

2026 NAPFTDS 36TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Better Together 'Partnerships with Purpose'
1275 East Black Desert Circle
Ivins, Utah 84738
April 12-14, 2026
A G E N D A

Sunday, April 12, 2026

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Board Meeting
Tentative Exhibit Set up

Monday, April 13, 2026

7:00 – 7:30
7:30 – 8:30
7:30 – 8:30
8:30 – 10:00

Registration Set-up
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Breakfast
Building from 'Driver to Educator'
~ John Thorpe, NAPFTDS, Secretary
Break & Vendor Displays
NAPFTDS President's Welcome and Introduction of Attendees
~ Donnie Tulk, President, NAPFTDS

11:15 – 12:00

ATA Initiatives
~ Chris Spear, President/CEO

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch & Vendors

1:00 – 1:15

Vendor Recognition and Presentations
~ Martin Garsee, Executive Director, NAPFTDS

1:15 – 2:00

History on Driver Training
~ Dean Croke, Principal Analyst, DAT Freight & Analytics

2:00 – 3:00

Panel - Recruiting in 2026-2027
~ Donnie Tulk, President, NAPFTDS

3:00 – 3:25

Break & Vendor Displays

3:25 – 3:45

Transition to Trucking
~ Brad Bentley, President, FASTPORT

3:45 – 4:15

CDL Schools Driving Change in the Fight Against Human Trafficking
~ Christian Moreno, ITO Training Specialist

4:15 – 4:45

Presentation of Board Nominees
~ Donnie Tulk, Nominating Committee and President, NAPFTDS

4:45 – 5:00

Treasurer Report
~ Rob Behnke, Treasurer and Tina Frindt, Finance/Technical Assistant

5:00 – 5:30

Vendor and Networking

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Reception: Welcome to all attendees!

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:00 – 8:00

Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00

Committee Meetings

9:00 – 9:30

Committee Chairperson's Update

9:30 – 10:30

Panel – Current Industry Trends
~ Brad Bentley, Facilitator

10:30 – 11:00

Break & Vendor Displays

11:00 – 11:45

TCA Update
~ Dave Heller, Sr. Vice President of Safety and Government Affairs

11:45 – 12:15

NAPFTDS Update
~ Martin Garsee, Executive Director, NAPFTDS

12:15 – 1:15

Lunch & Vendor Displays

1:15 – 2:15

Panel "The Veteran Advantage: From Education to Employment"
~ Douglass Clarks-Pritchard, Facilitator

2:15 – 2:45

FMCSA Update
~ TBD

2:45 – 3:15

Break & Vendor Displays

3:15 – 3:45

Women in Trucking
~ Jennifer Hedrick, President/CEO, Women in Trucking

3:45 – 4:15

Women in Motion
~ Marilyn Surber, Board Member, Women in Motion

4:15 – 4:30

Board Nominee Vote – 1 per Full and Associate members only ~ Donnie Tulk, President, NAPFTDS

4:30 – 5:30

Vendor and Network

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Banquet

Short Board Meeting after Banquet

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8-noon

Exhibit Tear-Down

Agenda is subject to change by the NAPFTDS Board