

National AML Newsletter

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Window Rock, AZ – Navajo AML Program will host the “**26th Annual National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs Conference**” September 26-29, 2004 at the Little America Hotel Resort, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

We extend an invitation to states, tribes, federal agencies, and other entities to share their knowledge and wealth of information to seek solutions for restoring the environment and in “**Restoring Lands to Enhance Beauty, Harmony and the Quality of Life.**” Technical sessions and workshops will highlight reclamation techniques, public facility projects and other various environmental topics. Call for Paper guidelines on the website at www.navajoaml.osmre.gov.

The Navajo Nation (Dine’ Bekeyah) is one of the largest recognized Native American Tribe and reservation in the United States that extends within the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, covering over 27,000 square miles of unparalleled beauty with many spectacular, breathtaking landscapes and views.

Navajo AML has an unforgettable conference agenda in store for you and added attractions. The 26th Annual Conference will kick off with a three-day “*Discover Navajoland Pre-Conference Tour*” scheduled on September 24-26, 2004. You will travel a on chartered bus to renown Navajo National monuments such as Antelope Canyon, Navajo Monument, Monument Valley, Canyon deChelly; all featured in various Hollywood films, commercials and magazine publications around the world. These are among some of the spectacular sites we will tour and explore alongside neighboring AML sites, public facility projects and one of the largest open pit coal mines on the Navajo Nation, in which you will capture a glimpse of Arizona’s two most preserved Anasazi ruins. Pre-Conference Registration Forms can be downloaded from the website, a magnificent three-day tour, limited to the first 45 people, at \$250.00 per person and \$125.00 per additional spouse or guest will include fees for lodging, park entrance fees, and transportation.

Registration for the conference, NAAML P Association meeting, and exhibit setup will begin on Sunday, September 26th, all-day and ending with a social evening with our guests. Conference sessions will begin on Monday, September 27th through Wednesday, September 29th, with technical sessions and workshops relating to environmental issues, reclamation and new technology to “**Restoring Lands to Enhance Beauty, Harmony and the Quality of Life**”. On Monday evening, a cookout will take place, in the mountains, with entertainment by local Native traditional dancers. A field trip is scheduled for each day of the conference to tour AML reclamation sites and public facility projects in Monument Valley, Utah, Coalmine Canyon, Arizona, and Kykotsmovi, Arizona (Hopi Reservation). The NAAML P Conference Registration is \$175.00 per person and spouse/guest at \$95.00 before August 13, 2004. Thereafter, it will be \$200.00 per person and spouse/guest at \$110.00.

Separate from the Conference field trips, additional tours are also scheduled for Spouses and Guests. These tours are within the surrounding Flagstaff vicinity to visit Sedona and Cliff Castle Casino for \$49.00 (Spouse/Guest Tour 1); Flagstaff vicinity includes: Sunset Crater, Wupatki National Park, Lowell Observatory & Museum of Northern Arizona for \$49.00 (Spouse/Guest Tour 2) and Grand Canyon for \$60.00 (Guest Tour 3). Guest tours will include lunch, applicable entrance fees and transportation. The Guest Tour agenda is available on the website.

We look forward to seeing you in September 2004. Call today to the Little America Hotel Resort at 1-800-352-4386 to make your hotel reservation. A special conference-lodging rate at \$67.00 plus tax/double is available. Bring your family for an authentic southwest experience and discover the Navajo Nation and its surrounding beauty. For more information, call Harlan Charley, Public Information Officer at (928) 871-6982 or e-mail: hcharley@frontiernet.net.