

19th Annual NPTC Convention

Mary McLeod Bethune
Council House &
Carter G. Woodson Home
National Historic Sites

Washington, D.C.

TBA, 2021



UPDATE – May 1, 2020

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this announcement, but the Executive Board has made the final decision to postpone the 2020 DC Convention to next year (2021). While no decision has been made on the exact dates, I do plan to look into the same weekend as that is what happened to be the best time for the folks at NCPE. Also, we will NOT be utilizing the Kimpton as they were not willing to move our contract to next year, but instead quoted a more expensive contract that will not be possible.

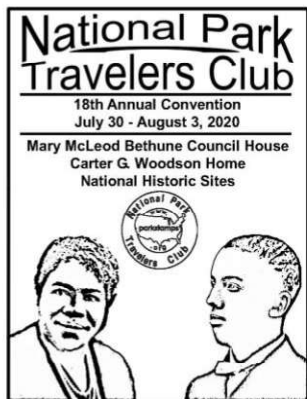
While some may be thinking that this was or should have been an easy decision, I can tell you that it was not (at least for a few of us on the Board). In fact it was the hardest decision I have had to make. After putting in nearly 2 years of planning, I know I am tremendously disappointed that it will have to wait yet another year. This definitely was shaping up to be a record-setting year for our conventions. We had a high of 317 people registered - over 100 more than our largest convention to date. I know many were very excited about it and were still planning to attend this year. My apologies that it did not happen. There were a lot of things to weigh in making this decision and none of those considerations were taken lightly. I know for me voting to postpone it came down to simply wanting to see it be all it could be and not having to gut it for safety.

We are still hoping to have some kind of virtual convention (the 18th annual with next year becoming the 19th annual) this year and the election will still take place as required by the bylaws. We will be sending out an email and posting online further about the postponement soon. It will include details regarding what will happen with convention registrations, hotel reservations, etc. You do NOT need to take any action with regard to that at this time unless you want to. A few more things need to be investigated before that email goes out, so please be patient and look for that sometime in the next week or so.

Again, my apologies that it has come to this and I hope to still see all of you next year.

Yvonne Manske, President

Host Hotel – TBA



18th Annual NPTC Convention

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House & Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Sites

Washington, DC
July 30 - August 3, 2020



THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020

- 10:00 AM** White House Tour – Meet at 9:15am to check-in with the NPTC representatives.
1:00 PM US Capitol Tour – Meet at 12:30pm to check-in with the NPTC representatives.
5:00-7:00 PM Welcome Reception and Early Bird Registration at the Darlington House in Dupont Circle – 1610 20th Street NW (~ 3 blocks walk from the hotel)
7:30-8:30 PM Registration will be open for packet pickup for those not attending the reception – Hirschhorn Meeting Room, Kimpton Hotel Palomar
7:30-10:00 PM Monuments by Night tour in small group electric carts - Meet at the MLK Memorial at 7:15 pm to check-in with the NPTC representatives.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

- 7:00 AM** Meet in Lobby for NCPE Bus Tour – Bus departs at 7:15 AM
Visiting: Greenbelt Park, Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens, Frederick Douglass NHS, Lunch @ Fort Washington, Piscataway Park, and Oxon Cove Park & Oxon Hill Farm.
11:00 AM Group Tours at Clara Barton House NHS & Glen Echo Park with Lunch – Meet at the Glen Echo Park Bumper Car Pavilion at 10:30 am to check-in with the NPTC representatives.
5:30 PM NCPE Bus Group Arrives at Glen Echo Park
6:30 PM Ranger Program & BBQ Buffet at Glen Echo Park Bumper Car Pavilion
6:30-8:30 PM Glen Echo Park Dentzel Carousel Open (Ticket included w/dinner purchase)
9:30 PM NCPE Bus Group returns to Kimpton Hotel Palomar

