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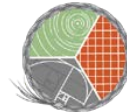
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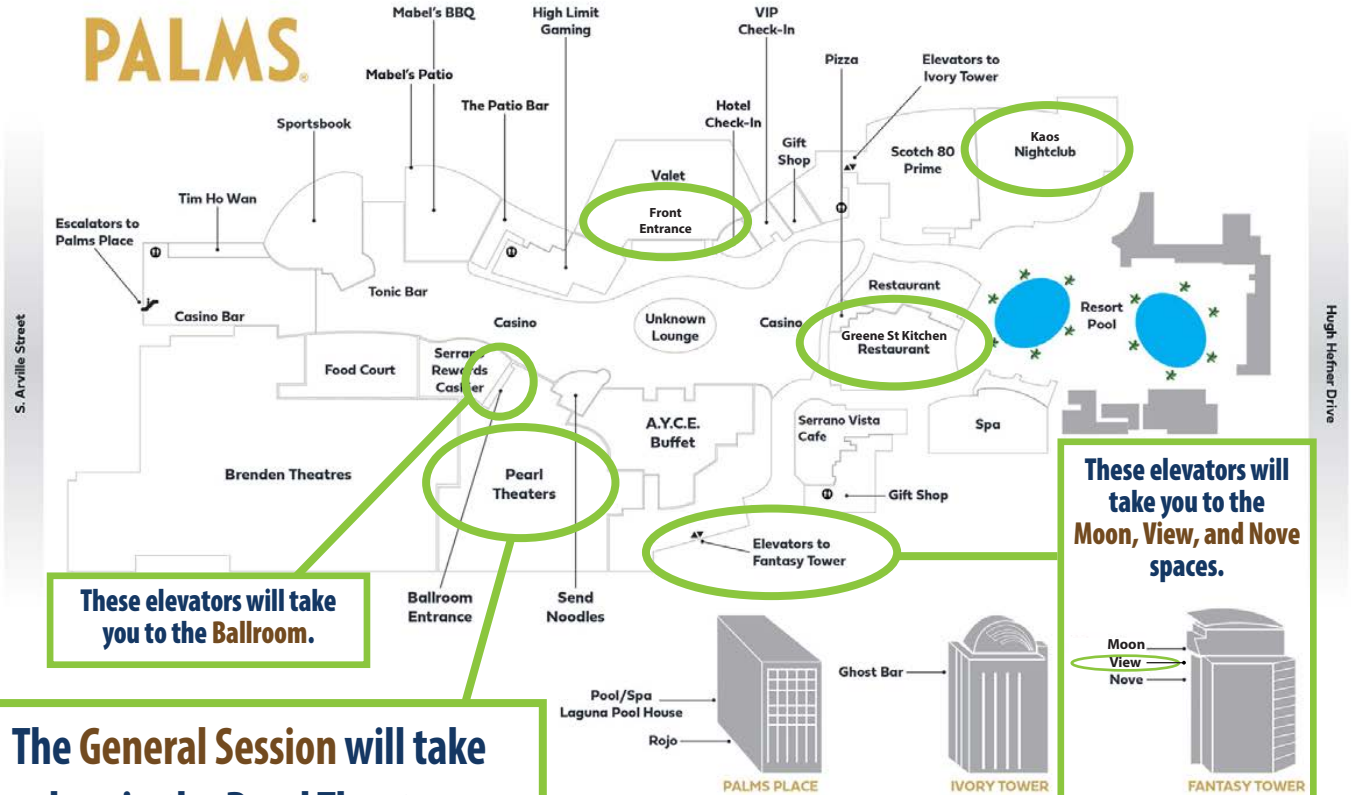


