

NSNA 35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026



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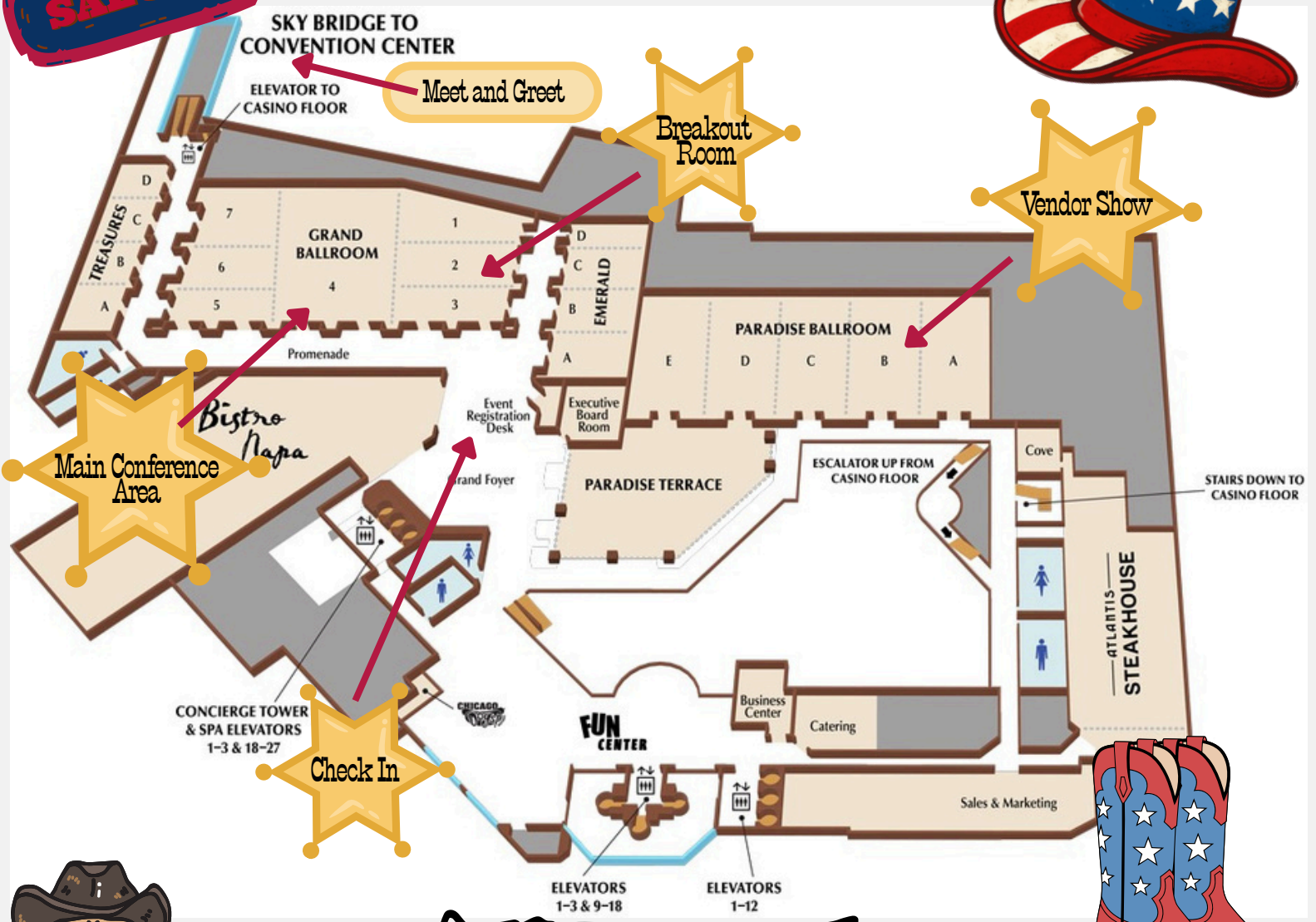
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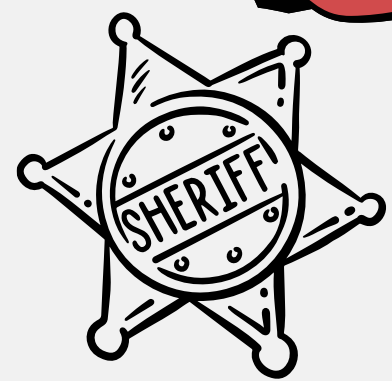
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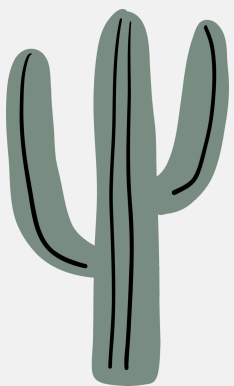
JEFF JOINER