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

ANNUAL MEETING – Kimpton Hotel Palomar – 2121 P Street NW, Washington, DC

- 9:00 AM** EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Freer A/B Meeting Room
11:30 AM REGISTRATION Open – Foyer for Phillips Ballroom
1:00 PM NPTC KIDS' (& FAMILY) ROOM – Hirschhorn Meeting Room
1:00 PM NPTC CONVENTION & ANNUAL MEETING – 18th annual NPTC Convention & Annual Meeting, complete meeting agenda and details will be released by July 14, 2020
5:15 PM Adjournment

Kids' (& Family Room): kids' activities available during the Convention meeting.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER – Maggiano's Little Italy – 5333 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC (5 Metro stops North on the Red Line from hotel – Friendship Heights Station)

- 6:00 PM** Pre-Dinner Social (Cash Bar) – Abruzzi & Leone Rooms
7:00 PM Dinner – Gabbiano & Francesca Ballrooms

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

- 10:00-11:30 AM** MORNING MMB/CGW TOURS – Ranger-led small group tours of the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS and Carter G. Woodson Home NHS (our host parks).
TBA PM Possible Lunch Meet-Up - TBA
12:30 PM On your own time – visit the National Mall or some of the Memorials that you have not seen yet or return to a favorite.
7:30-10:00 PM Monuments by Night tour in small group electric carts - Meet at the MLK Memorial at 7:15 pm to check-in with the NPTC representatives.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

- 9:45 AM** Meet in Lobby for Nature Bus Tour – Bus departs at 10:00 AM
US National Arboretum w/Lunch
President Lincoln and Soldier's Home National Monument (Lincoln's Cottage)
Old Stone House & Other Rock Creek Park Sites in Georgetown
- 6:00 PM** Bus Group returns to Kimpton Hotel Palomar

Host Hotel – Kimpton Hotel Palomar, Washington, DC

2121 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

- **Deadline June 30, 2020 - Note: the NPTC block of rooms often sells out early.**
- Room block is Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, & Mon nights; July 29 – August 3, 2020
- Rates are \$119 for Single Bed (may be King or Queen and determined at check-in) & \$139 for Two Queen Beds (**except Wed 7/29 and Thurs 7/30 will be \$149 for either type due to high demand**); Taxes and Fees are extra. Breakfast is **not** included, but Dupont Circle is a hub of many eateries. Cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to arrival per our contract.
- Disregard any "service fee" or "amenity fee" that may appear on your confirmation. This fee will be WAIVED at check-in.
- Parking will be \$35 overnight or \$12 daily (if not staying at the hotel), valet-only with full in/out privileges (again this may be reflected differently on your confirmation email but will be adjusted onsite at check-in).
- Kimpton is part of the IHG family (think Holiday Inn) and you CAN earn rewards points for your stay by entering your rewards number in your reservation.
- Please use the following link to ensure the club gets credit in our block: [Book Group Rate for Kimpton Hotel Palomar](#). This helps lower meeting costs and ensures you get the group rate.
- If you have any issues with making or changing your reservations, please contact dcpreservations@kimptonhotels.com (local reservations team) for assistance. PLEASE do not contact the hotel general phone number or IHG directly.

Secondary Hotel – Residence Inn Marriott, Washington, DC

2120 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

- **Deadline July 14, 2020 - Note: the NPTC block of rooms often sells out early.**
- Room block is Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, & Mon nights; July 29 – August 3, 2020
- Rates are \$159 for Studio Room, \$179 for One Bedroom, and \$219 for Two Bedroom. Taxes and Fees are extra. Hot Buffet Breakfast is included at this hotel. The link is good for the Studio and One Bedroom. If you need the Two Bedroom, please contact the hotel directly on 202-466-6800 and give them the "NPT" code.
- Members CAN earn Marriott rewards points for their stay. Please contact the hotel or Marriott rewards directly if you have any issues with your reservation.
- Please use the following link to ensure the club gets credit in our block: [Book Group Rate for Residence Inn Marriott](#). This helps lower meeting costs and ensures you get the group rate.
- **You may book your room today!!**

RESERVATIONS for Events – Online Registration for events, tours, and group dinners will **open on Monday, February 24, 2020 at Noon EST**, visit:

<https://www.parkstamps.org/registrations.php>. (NOTE: you need to be logged into the Parkstamps website to access this link). Stay tuned for more information. Any park entrance or parking fees that are not listed below, are not included and will be your responsibility when you enter the park.

