

Under One Sky is Exciting!

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In less than a month, we will be developing personally and professionally, celebrating the excellent work of our members.

As a lifetime learner, I am excited to attend the 90th Anniversary of NEAFCS Under One Sky! Each day is packed full of unique personal and professional development opportunities built by Debbie Curley, Rosie Stewart, and their committees.



Monday begins with an array of events. There are pre-conferences for professional development as well as the first-timer orientation and affiliate officer meetings. For all members, a desert animal display will begin introducing you to the desert. The annual session will open with more cultural exposure expressions in the opening. The welcome event will showcase the region's beauty, art, and culture with a Navajo jewelry maker and weaver, a cowboy poet, hoop dancers, a mariachi band, and Mexican food on the patio with the Arizona sunset for a backdrop.

On **Tuesday**, we will have school pride day as you attend morning in-depth sessions. Upon returning, each region will have their business and awards luncheon followed by concurrent sessions. This evening will be time for state photos and night out.

On **Wednesday**, you will have a marketplace to shop, concurrent sessions, an in-person Showcase of Excellence (12:30-1:30), the annual business meeting, exhibit forums, a service project, and a silent auction. Two invitation events will be a reception for the Leadership Experience participants and a catered leadership event at the Tucson Art Museum.

Finally, **Thursday** will close the action-packed session with exhibit forums, concurrent sessions, committee meetings, President's Reception, and the awards banquet.

In less than a month, we will be developing personally and professionally, to maximize our resources, challenge ourselves to improve in the face of ever-changing needs, and celebrate our contributions to our communities and the nation today and over the past 90 years. See you in Arizona!

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