moccasin Bend Lecture Series Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
- 8:30 Return to hotel

Tuesday, October 15

Field Trip Day

- 8:30 Conference Room: Introductions, Schedule
- 9:00 Field Trip introduction
- 9:30 Field Trip departure
- Morning: Visit Red Clay State Park
- Lunch: Red Clay
- Afternoon: Bus tour with guides & commentary through Flint Springs & Red Hills to Fort Cass - 12 Historic Sites
- Visit Hiwassee River Heritage Center
- Evening: McMinn & Monroe Counties TOT route of NC Cherokees; sign project dedication at Meadowlands Park, Calhoun, TN
- Dinner at the Park Pavilion
- Return to Hotel

Wednesday, October 16

Presentations and Workshops

Confirmed Speakers:

- Dr. Stuart Marshall – University of the South at Sewanee
- Dr. Brett Riggs - Western Carolina University
- Dr. Carroll Van West- Tenn. State Historian & Director of MTSU-Center for Historic Preservation
- Joe Guy – McMinn County Historian and Sheriff
- Anna McCoy Smith – President, Cherokee-Moravian Historical Society
- Jack Baker – President, National Trail of Tears Association
- Amy Kostine – MTSU, Center for Historic Preservation, Programs Manager
- Dr. Danielle Shelton – Cherokee National Forest; Heritage Programs Manager
- Erin Medley – Red Clay Historic Park Director
- Jim Ogden – Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park historian
- Emma Curry-Stodder – University of Penn.
- Debora Kirk - West Virginia University

Pre-Conference Activities:

Sunday Afternoon, Oct. 13

- Cherokee Removal Park/Blythe Ferry; reception and presentation by Amy Kostine & Dr. Van West; welcome center exhibit renovation.

Post-Conference Activities, Oct. 17

- Audubon Acres visit and tour
- Brainerd Mission Cemetery visit, reception by DAR; program by TOTA members