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# **Detailed Attendee Information - 2017 NPPA Conference**

# **Detailed Schedule of Educational Program & All Events**

Now available, is the final & detailed <u>2017 NPPA Conference Program Agenda</u>, with timeslots for *all* sessions and *full schedule* of the whole event. Also know that we'll have the detailed Agenda for you onsite, in our Conference Program Binders that each registered Pharmacy Attendee receives.

## Bally's Hotel Reservations-Book Online By August 16, Or Call Afterwards

Don't forget to reserve your Hotel Room at Bally's if not yet done so, ASAP! *Before August 17* (*up to midnight on 16th*), go to our custom online room res site, as follows: <u>NPPA's 2017 Group Room Block-Bally's LV</u>.

*Then starting August 17*, our Room Res Site *will expire*, which means you will *HAVE TO CALL* to book your last minute reservation, at: **800-358-8777**. Ask for "NPPA 2017" (or Group Code "SBNPP7"), available over Sunday August 20th through Thursday the 24th.

Although it is now past the date our low \$89/night (plus tax) NPPA rate was officially being held, our Rooming Manager is doing her best to still offer that rate as long as possible to those who continue to book under our block. *Either way*, also note that *booking even through show start* will still provide you with our *discounted* \$25 Resort Fee (now \$30 to other hotel guests).

**Resort Fee Includes (daily):** Wi-Fi for 2 Devices (in your sleeping room); Fitness Center Access for 2; and Free Unlimited Local Phone Calls. Resort Fees are a mandatory daily charge for all Bally's/Caesars hotel guests, as well as in the majority of other Las Vegas hotels.

Also note: Bally's may be offering other rooms at a lower rate but in their North Indigo Tower "Classic" Rooms, which have not been renovated in a long time and are not all in the best condition, which is why they're going for a lower price per night—and our discounted Resort Fee rate won't be available.

#### 3 Chances To Win 1 Free Hotel Room Night At Bally's Under NPPA Block!

Stay at Bally's LV under our "2017 NPPA" Group Room Block, for **3 chances to win a FREE HOTEL NIGHT!** (As booked online or by phone on or after August 16—see details in "Bally's Hotel Reservations" section here above.)

After the Conference, when the hotel provides our full NPPA guest rooming list, all of our registered Pharmacy or GPO Attendees staying under our block, will be put into a "hopper" for a drawing. Then 3 lucky winners will be randomly chosen for reimbursement of 1 of their hotel nights (at \$89/night+tax and \$25/night+tax Resort Fee, as booked under our NPPA 2017 Group Room Block at Bally's LV).

## Airport Pickup & Transport - Special Rate for NPPA Guests!

NPPA has partnered with LASxpress Airport Transportation Service, to offer *cost-effective transportation service* between the Vegas McCarran Int'l Airport & your hotel. This special rate for NPPA guests only, includes "Meet & Greet" at Baggage Claim, to assist with your luggage...

# Click **HERE** To Make Your Transport Reservations Now!

Full benefits of this service are as follows: \$11 one-way transport service; Non-Stop "Xpress" Service, available for \$18 per person; Airport Meet & Greet Service (at Baggage Claim, to assist with your luggage); 40+% Savings vs. Taxi Fare.

*Note: if* you were planning on *renting a car* for your stay, Caesars properties including Bally's (and most other hotels in Las Vegas) are *now charging for parking*, even for guests (unless you have one of their Diamond or higher Total Rewards Cards). See details online, at: <a href="https://www.caesars.com/parking">www.caesars.com/parking</a>

# **Where To Check-In For NPPA Conference**

Check-In for all Pharmacy & GPO Attendees will be available starting Monday August 21 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in the SkyView Rooms 2/3 on the 26th Floor of Bally's North Indigo Tower (at the same time as our Opening Reception, recently extended another 30 minutes); as well as on Tuesday August 22 from 7:30am to 8:30am, in the Bally's Grand Salon Foyer in the Casino Level Convention Area, before the educational program begins in the Platinum Grand Ballroom (just in front of the Grand Salon Foyer). These details are all provided in our Final Detailed Agenda.

