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Oklahoma Recycling Conference Returns to Tulsa

Navigating the Recycling Jungle is the 2019 theme for the Oklahoma Recycling Association (OKRA) Annual Conference and Expo to be held on Wednesday, September 25, at the H.A. Chapman Event Lodge of the Tulsa Zoo, in Tulsa.

“Recycling can be a wild journey full of surprises,” said OKRA President Sara Ivey. “Although it can be a jungle, our goal is to provide conference attendees with information and tools to help their recycling efforts.”

Local government officials, recycling professionals, community and business leaders, educators, students and Oklahoma residents interested in the business of recycling or expanding local programs are welcome.

Continental breakfast, refreshments, a luncheon buffet and facility tour will all be covered with a conference fee of \$75 if registered by Sept. 17 or \$100 thereafter; members of OKRA receive a \$20 discount. Participants can register by visiting www.recycleok.org/oklahoma-events-activities/2019-oklahoma-recycling-conference.

Keynote speaker Neil Seldman, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, will discuss how comprehensive recycling can reduce costs and pollution while reviving communities with jobs and economic development.

Other conference sessions include Recycling Today in Oklahoma, Recycle Success Stories, and expert-led roundtable discussions on nine topics. Various exhibits will be featured on Wednesday along with door prizes.

Several facility tours will be available, including two on the day prior to the conference. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 24, participants may join tours of the Tulsa Recycle & Transfer facility and Ardagh Group glass container manufacturing facility. Tuesday’s tours will be followed by a no-host dinner. At the close of Wednesday’s conference, participants may choose to tour the Tulsa Zoo recycling & composting operation or the City of Tulsa’s Mulch Site.

“This year, we have the added bonus of holding the conference at a location that has a great sustainability program and practices recycling and composting on a daily basis,” Ivey said of the Tulsa Zoo. “In addition to having an opportunity to tour the Zoo’s programs, conference attendees will learn more during a lunch program by Richard Kotarsky, Tulsa Zoo Curator of Conservation and Scientific Advancement.”

The 2019 event is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, City of Tulsa, Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality, Choctaw Nation, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, Natural Evolution, American Waste Control, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Pinpoint Wire Technologies, Republic Services, and Oklahoma Indian Nations Chapter of SWANA.

Six continuing education credits will be offered to members of SWANA who attend the Wed. conference; one additional credit is offered with the Tue. tours. To sponsor the conference or request more information, contact info@recycleok.org.