Jeff Joiner combines his experience as a college professor, professional speaker, business owner, and consultant to provide relevant, useful training for school districts and SNA meetings around the country.

Jeff runs Jeff Joiner Training, a team of world-class speakers specializing in helping school districts and companies reach their goals. He has worked with the Child Nutrition departments at over 700 school districts in 49 states, helping them improve their programs, teams, and workplaces.

He is the author of the book, Say It Like It Matters When It Matters: Communicating with Power, Effectiveness, and Authenticity.

Jeff's passion and purpose is to equip people to live victoriously and abundantly. If that sounds good to you, you came to the right event!





Wednesday June 24th

7:30am-8:30am

Registration

Conference bags provided by



8:30am-9:45am

Welcome & Keynote | Grand 4

Keynote: Hold on Tight! Child Nutrition is the Ride of a Lifetime!

If you think bronc riding is exciting, you should try Child Nutrition! In this fun general session, Child Nutrition speaker Jeff Joiner explores lessons from the world of rodeo that apply to our industry. No one's gonna get hurt, but you'll definitely learn a thing or two about courage, adversity, and resilience!

Speaker: Jeff Joiner

10am-11am

Leave a Lasting Impression | Grand 4

A reminder that we are here to serve our students and all customers. This presentation will reignite the passion and purpose behind the work we do every day!

Speaker: Jose Quinones, JTM

11am-12pm

Updates from NDA | Grand 4

Come hear from NDA staff for updates on school nutrition including the updates on whole milk in school meals and the most common AR findings.

Speakers: Erica Jaramillo & Allen Whitenack

12pm-1pm

Lunch

Buffet lunch provided.





Wednesday June 24th

1pm-2pm

LAC Recap/MAHA/UPF's Panel Session | Grand 4

Hear about our trip to DC this year at the Legislative Action Conference and how NV school nutrition staff advocated for school meals. We will cover national updates we received on Make America Healthy Again and Ultra Processed Foods.

Speakers: Jordy Foster, Brittany Mally, Jessica Sifuentes & Mark Britton

2:15pm-3pm

Allergy vs. Intolerance | Grand 3

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a food allergy or food intolerance? Or how to deal with those when preparing and serving school meals? Come learn about the differences, the requirements, and which tools to use in the kitchen when working with either type.

Speakers: Washoe County School District

2:15pm-3pm

New Dietary Guidelines | Grand 1-2

Come learn about the New Dietary Guidelines for Americans and how they might influence the future of school meals.

Speaker: Jake Yarberry

3:15pm-4:15pm

Leadership Skills for School Nutrition Professionals | Grand 4

If you are like most CN professionals, you've had a lot more training in nutrition than you have in leadership. Yet, the challenges you face and the things that stress you out have a lot less to do with whole grains and sodium than they do with people! Learn basic concepts and approaches to leadership, like driving change, establishing accountability, bringing out the best in employees, and facilitating cross-functional teamwork.

