



Leader Summit Welcome Packet

Greetings, food leaders!

We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 Slow Food Leader Summit in Denver. This letter should provide a summary of the information you need to know before arriving at the Leader Summit.

If you have not done so already, please [join our Facebook group](#) to connect with other folks who are coming. Find detailed information on speakers and sessions [here](#); or email or call us with any questions.

EVENT DATE Friday, July 19, 2019

EVENT TIME 7:45 AM - 5:00PM

EVENT LOCATION University of Denver
Arrive at the Newman Center for the Performing Arts
2344 E Iliff Ave, Denver, CO 80210
[Leader Summit map and schedule](#)

AGENDA	7:45AM - 8:30AM	Registration (pick up credentials & enjoy light breakfast)
	8:45AM - 9:00AM	Blessing
	9:00AM - 10:00 AM	Welcome and Keynote
	10:20AM - 11:45AM	Breakout Sessions
	12:00PM - 1:30PM	Lunch
	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Reclaiming Native Truth
	4:00PM - 4:30 PM	Snailblazer Awards
	4:30PM - 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks

ARRIVAL IN DENVER

For those traveling from out of town, once you arrive at the airport, take the Denver Airport Light Rail directly to Union Station in downtown Denver. This is an easy 40 minute trip. Purchase the \$10.50 one-way ticket at the train platform before boarding or via the RTD Mobile Tickets app on your phone.

For those staying downtown

Union Station is a central location and short walk to many hotels.

For those staying at Denver University Student Housing

At Union Station, transfer to the E, F or H lines to the University stop. From here, the accommodation is directly across the street in Centennial Towers.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE SUMMIT

Light Rail Transportation

Using the E line, you can get from Denver Union Station to directly to the University of Denver stop in about 20 minutes. Southbound morning times include 7:13am, 7:28am, and 7:43am departures and northbound evening times include 5:16pm, 5:31pm, 5:46pm departures. Please note that the light rail station is on the North end of Campus (opposite of our starting sessions in the Newman Center). If you choose this option, allow about 15 minutes' walking time.

Please allocate a little extra travel time and budget room for potential delays.

Lyft

Thanks to our partnership with Lyft, Leader Summit speakers and attendees can receive a discounted ride using the code **SFNLEADER** in your Lyft app - this code will provide a 20% discount, up to \$5 of credit.

If you are new Lyft user, download the app and earn more credit by using **SLOWFOODNATIONS** as a new user code. You will receive \$5 in ride credit for a total of 3 rides during the weekend (\$15 total)

Driving

If you choose to drive to the University of Denver, paid parking is available in the lot near East Evans Ave & South High St which will be a central location relative to the beginning and ending buildings. There will be signage to guide the way.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Photographers will be taking photos of the event as a whole, and a few sessions will be video recorded.

SPEAKERS

All speakers receive separate communication about your sessions in email. [Contact Maggie](#) with any specific questions.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Lunch will be enjoyed on the beautiful University of Denver campus and held in two separate venues: the Joy Burns Center and the Anderson Academic Center. You will be notified of your lunch location when you first arrive at the Leader Summit (check your name card for a red or blue dot).

Lunch will be a mixed service family-style and buffet-style meal provided by the Knoebel School of Hospitality Management, featuring a variety of local produce with both vegetarian and gluten-free options.

[If you have any dietary needs, please let us know as soon as possible.](#)

WATER

Denver is a city at high altitude so be sure to stay hydrated and bring a reusable water bottle!

We have a *zero waste goal* for Slow Food Nations and will have no single use plastic water bottles at the festival. There will be filling stations provided throughout the weekend.

IMPORTANT LINKS

We hope that you participate in the rest of the weekend! Take a dive into our [event listing](#) to see what strikes your fancy. You can “star” events to build a customized schedule. Remember that Slow Food members receive a 20% discount on tickets. **If you are not yet a member, sign up at slowfoodusa.org/join.**

If you would like to volunteer during any part of the weekend, sign up at slowfoodnations.org/volunteers

WELCOME RECEPTION You should have received an invite to the Welcome Reception on Thursday 7/18 at 4pm located at 1420 Larimer Square in Bistro Vendome's courtyard. This is an invitation-only event for participants of the Leader Summit, speakers, partners and media. If you have not already, kindly [RSVP here](#) by clicking "Have a password?" and entering SFNWELCOME.

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**Thank you for adding your voice to the conversation about the future of
Slow Food and *Where Tradition Meets Innovation!***