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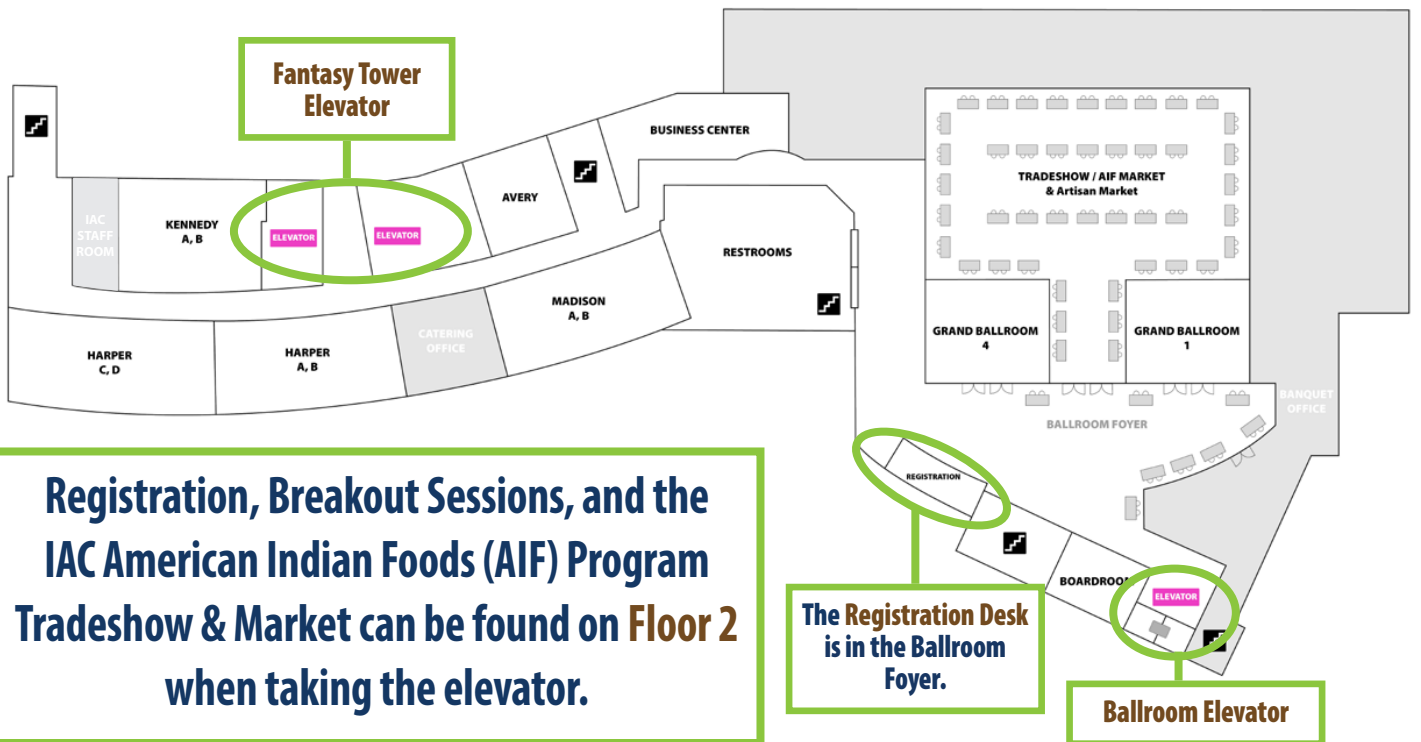
These elevators will take you to the **Ballroom**.

The **General Session** will take place in the **Pearl Theaters**, located on the main casino floor.

These elevators will take you to the **Moon, View, and Nove** spaces.

Youth Sessions will be in **View**.

Floor 2 from Fantasy Tower or Ballroom Elevators



Registration, Breakout Sessions, and the IAC American Indian Foods (AIF) Program Tradeshow & Market can be found on **Floor 2** when taking the elevator.

The **Registration Desk** is in the **Ballroom Foyer**.

Ballroom Elevator



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Tuesday, December 10, 2024

7:00 - 8:00 AM - REGISTRATION IN BALLROOM & BREAKFAST

8:30 AM - Youth and Young Professionals meet in the Pearl Theater lobby to prepare for the flag procession.



