

2008 NFPW / Media Network Idaho Conference

MNI Pre-conference Tour

A visit to Central Idaho will be the focus of the Pre-conference tour for those planning to attend the NFPW annual meeting Sept. 11-13, 2008, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Stanley, Sun Valley and Jackpot highlight the tour

Sunday, Sept. 7, the tour begins at 8:30 a.m. when the special tour bus leaves from the Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls. The bus will head west and will travel through the communities of Arco and Mackay and then stop in Challis for lunch. After lunch the bus will stop for tours of the Custer area museums and then travel to Stanley and Red Fish Lake for dinner and to spend the night. Stanley, Idaho, is known for its cold temperatures. But, it is also known for its beautiful scenery, so bring a warm jacket and a good camera.

Monday, Sept. 8, we head south stopping in the well-known town of Sun Valley for lunch and some shopping. Later that day the bus will continue south to just across the border into Nevada and the small town of Jackpot, Nevada. Tour participants can spend some time looking around the casino or testing their gambling skills.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, we will board the bus and head to the famous Shoshone Falls and then on to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation where one of the tribal members will give a tour of the Indian reservation, and late that afternoon the bus will return to the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls.

Pre-conference tour registration deadline is June 15.

Cost for the pre-conference tour is \$250 per person, double occupancy, for two nights lodging, bus transportation and as many meals as we can add and still break even on this event.

Because the Stanley area is in a National Forest, the reservation deadline is earlier than a regular hotel. The deadline to register and pay for the tour is June 15, 2008. There will be a \$75 cancellation fee for anyone canceling after registering (however, replacements are welcome.)

A formal registration form soon will be available on the [Media Network Idaho Web site](#). To ensure your spot, though, don't wait: send your reservation to Peggy Parks today.

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:

Ms. 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 (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.