

80th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference FAQs



What is Rapid City, South Dakota like?

Rapid City is located at the base of the central Black Hills, an *Island in the Plains* that offers a variety of tourist attractions and recreational opportunities. The city itself has a vibrant historic downtown, a network of hiking trails and bike paths along Rapid Creek, and a thriving local and indigenous art community. Access to the Black Hills National Forest is roughly 15 minutes from downtown Rapid City and many National Park Service sites are located within 100 miles. Consider staying a day or two extra to explore!

When does the discounted conference hotel room rate (at \$89/night) end?

The room rate at the Holiday Inn Rapid City Downtown - Convention Center cannot be guaranteed after September 26, 2023. There are plenty of other hotels in Rapid City, but the discounted hotel room rate is competitive for the area and the season. With advanced notice, the conference hotel also provides transportation to and from the airport, and even to local points of interest, all for a small fee.

Is there transportation available to and from the Wednesday Early Bird Party at Hay Camp Brewing Company?

Yes! The conference hosts will be coordinating transportation to the Early Bird Party from the conference hotel lobby, and back. There may or may not be a disco ball in the rental bus (no guarantees). Hay Camp Brewing Company is also accessible via a moderate walk (0.7 miles one-way) from the conference hotel, and there are plenty of options for “pub crawling” through downtown on the way back to the hotel.

Are snacks, drinks, and refreshments available during conference breaks?

Yes! Conference registration includes complimentary morning and afternoon breaks between sessions.

Is there transportation available to and from the Thursday Evening Reception?

Yes! The conference hosts will be coordinating transportation to and from the Thursday Evening Reception at the Journey Museum. The Journey Museum is located only 0.3 miles from the conference hotel, so many may choose to undertake this easy stroll. However, transportation will be available as needed via standard vehicles (disco ball definitely not included).

I did not purchase a Friday Evening Banquet ticket when I registered for the conference. Can I still attend the Banquet Speaker Presentation?

Yes, there will be extra seating available for local author/photographer Paul Horsted's presentation.

I did not purchase any merchandise when I registered online for the conference. Will there be extra shirts, bandanas, and stickers for sale on-site at the conference venue?

A limited amount of conference merchandise will be available on-site, so be sure to check out the options at the registration desk upon your arrival.

I plan to present a poster. How will it be presented at the conference?

The conference hotel is well-suited for poster presentations and poster groupies. Depending on the number of submissions, posters may be exhibited as part of coordinated sessions and/or may be made available for extended viewing in the atrium and the expansive hallways adjacent to the conference presentation rooms. Conference hosts will provide foam-core poster backing and command strips, which can be used to securely affix posters directly to the wall.

I have a friend/family member/spouse traveling to the conference with me, can they attend any of the events without registering for the conference?

In general, no, the conference and its associated events, including the Early Bird Party, Thursday Reception, and Friday Banquet, are for registered attendees only. The overall conference registration fee helps to fund these additional events. If an attendee's guest would like to participate in a pre- or post-conference tour, they can register and pay for those separately via the conference's registration portal.

Still have questions?

Reach out via email: conference@plainsanthropologicalsociety.org