

## 2025 NPSMA Conference Attendee Reference Sheet

**Conference Program Participant List** 

Transportation from RDU Airport to the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel (421 South Salisbury Street. Raleigh, NC 27601)

**MATTER 15 NO HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE** 

The best and most reliable transportation options are:

- Rideshare (Recommended): Uber and Lyft are widely available at RDU. Follow airport signs to the designated Rideshare pick-up area.
- Taxi: Taxis are also readily available outside of baggage claim.
- Cost & Time Estimate: The ride is approximately 20-25 minutes and costs roughly \$25-\$35 depending on time of day and surge pricing.

## **Parking**

The Blount Street Parking Deck (314 Blount St) offers 2-hour free parking and is a .2 mile walk to the Sheraton

## Registration

Outside of Governor's Room November 5th 5:00-7:00 November 6th 8:00-9:00

## **Networking Opportunities**

November 5th: Welcome Evening Reception, 5:00-7:00

November 6th: Dinner at Whiskey Kitchen, 6:00

November 7th: Evening Networking and Awards Reception, 5:00-6:30

## **Getting Around Downtown Raleigh**

- **Walkability:** Downtown Raleigh is a great location and highly walkable and many of the city's best restaurants, museums, and shops are just a short stroll away.
- Local Rideshare: For destinations outside of downtown (like some of the other popular Raleigh areas, or RDU for departure), Uber and Lyft are readily available.

## **Walkable Destinations from the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel**

The Sheraton Raleigh Hotel is centrally located, making many of downtown's best spots easily accessible on foot.

### **Culture and Attractions (Less than a 15-minute walk)**

- North Carolina State Capitol Building: (Approx. 5-minute walk) A beautiful and historic landmark of Greek Revival architecture.
- Museums (Free Admission!): (Approx. 8-12 minute walk) Raleigh boasts two major state museums right next to each other:
  - North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences: The largest natural history museum in the Southeast.
  - o North Carolina Museum of History: Learn about the state's rich past.
- Moore Square & Nash Square: Historic downtown parks perfect for a quick break or people-watching.

## **Dining and Socializing**

- **Fayetteville Street:** (1-5 minute walk) The hotel is right off this main downtown thoroughfare, which is lined with restaurants, bars, and local businesses. Look for spots like:
  - Jimmy V's Osteria + Bar (Located in the hotel/right next door)
  - Rye Bar & Southern Kitchen
  - Gravy
  - o Sitti
  - o Whiskey Kitchen
- Craft Beer & Drinks:
  - The Raleigh Times Bar: A unique bar and restaurant in a historic newspaper building.
  - o <u>Haymaker</u>
  - o Sir Walter Coffee & Kitchen

# **Shopping and Unique Finds**

- City Market: (Approx. 10-15 minute walk) A historic open-air market with local shops and dining.
- Unique Local Shops: Wander down the side streets off Fayetteville to discover local boutiques, coffee shops, and more.

# **Other Dining Options**

Restaurants below are dinner options on Wednesday-Friday. All are within a 10 minute drive to the hotel and some are walking distance.

\*.5 miles or less

### **NC State Staples**

- Mitch's Tavern
- Players Retreat
- Sammy's Tap & Grill
- Amedeo's Italian Restaurant

#### **American**

- Wye Hill
- Whiskey Kitchen\*
- Parkside\*
- Beasley's Chicken + Honey\*
- Trophy Brewing & Pizza
- Standard Beer + Food
- Bad Daddy's Burger Bar
- Gussie's
- State of Beer

### Vegan/Vegetarian Friendly

Irregardless Cafe

#### **Tapas**

- Barcelona Wine Bar
- <u>Madre</u>

#### **International Cuisine**

- Five Star
- Brewery Bhavana\*
- La Terazza
- Taverna Agora

#### **Food Halls**

- Morgan Street Food Hall
- Transfer Co. Food Hall\*

# **Drink Options**

#### **Beer & Wine**

- Riparian Provision Co.
- Vault Craft Beer
- Vita Vite\*

#### **Breweries**

- Trophy Brewing & Taproom
- Crank Arm Brewing
- Incendiary Brewing

# Cocktails

Libations 317 -

- Dram & Draught
- William & Co.
- The Haymaker\*
- Wolfe & Porter

# **Sightseeing**

- <u>Dorothea Dix Park</u> is Raleigh's largest park. The 308-acre site blends historic architecture and rich landscapes into a unique destination in the heart of Raleigh.
- <u>Historic Yates Mill County Park</u>. The centerpiece of the 174-acre park is Historic Yates Mill, which is
  the last operable water-powered gristmill in Wake County. The Mill and the property surrounding it
  were purchased in 1963 by NC State University.
- North Carolina Museum of Art features over 40 galleries as well as more than a dozen major works of art in the nation's largest museum park with 164-acres.
- <u>Pullen Park</u> is the first public park in North Carolina, the 5th oldest operating amusement park in the US, and the 16th oldest in the world.
- Self-Guided tour of NC State | Stop by the <u>Joyner Visitor Center</u> to pick up information about a self-guided tour. Self-guided campus tours are accompanied by a video playlist featuring current students. The video playlist and self-guided tour highlight our well-known student spaces on NC State's Main Campus including Talley Student Union, Wellness & Recreation, and Hill Library.