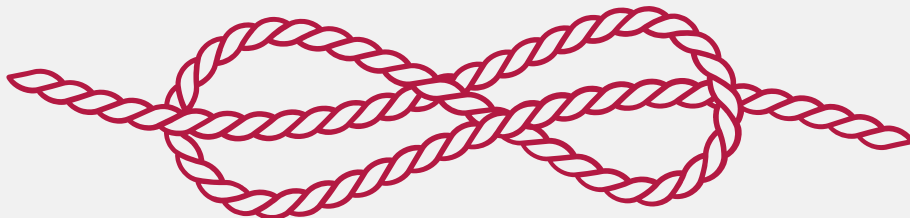
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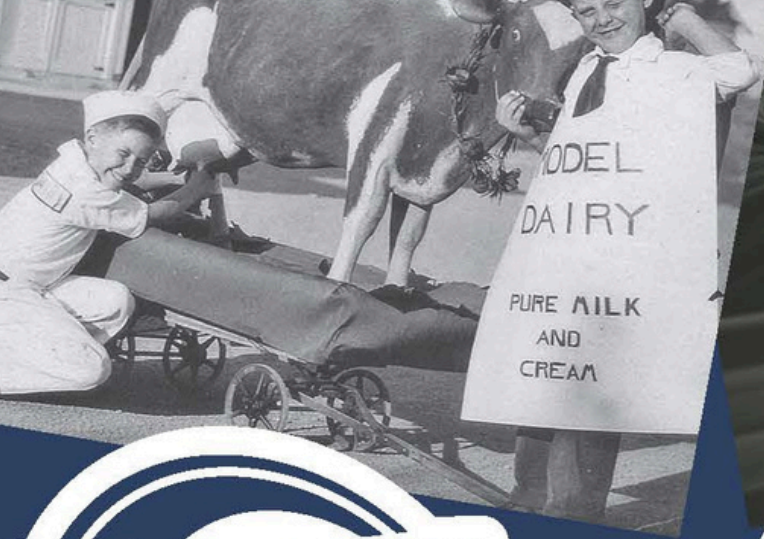
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Meet & Greet | Sky Bridge

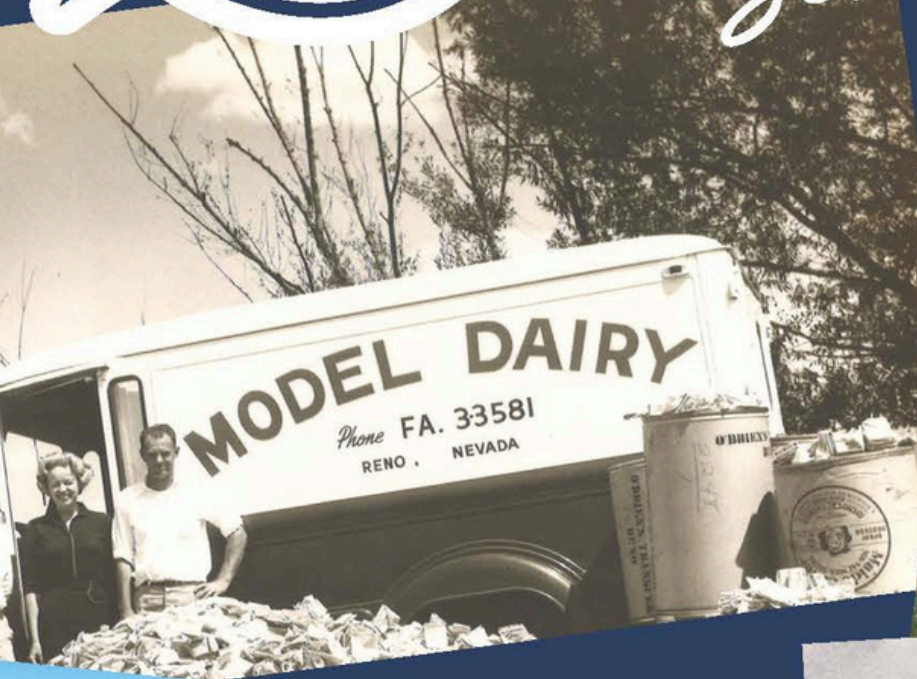
Meet us on the Sky Bridge between the Atlantis and the Convention Center for a rootin'-tootin' good time! Enjoy great food and plenty of mingling. Dust off your best Western gear and get ready for an evening full of fun and flair!