T-Shirts – Official 2020 NPTC Convention T-shirts will be available for sale soon and will come in a variety of sizes and styles for men and women. There also will be an option to pay and have it shipped to you ahead of time or pick it up at registration. Stay tuned for more information.



GROUP TOURS/EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020

10:00 AM

White House Tour – Note: exact tour time could change based on final group reservation.

Cost: \$3.00; free for children under 12

BE SURE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK.

Pre-Registration Required!

Deadline to register is May 1st

1:00 PM

U.S. Capitol Tour – Note: exact tour time could change based on final group reservation.

Cost: \$3.00; free for children under 12

Pre-Registration Required!

Deadline to register is May 1st

5:00-7:00 PM

Welcome Reception and Early Bird Registration at the Darlington House in

Dupont Circle – 1610 20th Street NW (~ 3 blocks walk from the hotel)

Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00; free for children under 5.

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 150

Deadline to register is June 30th

7:30-8:30 PM

Registration will be open for packet pickup for those not attending the reception – *Hirschhorn Meeting Room, Kimpton Hotel Palomar*

7:30-10:00 PM

Monuments by Night tour in small group electric carts - Meet at the MLK Memorial for a TBD ranger program and then embark on a private tour of the monuments by night in a 6- or 8-seat electric cart (less one seat for the drivers, so you can form groups of 5 or 7 if you want to ride in the same cart). There will be 3 carts in each group (total of 19 people per group). Each group will stop at the same places but take different routes to avoid congestion. The driver will be your personal guide as you travel to see the beautifully lit Washington DC monuments and memorials. Stops will include the U.S. Capitol, the White House, WWII Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and more. Attendees will be dropped off back at the Kimpton Hotel Palomar at the end of the tour.

Cost: \$72.00 (unfortunately, there is no discount for children for this event).

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 57

Deadline to register is June 30th

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

7:00 AM

GROUP BUS TOUR

We are offering a group bus tour that will fill the day of Friday, July 31, 2020. We will depart the Kimpton Hotel Palomar in Dupont Circle at 7:15 am and not return until after the dinner at Glen Echo Park (around 9:30 pm). We will first travel to Greenbelt Park for an early morning guided ranger program. We will then travel to Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens for small group tours, then on to Frederick Douglass NHS for small group tours. We will stop for a boxed lunch and brief ranger program at Fort Washington Park before possibly proceeding to Piscataway Park. Our last stop on the tour will be at the Oxon Cove Park & Oxon Hill Farm where you will have approximately 1-1.5 hours on your own to explore. After the NCPE portion of the bus tour is complete, we will travel to Glen Echo Park for dinner, fun stuff like outdoor games and a ride on the historic Dentzel Carousel, and a guest ranger program before dinner. We will then travel back to DC, arriving at the Kimpton Hotel Palomar around 9:30 pm.

Cost: \$99.00 / \$65.00 for children 5-12 / \$30.00 for children under 5 (no box lunch) or \$47.50 (w/box lunch) [NOTES: The bus company requires any child under the age of 2 have a car seat so we must charge for all children. Includes the bus, box lunch (Ages 5 & Up – or under 5 if requested), and dinner/carousel at Glen Echo Park].