Also see this <u>Map of Bally's Casino & SkyView Level Convention Rooms</u>, which shows the elevators you'd be taking coming from your sleeping rooms to get to their Casino-Level Convention Area. Another more complete Map of all at Bally's: <u>Full Map of Bally's Main Areas & Food Court</u>, shows you how to get to the Convention Area when coming from your sleeping rooms in the South Jubilee Tower; as well as what is available in the downstairs Food Court & Shopping Mall.

#### Hotel Sleeping Rooms Location, Bally's South Jubilee Tower

To get to the NPPA meeting rooms and exhibits from your South Jubilee Tower hotel rooms, take the South Tower room elevators down to the Casino level, then walk across the Casino past the main lobby/check-in desks. Keep moving forward, follow the signs to the Convention Meeting Rooms in the North Indigo Tower, and go down that hallway a short distance, to the Grand Salon & Ballroom meeting rooms, where our main Lecture Hall and Exhibit Hall is held (see link to map of Bally's, in the above section).

#### **ACPE-Accredited CE Available**

This year's program will have 10.8 ACPE-accredited CE total units available for Pharmacy recertification (for Technicians & Pharmacists); including the required CE hour for "Law" as well as "Medication Safety." Detailed CE information and instructions for retrieval post-Conference, will be provided in our Program Binder that each Attendee receives.

## **Meals Provided With Your Registration**

Attendee Registration includes: 1 meal each full day of Tuesday through Thursday (Breakfast Tuesday/Wednesday, Brunch on Thursday); and light dinner food, desserts and a full hosted bar in our Attendee Opening Reception on Monday August 21 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm (recently extended for additional 30 minutes, see details below). Snacks will also be served during the Vendor-Exhibit Hall period (on Tuesday and Wednesday after lectures end); as well as in the late morning on Thursday August 24, our final day. Also note that the GPO & Wholesaler companies will sometimes have refreshments available for their members during their respective Breakout Sessions.

Apologies, however Guest Passes are *not* available for any of the NPPA provided meals or events. Please see our <u>Attendee FAQ's</u> page for more on this subject.

## **Attendee Opening Reception, Co-Sponsored By Athenex**

NPPA's Attendee Opening Reception, held on Monday August 21 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm (now extended for an additional 30 minutes), is being **Co-Sponsored by Athenex**, one of our Vendor-Exhibitors. With Athenex's generous sponsorship, NPPA is happy to let you know we'll be able to offer more for this year's Reception than we would have been able to do on our own! It will be held up on the 26th Floor SkyView Rooms 2/3. Expect lots of tasty food, a full hosted open bar, great networking and fun, as well as the chance to win some *fantastic* **Raffle Prizes!** 

Also note that the Apexus **340B** University on Monday is scheduled to *end at 4:30pm*, so for those of you attending that event as well, there's no conflict with being able to join for our Opening Reception.

For your convenience, as you leave the Reception, you can pickup your official Attendee Program Binder, which has all your necessary Conference materials (speaker handouts, detailed Agenda, CE processing information, and more), in order to avoid the rush to otherwise wait to check-in first thing Tuesday morning, before the Educational Program begins.

Apologies, however Guest Passes are *not* available for this year's Opening Reception. Please see our <u>Attendee FAQ's</u> for more on this subject.

#### **Vendor Exhibit Hall**

The Vendor Exhibit Hall will be held in the Grand Gold/Silver/Bronze Ballrooms (right next to the Lecture Hall), **on Tuesday 3:00pm to 6:00pm, and Wednesday 3:30pm to 6:00pm.** Snacks will also be available, as well as a Full Cash Bar (all types of drinks available), with each Attendee receiving 2 total tickets (1 for each Exhibit day), to redeem for a complimentary non-alcoholic drink.

During the Exhibit Hall hours, four \$50 American Express Gift Cards on each day (as provided by NPPA), will be raffled off at random times during the Exhibit Hall hours (must be present to win).

We highly encourage you to take advantage of this time to network and meet with our exhibiting vendors, enabling you to build relationships and develop new ones, so that when you go back to the office, you can call on them when medications are needed or for other important matters. Our Exhibitors have come to understand just how important it is to meet with you, the country's brightest and most dedicated pharmacy purchasing professionals, so are truly there for you!