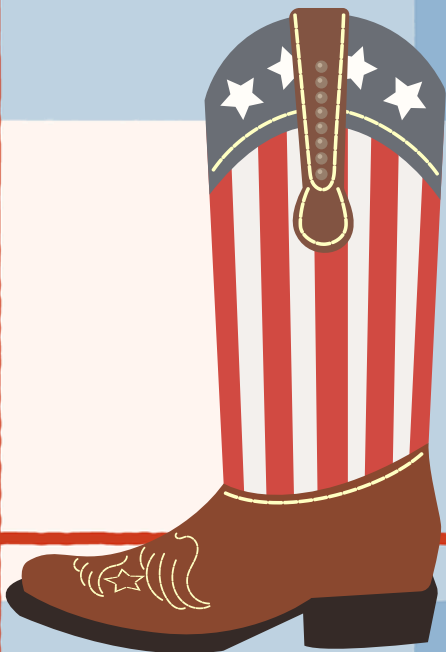
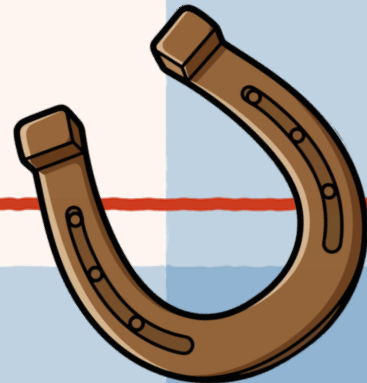






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Thursday June 25th

8:30am-10am

Continental Breakfast | Grand 4

Get ready to saddle up and join us for a delightful breakfast, exciting raffle prizes, and important announcements from your current NSNA Board. You'll also hear updates from SNA's Chris Burkhardt.

10:10am-10:55am

Food Photography | Grand 1-2

Take your school nutrition program to the next level with food photography that captures attention. This session will focus on practical tips for creating mouthwatering images and understanding what students and families love to see.

Speaker: Chris Burkhardt

10:10am-10:55am

Maximizing Program Efficiency | Grand 3

Learn practical strategies to manage hidden costs, reduce waste, streamline procurement, maximize entitlement dollars, and boost participation through tools like OVS, share tables, and breakfast after the bell.

Speaker: Claire Coffey, Director of Client Services

11:05am-12pm

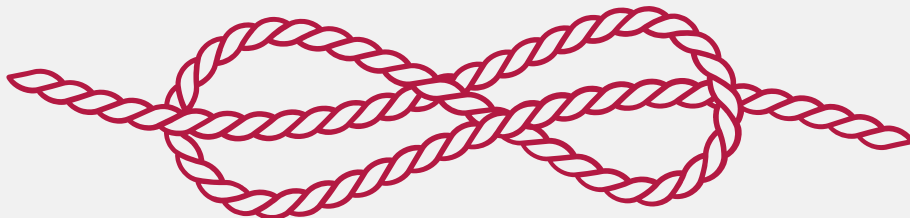
Secrets of the Happiest and Most Effective | Grand 4 CN Professionals!

We've all met School Nutrition professionals who are happy, engaged, motivated, fulfilled, and succeeding at work and at home. We've all also met some who are discouraged, frustrated, worn out, unfulfilled, and who literally hate what they do. What's interesting is that these individuals receive similar compensation, work the same hours, face the same kinds of challenges, work under the same USDA regulations, manage similar types of people, and are required to perform similar tasks. Yet, some School Nutrition professionals are living their dream lives, while others are struggling through a nightmare. This dynamic seminar will highlight the differences between these types of professionals (which might surprise you) and equip anyone who wants more fun, less stress, and greater fulfillment at work and in life! This is a seminar you can't afford to miss!

Speaker: Jeff Joiner

12pm

Vendor Show





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