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 110

Deadline to register is June 30th

Box Lunch @ Fort Washington Park – Those on the Bus Tour will have a choice of sandwiches: Shaved Ham with Swiss cheese, lettuce & tomato on sourdough; Carved Turkey, bacon, avocado, havarti cheese & whole grain mustard on sourdough; Tuna Salad, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & muenster cheese on black bread; or Hummus, avocado, carrots, tomatoes, cucumber, sprouts & muenster cheese on black bread. Each box lunch will contain half of a sandwich (their sandwiches are huge), a fruit cup, Cape Cod chips, and a nut-free cookie. We will also provide water and soda.

Pre-Registration Required as part of the Bus Tour!

Cost: Included in price of Bus Tour (Ages 5 & Up or under 5 if requested).

Note: The Friday events (Frederick Douglass NHS, Oxon Cove Park/Oxon Hill Farm, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Fort Washington, & Glen Echo Park) are all open to non-bus riders based on availability during the sites' normal operating hours that day. You will have to pay at the sites that require a fee if you are not on the bus tour.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020 continued....

11:00 AM

GROUP TOURS @ Clara Barton House NHS & Glen

Echo Park ~ Glen Echo Park, 5801 Oxford Road (just off MacArthur Blvd.) Glen Echo, MD

Join fellow NPTC members for a daytime ranger guided tour of the Clara Barton House NHS and Glen Echo Park with a boxed lunch served between tours. There will be 4 choices for lunch: TURKEY sandwich with American cheese on wheat bread, lettuce, tomato & onion; HAM sandwich with Swiss cheese on rye bread, lettuce, tomato, & onion; COBB SALAD with ranch dressing; or GARDEN SALAD with balsamic dressing. ALL will be served with chips, cookie & beverage, mayo & mustard packets available.

Cost: \$20.00 / free for children under 12 who will NOT need lunch.

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 60

Deadline to register is June 30th

6:30 PM

RANGER PROGRAM & BBQ BUFFET ~ Glen Echo Park, 5801

Oxford Road (just off MacArthur Blvd.) Glen Echo, MD

Ranger program at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm but arrive early for more fun. Do NOT register for this event if you are already on the bus tour as it is included.

The BBQ Buffet will include smoked brisket, barbeque pulled chicken, mac & cheese, coleslaw, mixed greens salad, slider rolls, lemonade, iced tea, seasonally infused water, and dessert. There is also an option for stuffed red peppers with lentils, kale, cashews, quinoa, and spices (vegan, dairy free, and gluten free). Vegan/vegetarian option must be ordered in advance on the registration page. All buffet sides also will be available with this option.

Cost: \$49.00 / \$30.00 for children 5-12 / free for children under 5. (NOTE: This fee includes dinner & carousel ticket).

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 75 (this is in addition to those on bus tour)

Deadline to register is June 30th

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

ANNUAL MEETING – Kimpton Hotel Palomar, Phillips Ballroom & Freer A/B meeting room

(satellite) – 2121 P Street NW, Washington, DC

9:00 AM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Freer A/B Meeting Room

11:30 AM

REGISTRATION Open – Foyer for Phillips Ballroom

12:00 PM

NPTC CONVENTION KID ZONE – Hirschhorn Meeting Room

1:00 PM

NPTC CONVENTION & ANNUAL MEETING (Adjourn by 5:15 PM).

Complete meeting agenda and details will be released by July 14, 2020.

There is a fee of \$10.00 per person age 12 & older for anyone attending the NPTC meeting. This fee is to help cover the associated convention costs.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER – Maggiano's Little Italy – 5333 Wisconsin

Avenue NW, Washington, DC (5 Metro stops North on the Red Line from hotel – Friendship Heights Station)

6:00 PM

Cash Bar/Pre-Dinner Social – Abruzzi & Leone Rooms

Join fellow NPTC members at Maggiano's Restaurant for a pre-dinner happy hour with cash bar and light appetizer. **Do NOT register for this event if you are registered for the dinner as it is included w/dinner.**

Cost: \$5.00 / free for children under 18 (this "cover" helps defray cost of room/bartenders)

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 25 (this is in addition to dinner capacity)

