

Calendar of Events

- October 24, 2018 **Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Commission Meeting**
Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department
900 N. Stiles Avenue, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
9:30am
The Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Commission Meeting holds several meetings per year. All Commission meetings will take place at 9:30 a.m.
- October 29, 2018 **Lt. Governor's Travel & Tourism Summits**
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The Oklahoma Travel Industry Association has again partnered with Lt. Governor Todd Lamb to produce the Lt. Governor's Travel & Tourism Summits, which will be held around the state. Each half-day program provides tourism education featuring speakers covering a range of topics on best practices to promote tourism in your region, and includes a townhall-type discussion by the Lt. Governor on tourism development in each of the areas visited around the state.
- Locations*
- Monday, October 22 • El Reno*
Monday, October 29 • Enid
- Rates*
Speakers
Partners
Register Now!
- December 19, 2018 **Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Commission Meeting**
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February 6, 2019

Hospitality Day & A Tasteful Affair Legislative Reception

Bricktown Events Center

429 E California Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

The hospitality industry is the driving force in Oklahoma's economy, generating enormous tax revenues, providing jobs for hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans, and giving time and money back to their communities. At the same time, it's vital that we maintain good relations with legislators so that our perspective on various bills and issues is given thoughtful consideration.

On February 6, 2019 members of the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association, Oklahoma Restaurant Association, and Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association will join forces for Hospitality Day at the Capitol, a members-only event where we will spend time speaking to legislators about issues facing our industry.

Then members will mingle with more than 600 members and legislators while we do what we do best - show these leaders Oklahoma hospitality! - at a bigger and better-than-ever "A Tasteful Affair" Legislative Reception. The invitation-only "A Tasteful Affair" features more than 20 of Oklahoma's finest restaurants showcasing their culinary tastings at what is heralded as the state's most successful and best attended legislative reception.

April 10, 2019
- April 11, 2019

U.S. Travel's Destination Capitol Hill

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Destination Capitol Hill is travel's premier legislative fly-in. Join hundreds of your colleagues from around the country at The Mayflower Hotel, from April 10-11, 2019.

DCH is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for you to learn about upcoming legislation that impacts travel, network with industry colleagues and meet with Members of Congress to stress the importance of travel as an economic driver.

U.S. Travel will provide you with everything needed to go into your meetings with confidence. We'll host educational webinars prior to the event, coordinate your meetings and provide a personalized schedule.

Register
Event Schedule
Webinars
Congressional Meetings
Hotel & Trip Planning

May 5, 2019
- May 11, 2019

National Travel & Tourism Week

Established by a congressional resolution in 1983, this week of events serves to champion the power of our industry. Travel and tourism professionals from across the nation work throughout the week to promote the impactful contributions their travel markets and organizations make to the U.S. economy.

The travel community marks the event in a number of creative ways, from staging local rallies and conducting media outreach to securing proclamations and resolutions from local governments.

May 6, 2019

RedBud Awards

6:00 p.m.

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The RedBud Awards Ceremony is an annual event held during the Oklahoma Conference on Tourism recognizing Oklahoma tourism attractions, destination marketing organizations and journalists for their outstanding efforts to serve and promote Oklahoma's tourism industry.

Attractions, CVBs, Chambers of Commerce, ad agencies, event managers and regional marketing organizations will compete for the coveted "RedBud Award," honoring the latest, greatest, and most unique marketing strategies from across the state of Oklahoma. The awards represent the highest honor given in the Oklahoma tourism industry.

All entries will be displayed the evening of the event, giving all attendees the chance to scope out the competition and enhance their ability to competitively enter next year.

Read about the 2018 RedBud Awards Gala

May 6, 2019
- May 7, 2019

Oklahoma Conference on Tourism

Meinders School of Business at OCU

NW 26th Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73106

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The Oklahoma Conference on Tourism is an annual event that helps Oklahoma's tourism industry work together to grow our attractions and communities. With the help of a line-up of experts, attendees are kept abreast of the latest trends, tactics and tools needed to maximize opportunity, energize marketing efforts and set the path to sustained growth. They gain insight into current and coming travel trends, share best practices with industry peers, and get real ideas on how to reach more prospective travelers every day. The Oklahoma Conference on Tourism is held in conjunction with the RedBud Awards.

*Read about the 2018 Oklahoma Conference on Tourism
View/Download Speaker Presentations*

July 18, 2019

Odyssey de Culinaire

6:00 p.m.

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Odyssey de Culinaire is a fundraising and awareness dinner to benefit the Oklahoma ProStart® program. This ever-popular event, which is open to the public, features 2 great evenings of dining with many of Tulsa and Oklahoma City's finest chefs being featured in their home cities. Each of the five courses features a chef mentoring a culinary student to treat attendees to an incredible five-course meal.

The chefs are paired in their course preparation with high school students who are currently active in ProStart® schools in Oklahoma. Funds raised from the event are used to provide support to students, teachers, and schools including teacher training and development, materials and resources for student recruitment, assistance with job placement for internships, graduate employment, and industry-driven events for hospitality students.

Experience an energetic evening and make an impact on culinary education in Oklahoma! Join us for one or both Odyssey de Culinaires - the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association's only event open to the public!

No refunds are given; however, registration is transferable.

See photos from last year's Odyssey de Culinaire events!

Oklahoma City, 7/12/18

Tulsa, 7/19/18

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Join us for the 2019 Oklahoma Restaurant Convention & Expo and stay ahead of the competition!

Questions?

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