9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - GENERAL SESSION IN PEARL THEATER

Flag Procession: Youth and Young Professionals
Essay Contest finalists will be formally awarded and asked to read their essays.
Awards presented to youth essay contest finalists and honorable mentions

12:00 PM - BANQUET LUNCH

THE FOLLOWING YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE VIEW ROOM OF THE FANTASY TOWER

1:00 - 2:00 PM - FROM DREAMS TO SHARING HORIZONS

Speakers: Azalea Harvey-Leo and Sakari Frazier

2:00 - 3:00 PM - IAC POLICY WORKSHOP

Speakers: Mai Nguyen and Calico Ducheneaux

3:00 - 3:30 PM - CAUCUS WORKSHOP, OVERVIEW, AND SIGN UP

Speakers: Elaini Vargas and Keir Johnson-Reyes

3:30 - 4:30 PM - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Speakers: Lillian Hall and Calico Ducheneaux

4:30 - 5:30 PM - CLOSING REMARKS



Wednesday, December 11, 2024

8:00 - 10:30 AM - REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS

Eastern Region Caucus
Room: Avery

Diné Region Caucus
Room: Harper A, B

Rocky Mountain Region Caucus
Room: Harper C, D

Southwest Region Caucus
Room: Kennedy A, B

Northwest Region Caucus
Room: Moon Event Space

Western Region Caucus
Room: Nove

ALL YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE VIEW ROOM OF THE FANTASY TOWER

7:45 - 8:15 AM - BREAKFAST

8:00 - 8:30 AM - MORNING ACTIVITY

8:30 - 9:00 AM - IAC YOUTH PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Speakers: Kelci Bends and Bo Vocu

9:00 - 9:45 AM - NYAC PANEL AND WORKSHOP

Speakers: NYAC Moderator: Elaini Vargas

9:45 - 10:50 AM - FSA ADMINISTRATOR DUCHENEAUX

10:50 - 11:00 AM - SNACK BREAK

11:00 - 11:30 AM - TRADE CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE

Speaker: Jeremy Gallagher

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - AKIPTAN

Speaker: Dawn LeBeau, Senior Program Officer

12:00 - 1:00 PM - LUNCH TA PIZZA PARTY



REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, 12/11 ••• 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

EVERY •••• EASTERN REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Eastern Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members only, consisting of Tribes in AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, ME, MA, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, and WV.

HARPER A,B •• DINÉ REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Diné Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from the Diné Nation only.

HARPER C,D •• ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Rocky Mountain Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from MT and WY only.

KENNEDY A,B •• SOUTHWEST REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Southwest Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members CO and NM only.

MOON •••• NORTHWEST REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Northwest Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the Intertribal Agriculture Council's (IAC) annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from OR, WA, and ID only.

NOVE •••• WESTERN REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Western Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from AZ and UT only.

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

ALL YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE VIEW ROOM OF THE FANTASY TOWER

1:00 - 1:30 PM - USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

1:30 - 4:00 PM - REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS

**Eastern Oklahoma
Region Caucus
Room: Avery**

**Southern Plains Region Caucus
Room: Harper A, B**

**Pacific Region Caucus
Room: Harper C, D**

**Great Lakes Region Caucus
Room: Kennedy A, B**

**Great Plains Region Caucus
Room: Moon Event Space**

**Alaska Region Caucus
Room: Nove**

1:30 - 2:30 PM - EMPOWERING TRIBAL FUTURES THROUGH NATIVE FOODS: A YOUTH-LED EXPLORATION

Speaker: Tomas Delgado, Program Manager for the National Farm to School Network

2:30 - 2:40 PM - SNACK BREAK

2:40 - 3:45 PM - TRADESHOW SCAVENGER HUNT

3:45 - 4:50 PM - CRST BUFFALO AUTHORITY CORPORATION

Speaker: Irona Howe

4:45 - 5:30 PM - REINDEER HUSBANDRY EDUCATION IN THE CIRCUMPOLAR NORTH: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Speakers: Bonnie Scheele, Yvaine Scheele, and Jacqueline Hrabok

5:30 - 5:40 PM - CLOSE OUT & END-OF-DAY REFLECTIONS



REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, 12/11 ••• 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

EVERY •••• EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGION CAUCUS - ENDS EARLY AT 3:45 PM

All Tribal members from the Eastern Oklahoma Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from Eastern OK only.

HARPER A,B •• SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Southern Plains Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members in KS, OK (not including Eastern OK), and TX only.

HARPER C,D •• PACIFIC REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Pacific Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from CA and NV only.

KENNEDY A,B •• GREAT LAKES REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Great Lakes Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from MN, WI, MI, and IA only.

