

Calendar of Events

April 10, 2019
- April 11, 2019

U.S. Travel's Destination Capitol Hill

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April 24, 2019

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.

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
- 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.

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Don't forget to use the hashtag #oktourismconference!

May 7, 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. Registration for the awards ceremony is available by clicking the "Register Here" button below.

The nomination deadline for the RedBud Awards is March 8, 2019.

Apply Online!

Download an application!

Get ready for 2019 by reading about the 2018 RedBud Awards Gala

May 9, 2019

Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00am

The Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee holds several meetings per year. All Committee meetings will take place at 10:00 a.m. Most meetings are held at the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Commission, 900 N. Stiles, Gallery 1.1, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

June 26, 2019

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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.

Odyssey de Culinaire will be held:

July 18, 2019 • River Spirit Casino Resort, Tulsa

July 25, 2019 • Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City

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August 13, 2019
- August 14, 2019

ORA Expo

10:00am - 5:00pm

Isn't it time for your next big find? The ORA Expo is just the place to discover new products and trends, whether you're a new operator or a veteran.

This annual industry event is the largest hospitality related trade show in the state of Oklahoma and the most important event for foodservice and lodging industry professionals.

With more than 6,000 in attendance, the event features hundreds of exhibits, educational sessions, an opening party and competitions, including the ever-popular ORA Culinary Cook-off and ORA Cocktail Shakedown.

Join us for the 2019 ORA Expo and stay ahead of the competition!

Questions?

Exhibitors: Contact Linda Etherton by email or phone, (405) 942-8181 or (800) 375-8181.

Sponsors: Contact Patti Colley by email at or phone, (405) 942-8181 or (800) 375-8181.

This is a private industry tradeshow open only to those in the foodservice and hospitality industry. Anyone under 18 and suppliers or vendors not exhibiting in the show are not allowed on the show floor.

August 28, 2019

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September 12, 2019

Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00am

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September 17, 2019

Lt. Governor's Travel & Tourism Summits

The Oklahoma Travel Industry Association once again partnered with Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell to produce the 2019 Lt. Governor's Travel & Tourism Summits, which were held around the state. Each half-day program provided tourism education featuring speakers covering a range of topics on best practices to promote tourism in your region, and included a townhall-type discussion by the Lt. Governor on tourism development in each of the areas visited around the state.

Read about our 2019 events below!

October 23, 2019

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December 18, 2019

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February 5, 2020

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 5, 2020 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 500 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. 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of "A Tasteful Affair" and will feature 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.