Deadline to register is June 30th

7:00 PM

Dinner – Gabbiano & Francesca Ballrooms

A "family-style" feast (i.e., large platters passed at each individual table). The menu includes Caesar and Italian tossed salads, Lasagna, Four-Cheese Ravioli, Light Chicken Piccata, Oven Roasted Pork Tenderloin w/mashed potatoes and portabella mushrooms, New York Cheesecake, Ciabatta Rolls, Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, and Soda. A vegetarian entree is available on special request if needed. **Cost: \$48.50 / \$25.75 for children 5-12 / free for children under 5. (NOTE: This fee includes pre-dinner social hour).**

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 200

Deadline to register is June 30th

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

10:00 AM
10:30 AM
11:00 AM
11:30 AM

MORNING MMB/CGW TOURS – Ranger-led small group tours of the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS and Carter G. Woodson Home NHS (our host parks). These will be private tours since the sites are not open to the public on Sundays.
Cost: \$3.00; free for children under 12 **Pre-Registration Required!**
Maximum of 30 per group (4 groups, 120 total) **Deadline to register is June 30th**

TBA PM
12:30 PM

Possible Lunch meet-up - TBA
On your own time – visit the National Mall or some of the Memorials that you have not seen yet or return to a favorite.

7:30-10:00 PM Monuments by Night tour in small group electric carts - Meet at the MLK Memorial for a TBD ranger program and then embark on a private tour of the monuments by night in a 6- or 8-seat electric cart (less one seat for the drivers, so you can form groups of 5 or 7 if you want to ride in the same cart). There will be 3 carts in each group (total of 19 people per group). Each group will stop at the same places but take different routes to avoid congestion. The driver will be your personal guide as you travel to see the beautifully lit Washington DC monuments and memorials. Stops will include the U.S. Capitol, the White House, WWII Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and more. Attendees will be dropped off back at the Kimpton Hotel Palomar at the end of the tour.

Cost: \$72.00 (unfortunately, there is no discount for children for this event).
Pre-Registration Required! **Maximum of 57** **Deadline to register is June 30th**

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

10:00 AM

“NATURE” GROUP BUS TOUR

Note: Some of the Monday events (U.S. National Arboretum, Georgetown Rock Creek Park Sites) are open to non-bus riders based on availability during the sites' normal operating hours. President Lincoln and Soldier's Home National Monument (Lincoln's Cottage) is accessible by private reservation only so if you are not on the bus tour, you will need to make your own reservations to visit that site.

Join your fellow NPTC members for an approximately 8-hour tour that will include some of the great sites on the outskirts of town. We will visit the U.S. National Arboretum, have a special program and grounds pass at President Lincoln and Soldier's Home National Monument (Lincoln's Cottage), and visit some of the Rock Creek Park sites in Georgetown like the Old Stone House.

Cost: \$75.00 / \$30.00 for children under 3 who will NOT need lunch (NOTES: The bus company requires any child under the age of 2 have a car seat so we must charge for all children. This fee includes the bus, Lincoln's Cottage program and grounds pass, and box lunch).

Pre-Registration Required! **Maximum of 68** **Deadline to register is June 30th**

Box Lunch @ U.S. National Arboretum – Those on the Bus Tour will have a choice of sandwiches: Smoked Turkey w/brie and honey mustard on a sourdough baguette; Tuna Salad w/herbs and mesclun greens on multigrain roll; Avocado & English Cheddar w/cucumber, tomatoes, alfalfa sprouts, and herb mayonnaise on multigrain bread; or Chicken Caesar Wrap w/grilled chicken, tomato, parmesan, croutons, kale, and Caesar dressing in a flour tortilla. Each box lunch will include pasta side salad, whole fruit, and brownie. We will also provide water, iced tea, and lemonade.

Cost: Included in price of Bus Tour (Ages 3 & Up)

Pre-Registration Required as part of the Bus Tour!

