

## 2008 NFPW / Media Network Idaho Conference

### MNI Post-conference Tour

#### Post-conference tour features visit to historic Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole

**Sunday, Sept. 14**, the tour begins with an 8:30 a.m. departure from Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls. We will head north, stopping at Mesa Falls and then we'll enjoy lunch and shopping at West Yellowstone, Montana. After lunch we'll enter Yellowstone National Park and check into our rooms at the historic Old Faithful Inn. <http://www.nps.gov/archive/yell/oldfaithfulcam.htm>  
<http://www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia/index.htm>  
The Old Faithful Inn -- [http://www.travelyellowstone.com/gallery/fullimage.php?id=7\\_20051212090551](http://www.travelyellowstone.com/gallery/fullimage.php?id=7_20051212090551)

The spectacular Old Faithful Inn is within short viewing distance of Old Faithful, the most famous geyser in the U.S. The Inn is a National Historic Landmark and is one of the few remaining log hotels in the U.S. Architect Robert C. Reamer designed it to blend with the natural environment and to provide a "western experience" for early Yellowstone visitors. In 1903, the original section (now called the Old House) with dining room, kitchen wings and the two smaller guest-room wings were built. During 1913–14, a larger east wing was built, followed by the 1927 west wing. As with many historic hotels, the bathrooms are down the hall, but there are sinks in the individual hotel rooms. The Northern Pacific Railroad financed the original construction of the Inn at a cost of around \$140k with furnishing adding an additional \$25k.

**Monday, Sept. 15**, we head south towards Jackson Hole, Wyoming. We'll stop in Grand Teton National Park for a scenic float trip down the Snake River. The river runs smoothly through a pristine, natural landscape that features forested and open meadow environment. This special sanctuary is home to an abundance of wildlife, waterfowl and other bird life including the majestic bald eagle. The most prominent and impressive peaks in the Teton Range are ever present above you. This trip is about 2 hours of floating time and allows you to enjoy beautiful scenery and view wildlife within the heart of Grand Teton National Park. <https://www.solitudefloattrips.com/index.htm>

Following the float trip we will head into Jackson Hole, where we will spend the night at the Virginian Lodge. <http://www.virginianlodge.com/>

For our evening entertainment, we'll go to the Bar J Wranglers Chuckwagon for dinner and real western hospitality on a working cattle ranch. Dinner is your choice of barbecue beef, chicken or a combination of chicken and barbecue beef. Pork Rib or rib eye steak dinner will be available for an additional charge. <http://barjchuckwagon.com/index.htm>

**Tuesday, Sept. 16**, there will be time for some shopping and a short visit to Jackson Hole Mountain Resort at Teton Village. We'll take the scenic route back to Idaho Falls, arriving in the late afternoon.

**Cost for the Post-tour package is \$300 per person sharing a room with a roommate. There will be an additional charge of \$75 for participants wanting private rooms.**

**Send your reservations as soon as possible but before the end of May.** Be sure to indicate your roommate preference and your meal choice for the Bar J Wranglers Chuckwagon dinner.

#### Information needed for registration includes:

Your Name:  
Address:  
Home Phone:  
Cell phone:  
Roommate preference:  
Special dietary needs/restrictions:

#### Mail registration information and check (payable to Media Network Idaho) to:

Peggy Parks, MNI Treasurer  
P.O. Box 1317  
Challis, Idaho 83226

#### Please see next page for

- Information on getting to and from Idaho.
- Information about the conference hotel and making your reservation.

## Getting to and from Idaho Falls, Idaho

**Note:** The Idaho Falls airport will be undergoing some major renovations to the main runway during the month of September. Horizon/Alaska Air will be the only airline landing at the Idaho Falls airport during September because of the construction. They will operate four flights daily from Idaho Falls to Boise using a smaller aircraft than normal.

**These airlines provide service to Salt Lake City or Denver, where you can connect to Pocatello or Jackson Hole:**

Delta Airlines  
United  
Alaska  
Northwest  
Allegiant (from Las Vegas)

The least expensive way for most people to get to Idaho Falls will be to fly in and out of Salt Lake City. From Salt Lake City, we recommend you book a shuttle bus with Salt Lake Express – [www.SaltLakeExpress.com](http://www.SaltLakeExpress.com) (code INLW08). They run regular shuttles to and from Idaho Falls and Salt Lake City for \$29 per person one way or \$58 per person round trip from the Salt Lake City airport to Idaho Falls. The conference hosts will be coordinating with the Shilo Inn for either the shuttle to drop you off at the Shilo Inn or the Shilo Inn van to pick up guests at the shuttle drop off location. Be sure to book your shuttle ride as soon as you confirm your flight schedule.

### Airport options

Other nearby airports (that likely will cost more than to SLC) are Pocatello (about an hour from Idaho Falls) or Jackson Hole, Wyo. (about 90 minutes away, but worth considering if you are taking the post-conference tour because the last day is in Jackson Hole.) Rent a car at the airport in Pocatello or Jackson Hole.

Delta/Skywest is adding additional flights to and from Pocatello airport to handle commercial passengers from eastern Idaho during September. Pocatello is located about 60 miles south of Idaho Falls. Another flight option is the Jackson Hole, Wyo, airport and renting a vehicle and driving the 100-mile route to Idaho Falls. (There is a shuttle service from Jackson to Idaho Falls for \$40 one way or \$70 round trip, but the lone shuttle leaves Jackson at 6 a.m. daily and so far no additional shuttles have been scheduled during September.)

## Shilo Inn Suites Hotel is headquarters for NFPW Idaho conference

The Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, in Idaho Falls, is the location of this year's NFPW national communications conference, Sept. 11–13, in Idaho Falls.

The hotel, located at 780 Lindsay Blvd, Idaho Falls, is offering a conference rate of \$89 plus tax for a street view room and \$99 plus tax for a river view room. The rate includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet for two in the hotel restaurant each morning. Since breakfast is included in the hotel rate, conference participants can eat their breakfast before the conference session begins each morning, or can take their breakfast into the conference meeting rooms. Coffee will be provided in the morning conference meeting rooms.

Other hotel amenities include free high speed internet access, in-room microwave, refrigerator, wet bar, ironing board, coffee maker, hair dryer, free local phone calls, data ports, guest laundry, in-room entertainment and first-run movies, 24-hour indoor pool. Spa, sauna, steam room and fitness center. Parking is free at this hotel.

To reserve your conference room, call the Shilo Inn at 208-523-0088 or toll free 1-800-222-2244. **Be sure to mention you are part of the NFPW conference.** Make your room reservations early. The room rate is guaranteed until Aug. 10, or while rooms remain in the room block.

Here is a link to the hotel site: [http://www.shiloinns.com/Idaho/Idaho\\_falls.html](http://www.shiloinns.com/Idaho/Idaho_falls.html).