## Cyber Café, Sponsored By American Regent

This year's Cyber Café is Sponsored by American Regent, one of our Vendor-Exhibitors. It will be available in the Grand Salon foyer just outside of the Lecture & Exhibit Halls, so that you may conveniently check your emails from the office and home or print your flight's boarding passes, at no cost. The Cyber Café will include 3 provided laptops with internet connections, and 1 printer.

# \$100 Grand Prize Drawing for 2 NPPA Members on Final Day!

Be sure to *stick around to the end* of our programs on Thursday afternoon! Sometime before the end of our last event day (ending at 1:15pm), a random drawing will be made to give 2 lucky NPPA members still in attendance, a \$100 American Express Gift Card. *Eligibility: must be a current/new NPPA member, and present in the Lecture Hall at time of drawing, to win.* 

## Check-In & Out At Bally's With Text Or Mobile App

Bally's hotel guests can now check-in (and out) of their hotel rooms *without* having to stand in line at the Front Desk, or before even stepping into the door! Using their new Mobile App or Texting options for check-in/out services instead of the Front Desk.

# To Check-*In* upon arrival:

**CLICK:** Check in with a few easy steps online, at: <u>ballys.com/checkin6</u>

**Or TEXT:** "CHECKIN6" to "227466" from any U.S. mobile phone.

**THEN:** Leave your bags at the Bell Desk while your room is getting ready.

Hang out in the Bally's casino and you will then be notified by text or email when your room keys are available. Have your Reservation Number available for verification.

*If you booked* your Bally's room reservation on the *same day* as your *arrival date*, you will *not* be able to use this Self Check-in Service.

#### Checking-*Out* is just as easy:

**CLICK:** check-in with a few easy steps online, at: <u>ballys.com/checkout6</u> **Or TEXT:** "CHECKOUT6" to "227466" from any U.S. mobile phone.

#### **Packing Reminders – Clothing & Business Cards**

Comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, camera, cell phone and camera chargers. Sweater/layering clothes for the air-conditioned hotel (see details below). In addition, you may want to consider packing a small travel-size umbrella, if you expect to walk around on The Strip at all in the evenings or off-days you're in town, as August is the "monsoon" season in Vegas, with thunder & rainstorms known to break out at any moment (or you can purchase one at the hotel's Gift Shop).

Be sure to bring your business cards to distribute to fellow attendees as well as the attending Exhibitor reps (to enter in their various raffles from their Exhibit booths, or to give them to contact you after the show if they don't have one of our available Lead Retrieval units to scan your Name Badge for that information). If you don't already have Business Cards, try VistaPrint.com for an inexpensive and hopefully fast, option.

## **Dress Code/Temperature In Hotel Meeting Rooms**

The dress code is business casual, **no** coat or tie is required. Also note that the hotel air conditioning makes meeting rooms much cooler than you would expect, even though it will be the height of the heat in Vegas' summer season. So please be prepared with a sweater or jacket in the lecture rooms, since the hotel's air conditioning is usually set quite cool, and we oftentimes cannot get that adjusted fully or to everyone's liking.

## **Attendee FAQ's**

For additional information and answers to our NPPA Conference Attendees' frequently asked questions, see our <u>Attendee FAQ's</u>.

## NPPA Out of Office After August 17

Note that NPPA will be *out of the office* (on the way to Las Vegas), after August 17. **So please do** *NOT* **send payments** for Conference Registration to be received after that date, nor fax any other Conference-related documents to our office after August 17. Since we will no longer be at the office at that time, but on our way to Vegas, so you must instead bring your payment onsite.

Also note: our online Attendee Registration Site will be open through Saturday August 19. Which means that any new registrations or changes to your existing registrations (for RSVP to Meals, other), *must be done ONSITE, after that date*.

For questions before we leave the office (by August 17), please call us toll-free, at: 888-544-NPPA (6772). Before or after we leave for Vegas, you can send an email with your questions to: Jonathan@PharmacyPurchasing.com