

NATIONAL SUMMIT

Transforming Hospital, Post Acute and Long-Term
Care Delivery Systems for Health Care Reform

Optional Activities and Events

To assist you with maximizing your experience at the National Summit, we have assembled a list of optional activities and events. Scottsdale has beautiful weather in March, and is considered "high season"; therefore it will benefit you to plan in advance any activities you wish to include in your itinerary.

We are pleased to offer planning assistance with golf, spa, hiking, shopping, and hot air balloon rides for you and your guests on Thursday, March 31. If you would like to take advantage of this special service, please take a moment to indicate your preferences using the online **Optional Activities Preferences Form**.

GOLF

Enjoy world-class golf courses with breath-taking vistas and beautiful weather. Please note that a collared shirt is required; most courses in Arizona permit hemmed long length shorts. In addition to the courses at Talking Stick Resort, there are several courses located nearby. Clubs are available for rent in most cases. Some courses offer "twilight" or reduced rates in the winter for tee times that begin in the afternoon.

The Talking Stick Golf Club is located next to the resort. The North and South courses are two uniquely different golf courses and offer many options for golfers of all skill levels. From links style adventure through the grasslands and ingenious bunkering on the North Course to a traditional style of play on the tree-lined fairways of the South Course, both provide a serene yet challenging, memorable day of play.

In addition to the courses at Talking Stick Resort, there are several courses located nearby. For additional golf courses and tee times check out [Golf Hub](#) or [The Tee Time Store](#).

- Talking Stick Golf Club - \$125 (\$110 after 1 pm) - Call 480-860-2221 to book tee times.
- McCormick Ranch - \$89 (\$76 after 2 pm) - Call 480-948-0260 to book tee times
- TPC - Stadium - \$299 - Call 480-585-4334 to book tee times
- TPC - Champions - \$97 - Call 480-585-4334 to book tee time

SPA

Quick Links: [Brochure](#) [Pricing](#)

The Spa at the Talking Stick Resort is a 13,000 square foot, open-air spa, the ultimate in world-class rejuvenation. Enjoy the relaxation and serenity lounge, spacious steam room, and a full-equipped fitness facility. Hotel guests may utilize the fitness center for free and may purchase a day pass for \$15 to access the lounge and steam room.

Treatments are available at a specially negotiated 15% discount for National Summit attendees from March 28-31, 2011. Please call (480) 850-4065 to make a reservation. Mention that you are with the National Summit group.

DINING & NIGHTLIFE

Quick Links: [Restaurant Matrix](#)

The city's robust menu of eateries includes time-honored favorites like Cowboy Ciao, Don & Charlie's and Roaring Fork, as well as newcomers such as Petite Maison, Blanco Tacos + Tequila, and Prado. Reservations are recommended at most high-end restaurants and, in some cases, reservations are required. Click on the Restaurant Matrix link above to view a listing of nearby restaurants with pricing and addresses.

- [Orange Sky](#) is the Talking Stick Resort's culinary jewel, located on the 15th floor and boasts panoramic views of the McDowell Mountains. Open 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Sun-Thu; 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Fri - Sat (reservations recommended) [Take a tour](#).

SHOPPING

There is a complimentary shuttle* to nearby locations including Fashion Square Mall, the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, and the Pavilions at Talking Stick.

Other nearby shopping locations include Old Town Scottsdale**, The Borgata of Scottsdale, and Kierland Commons.

- [Scottsdale Fashion Square](#) offers a high-end shopping experience and is one of the top tourist destinations.
- [Old Town Scottsdale](#) gives guests a taste of the West with local shops and Native American artwork.
- [The Borgata of Scottsdale](#) offers unique merchants and restaurants in an outdoor Tuscan Village setting.
- [Kierland Commons](#) is a unique, upscale Main Street lifestyle center that artfully blends retail shopping, dining, and entertainment.

*Shuttle by Ollie the Trolley - departs the resort every 20 minutes (12:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.) - the last trolley leaves Fashion Square Mall at 8:00 p.m.

**Access to the shops on 5th Avenue in Old Town is available via a half-mile walk from Fashion Square.

HIKING

Quick Links: [Hiking Trails](#)

Scottsdale offers picturesque views and hiking trails for all skill levels including:

- [Piestewa Peak \(Squaw Peak\)](#): The 2,608 foot Piestewa Peak is one of the most popular hiking venues. The elevation of Piestewa is the second highest peak in Phoenix. The lower portions of the trail are easy to moderate. The upper portions become steeper and much more difficult. It is 1.2 miles to the summit with an elevation gain of 1,200 feet.
- [Pinnacle Peak Park](#): The 150-acre Pinnacle Peak is a moderate hike with an elevation gain of approximately 1,300 feet. The trail has a very smooth tread with a number of ups and downs over the course of the 1.75-mile trail (one way). It is not a loop trail so you come back over the same trail.

