

2024 RANC ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

- **1:00 PM** - Conference registration opens in the **Embassy Suites Lobby/Pre function area**
 - Check in, receive nametag & Asheville Tourists tickets
 - Refreshments available at registration (light snacks/beverages) 1-5PM
 - Questions? Need assistance, Jessica & Diana will be at the registration table to help. Call or text Jessica at 864-631-5703 with emergencies.
- **3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** – Vendors can set in the Blue Ridge Ball Room
 - Vendors can set up tables early on Wednesday from 3-5PM
- **5:00 PM** – *Hotel reception in the E'Terie – for hotel guests only –use your complimentary drink tickets during this time at the hotel until 6:30 PM. This is not a conference-related event and is included with your hotel stay at the Embassy Suites by Hilton-Asheville.*
- **5:30 PM** – Group transportation provided to Conference Welcome Reception
 - Meet in hotel lobby
 - The Trolley Company will depart from hotel at **5:45 PM**. It will make one trip to the stadium and return attendees back to hotel at conclusion of game.
 - Attendees can also drive personal vehicles to the stadium.
 - Ballpark opens at 5:30 pm. RANC reception food will be out on the Wicked Weed Brewing Party Pavilion at 6PM.
 - **You must pick up your baseball ticket at conference registration desk to attend the welcome reception.**
- **6:35 PM - 9:00 PM** - Welcome Reception **Location: McCormick Field**
RANC is taking you out to the ballgame! Join us at the Wicked Weed Brewing Party Pavilion at McCormick Field during the Asheville Tourists home game as they take on the Bowling Green Cavemen.
 - **This event is included in your registration**
 - Gates open at 5:30 PM. Game starts at 6:35pm; food will be out 6PM – 8PM.
 - Reception includes hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, sides, and drinks. 2 drink tickets will be provided for all attendees, bar available on site after tickets used.
 - Event is sponsored by Biltmore Iron & Metal Company
 - Please note, only Diaper bags | Medical bags | Small purses, clutches, or wallets no larger than 8.5" x 11" are permitted in the stadium.
- [Click here](#) for onsite dining options at the conference hotel. There are additional dining options walking distance from the hotel.

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Thursday, August 8, 2024

- **6:30 AM – 9:30 AM** – Hotel made to order breakfast available for all attendees staying in the hotel
 - **Board members can make a plate to go and bring to the French Broad room**
- **8:00 AM - 10:00 AM** Vendor Set Up Only **Location: Blue Ridge Ballroom**
 - Room open for vendors to set up exhibit tables; coffee available for all vendors
- **8:30 AM- 10:30 AM** - RANC Board of Directors Meeting **Location: French Broad Conference Center**
 - Board of Directors only; coffee & beverages will be available in the room.
 - You can make a breakfast plate to go in the E'Terie and bring to the meeting
- **11:30 AM** Lunch Buffet Open **Location: Blue Ridge Ballroom**
 - Buffet will remain open 11:30 AM – 1 PM; RANC program starts at 12:15 PM
- **12:15 PM - 4:00 PM** - General Session **Location: Blue Ridge Ballroom**
 - Legislative Updates
 - Ed Turlington, Brooks Pierce - RANC Lobbyist
 - NCACP Updates
 - Bill Hollingsed, Executive Director, NCACP
 - Deputy Chief Zeru Chickoree
 - **BREAK**
 - Economic Updates
 - Blake Hurtik, Argus Media **"US Scrap and Steel Market Update"**
 - Industry Update
 - Dalan Zartman, Energy Security Agency **"Battery Disposal & Recycling"**
- **6:00 PM -7:00 PM** - Reception **Location: Blue Ridge Pre-function**
 - Pre-dinner networking; enjoy apps + bar
 - Back by demand, music entertainment by RANC's own Seth Bickley
 - Beer tasting tent – Highland Brewing
 - Sample some local favs!
- **7:00 PM - 10:00 PM** - Dinner **Location: Blue Ridge Ballroom**
 - Dinner, networking
 - Sponsor Raffle drawings
 - 50/50 Raffle – winner gets ½ the pot! Proceeds benefit the RANC NCACP Fund

Friday, August 9, 2024

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Vendor Breakdown **Location: Blue Ridge Ballroom**

Reminder – all guests staying at hotel get complimentary full breakfast buffet 6:30 am-9:30am in the E'Terie - Located with the main guest lobby of the hotel.

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