

The Early Bird Has an Advantage

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Have you registered for the multiple professional development options at the 2024 90th Annual Session Under One Sky? I encourage you to register immediately to have the greatest selection of the preconference and in-depth sessions which have been thoughtfully planned for your professional development needs. **If you are a first timer, plan to attend a session on Monday.** I also recommend engaging in committee work as a NEAFCS member. We need members to gain experience to become the future leaders of the NEAFCS organization.



Map out a plan of sessions to attend before you go to tailor your professional development to your needs.

With a plan in place before you arrive in Tucson, you will be more relaxed and able to enjoy the beautiful environment. **Take advantage of the morning ritual, service project, and other daily activities that fit your schedule.** In your program book, record key thoughts from concurrent sessions. **Network with NEAFCS members and share business cards, so you can reach out easily upon returning to your home.** You might also plan to write an action step or two that you will implement in 2024-2025 because of the strategies you gained. Travel away from annual session with plans to maximize your resources, strategies to challenge yourself to improve your work in our ever-changing world, and gratitude for the contributions you and all FCS professionals make and have made for 90 years to communities throughout our nation and world. **See you September 16-19 in Arizona!**

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