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE

Embark upon a journey of uniqueness while enjoying breathtaking views during these 3.5-hour excursions with Rainbow Ryders. Early morning (5:45 a.m.) and late afternoon (4 p.m.) flights are available.

- [Rainbow Ryders Hot Air Balloon](#) - \$170* per person (includes transportation to launch site)
Make your flight reservation by calling (877) 771-0776

*Discounted Group Rate Code: PHX022 (Mention at time of reservation)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Cactus League Spring Training (February 25-March 30, 2011)**
Hey, Baseball Fans... It's that time of year to once again get out and enjoy the boys of spring in Arizona! With fan friendly venues, there is no better place to soak up our desert warmth while enjoying a game than at one of the many stadiums in the Valley of the Sun. New to the league this year is Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, located directly across the 101 from the Talking Stick Resort. This brand new Cactus League stadium is home to Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies. So get out there and enjoy Major League Baseball in the desert!
- **Arizona Bike Week at WestWorld (March 30-April 3, 2011)**
Arizona Bike Week, held annually in the spring, celebrates the sport of motorcycling and features vendors, concerts, and motorcycle demonstrations.
- **Scottsdale ArtWalk (March 30, 2011)**
At Scottsdale ArtWalk each Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the galleries in downtown Scottsdale open their doors for locals and visitors alike.
- **First Fridays in Phoenix (April 1, 2011)**
First Friday in downtown Phoenix takes place each first Friday evening of the month. You can take a free self-guided tour of downtown Phoenix galleries, studios and art spaces, with many providing entertainment, drinks and snacks.
- **McDonalds Rock 'n' Roll Weekly Car Show (April 2, 2011)**
Held every Saturday at the Scottsdale Pavilions, from 4 pm – 8 pm, this show is the perfect destination to see classic cars and motorcycles in a free open-air event complete with 50's era music. An average night showcases anywhere from 250 to 500 cars and up to 150 motorcycles.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Desert Botanical Gardens

Phone: 480.941.1225

The Desert Botanical Garden offers plants native to the Sonoran Desert as well as trails and events in a unique outdoor setting.

The Phoenix Zoo

Phone: 602.273.1341

The Phoenix Zoo is home to more than 1,300 animals.

Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving

Phone: 480.961.0143

Experience the exhilaration of going from 0-100 mph on the Bondurant racetrack. Customized group programs range from hot laps & dinner, 2 hour or half-day Courses to their 4 day Grand Prix Road Racing Course.

F1 Race Factory

Phone: 602.302.7223

F1 Race Factory is America's largest indoor kart racing and entertainment site, offering an arcade and rock wall in addition to 113,000 square feet of racing.

Heard Museum

Phone number: 602.252.8840

The Heard Museum is one of the world's finest destinations for learning about American Indian arts and cultures. With its comprehensive collections, intriguing exhibitions, distinctive festivals and interactive learning opportunities the Heard Museum is a must see.

OTHER ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art

Phone number: 480.874.4666

Located in Scottsdale's Old Town district, the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) features modern and contemporary art, architecture, and design from around the world.

Phoenix Art Museum

Phone: 602.257.1880

The Phoenix Art Museum is the Southwest's premier destination for world-class visual arts. The museum houses popular exhibitions featuring artists such as Rembrandt, Norman Rockwell, Annie Leibowitz and Monet shown alongside the Museum's outstanding collection of more than 17,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design.

Arizona Science Center

Phone: 602.716.2000

Located in downtown Phoenix, the Arizona Science Center features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, a state-of-the-art planetarium, a five-story giant-screen theater, live demonstrations, traveling exhibitions, and exciting science programs for people of all ages.

Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation's Taliesin West

Phone: 480.860.2700 ext 494

Taliesin West sits within a pristine Sonoran desert landscape at the foot of the McDowell Mountains in North Scottsdale. Surrounded by suburban development, Taliesin West remains one of the few estates in the Phoenix metropolitan area, that has been able to preserve Desert Mountain and open space. Visitors can take guided tours daily through this beautiful and historic Frank Lloyd Wright designed campus.

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