

At a Glance

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

1 – 6 p.m. Celebrant Training* (Day 1)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. NFDA Cremation Certification Program*
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. NFDA Arranger Training*
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Celebrant Training* (Day 2)
12 – 4 p.m. NFDA Central

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Celebrant Training* (Day 3)
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Funeral Service Foundation Golf Classic*
Top Golf Schaumburg
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. NFDA Central
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Enhancing Open Casket Viewings: Techniques for Severe Trauma Cases*
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Caring for Ourselves*
10 – 10:45 a.m. First Time Attendee Orientation**
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Workshops
1 – 4 p.m. City Sightseeing Tour*
1 – 4 p.m. Secret Food Tour*
1 – 4 p.m. International Tour*
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. ReConnect**
6 – 8 p.m. Welcome Party

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. NFDA Central
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration
8 – 9 a.m. Workshops
9 – 9:30 a.m. First Time Attendee Orientation**

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Opening Session
12 – 5 p.m. NFDA Expo
12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Chicago TV & Movie Tour*
4 – 5 p.m. All-Star Recognition Ceremony
5 – 6:30 p.m. Funeral Service Foundation Donor Appreciation Reception**
6 – 7:30 p.m. Architectural River Cruise

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. NFDA Central
7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration
8 – 10:15 a.m. Workshops
11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Service of Remembrance
12 – 5 p.m. NFDA Expo
12:30 – 2 p.m. Conversation Café
12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Graceland Cemetery Walking Tour*
1 – 4 p.m. Wrigley Field Tour*
4:30 – 5 p.m. Installation of 2025-26 NFDA President & Board of Directors
5 – 5:30 p.m. NFDA Board of Directors Installation Reception
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Funeral Professionals – Young and New*
6 – 6:45 p.m. Heritage Club Reception**
6:30 – 8 p.m. International Reception**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Registration
8 – 9 a.m. Workshops
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. NFDA Central
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. NFDA Expo
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Closing Session

* Additional fee required

** By invitation only

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