MOON •••• GREAT PLAINS REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Great Plains Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from ND, SD, and NE only.

NOVE •••• ALASKA REGION CAUCUS

All Tribal members from the Alaska Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the Intertribal Agriculture Council's (IAC) annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC's work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from AK only.

Thursday, December 12, 2024

ALL YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE VIEW ROOM OF THE FANTASY TOWER

8:00 - 8:30 AM - EXPLORING OUR ROOTS

Speaker: Amelia Holguin (IAC - Intertribal Food Business Center Intern)

8:30 - 9:00 AM - COPPER RIVER NATIVE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY GARDEN INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE

Speaker: Lakota McRoberts (IAC Intern)

9:00 - 11:00 AM - NRCS CAREER PATHS AND PROFESSIONAL ROUNDTABLES

Speaker: Rick Tafoya, Roylene Comes At Night, Pedro Torres, and Team

11:00 - 11:30 AM - CLOSING ACTIVITIES & REMARKS

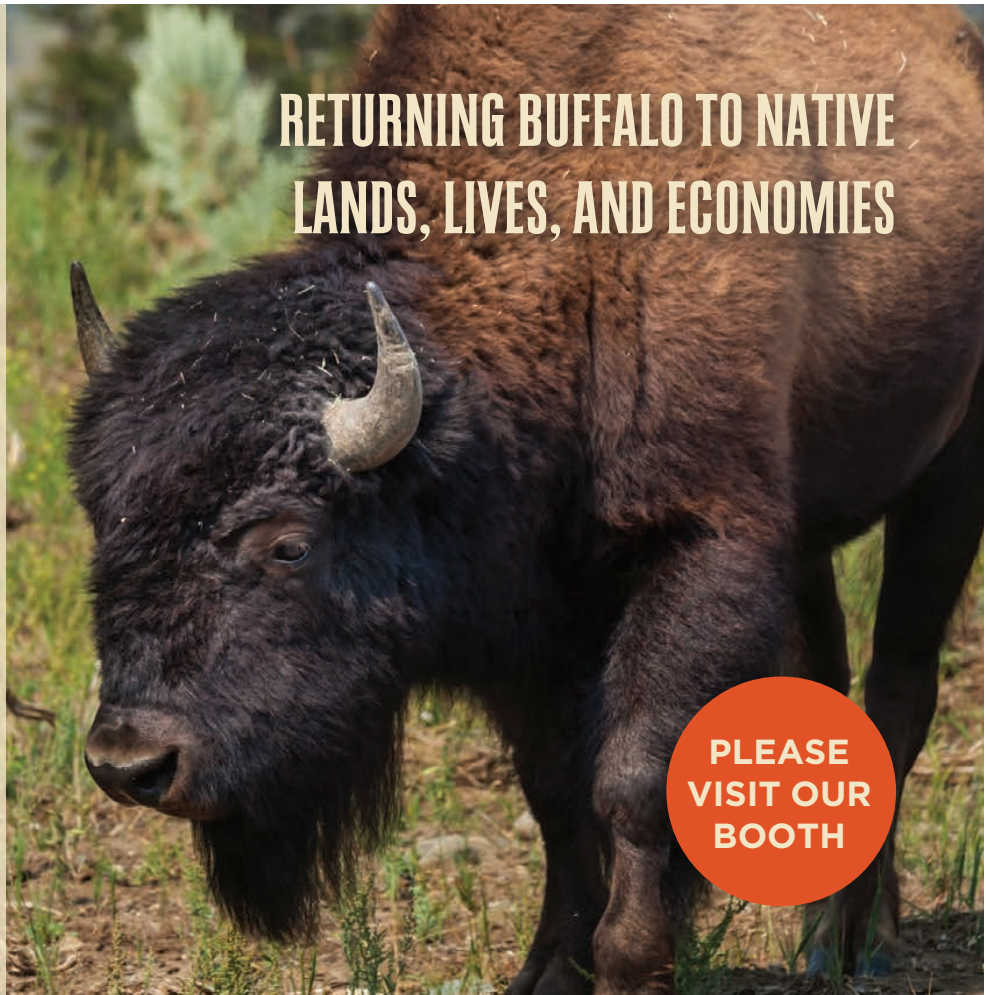




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