



Colorado Field Ornithologists

2019 - Montrose Convention Agenda

Venues for CFO's 2019 Convention are close to the **Convention Headquarters** at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Montrose, 1391 S. Townsend Avenue (Hwy 50/550), on the east side of the street. **However**, access to the hotel has its quirks (that we hope we come to love), as it sits back from the road and is largely obscured by a Wells Fargo branch and/or an Adventist church, depending on your approach from the north or south, respectfully. And the hotel does not have its own direct access to the street. (Yes, you read that right.) So, the two best ways to access the hotel are: (1) by turning into the Safeway just north of the hotel, at the LARGE Safeway sign right at the road, and then immediately turning right towards the hotel; OR (2) turn east off Townsend onto East Niagara, immediately south of the hotel (there are traffic lights at the intersection), and then make the first left into the hotel/church property (while not cutting off the Wells Fargo traffic exiting the lot at the same spot). These two routes are shown in this map: <https://tinyurl.com/yybvmnqv> . The hotel and church share parking, with no reserved spots, so park wherever you like around the hotel and church properties. **Please do yourself a favor, and avoid doing this:** turning off Townsend Avenue at the large Holiday Inn sign, as would be expected in most usual (not quirky) circumstances, unless you are planning to use the Wells Fargo drive-up tellers and ATMs, because that will be where you end up. You won't be able to safely back out due to traffic behind you, or park, until you make your way through the drive-up. Hence the red cross and line you may have noticed on the map above, suggesting that you don't want to go in there. The **Welcome Picnic** Thursday evening will take place at the pavilion at Riverbottom Park. A map showing the best route to the picnic from the hotel is here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxwq7y5> . Look also for highway signs along the roads directing traffic to a handful of parks, which include Riverbottom. The parks are all adjacent to each other and share parking; look for the pavilion next to a large restroom facility and a bridge at the river, just north of the water park -- that's us. The Saturday evening **Banquet** site thankfully is easy to reach from the hotel, at the Montrose Pavilion Events Center, 1800 E Pavilion Place -- see the map here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4rft2dn>.

| Thursday, June 13, 2019 | | |
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| 7:00 am - 4:00 pm | Pre-convention field trips | Start from Grand Junction, Northern Front Range, Colorado Springs, Glenwood Springs |
| 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm | Registration | Riverbottom Park |
| 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Welcome Picnic | Riverbottom Park |
| 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm | Registration #2 | Holiday Inn Lobby |

Friday, June 14, 2019

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| 5:45 am - 4:00 pm | Field Trip Departures and Returns | Holiday Inn Lobby/Patio Area |
| 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Exhibitors and Vendors | Holiday Inn Peregrine Room |
| 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm | Late Registration | Holiday Inn - Hotel Lobby |
| 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm | Happy Hour, Cash Bar | Holiday Inn Lobby/Patio Area |
| 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm | Student/Youth Mixer | TBD |
| 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Dinner on your own | Wherever you choose |

Saturday, June 15, 2019

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| 5:00 am - 4:00 pm | Field Trips - Departures and Returns | Holiday Inn Lobby/Patio Area |
| 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Exhibitors and Vendors | Holiday Inn Peregrine Room |
| 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Papers Session | Holiday Inn Apex Room |
| 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Socializing, Cash Bar | Montrose Pavillion |
| 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Banquet and Annual Meeting | Montrose Pavillion |
| 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm | Keynote Address - Nathan Pieplow | Montrose Pavillion |

Sunday, June 16, 2019

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| 5:30 am - 4:00 pm | Field Trip Departures and Returns | Holiday Inn Lobby/Patio Area |
| 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Dinner on your own | Wherever you choose |

Monday, June 17, 2019

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| 6:30 am - 3:00 pm | Rafting & Birding - Not a CFO event, contact Sue Riffe | Holiday Inn Lobby/Patio Area |
| 7:00 am - 4:00 pm | Post-convention field trips to Northern Front Range and Southern Front Range | Holiday Inn Lobby/Patio Area |