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2018 Transition Conference- It's a Go!

Many of you may have heard about the Talking Stick Resort's (TSR) recent damage due to Arizona storms and that the hotel is currently closed as repairs are being conducted.

As a result of this damage, ADE/ESS has been notified that the Talking Stick Resort will not be open in time to hold our 2018 Transition Conference. **However, we are thrilled to report that we are working with the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort to carry out the 2018 Transition Conference as originally planned on August 27 – 29, 2018!** The JW Marriott is located in north Phoenix and can accommodate all conference presentation needs as well as room reservations as they currently exist. While details are being finalized, it is anticipated that the conference will continue without incident with registration beginning on Sunday, August 26.

Information for Registered Participants:

At this time, there is no need to make any changes to registration due to the change in venue. If you have any other registration questions, please contact TransitionConference@azed.gov.

Information for Participants Who Hold Sleeping Room Reservations at the Talking Stick Resort:

At this time, there is no need to make any changes to sleeping room reservations due to the change in venue. ADE/ESS has a current list of all reservations under the TSR room block and will be working with the JW Marriott to migrate these over without requiring any action from participants. Please be sure to bring your credit card at the time of check-in as the JW Marriott will not have this information.

Information for Participants Who Hold Sleeping Room Reservations at Overflow Hotels (NOT the TSR):

If participants were unable to reserve sleeping rooms at the TSR and booked at an overflow hotel, these reservations will not be migrated to the JW Marriott. These room reservations will need to be cancelled and room block information will be made available for the JW Marriott next week so that reservations can be rebooked. There will be enough sleeping rooms to accommodate those who were booked at overflow hotels.



The ADE/ESS is thrilled to be able to partner with the JW Marriott and is working busily to finalize all details behind the scenes. We will communicate with participants as much as possible when more information is available. Please check your email Inbox and the [Transition Conference website](#) for updates, and if you cannot find the information you need, please contact TransitionConference@azed.gov.

We look forward to seeing you all in almost a week. Thank you for your patience during this process.