

## Event Waiver, Refund Policy, Photo Release, and Accessibility Statement

**Waiver of Liability:** In organizing and running this conference, ABANA and its members, volunteers, demonstrators, and assistants (collectively, “the Conference Team”) seek to take reasonable and appropriate precautions to prevent injury to participants and their property. There are, however, certain inherent and unavoidable dangers connected with the conference activities that the Conference Team cannot be liable for. By registering and/or attending the event, you agree to hold blameless the ABANA Board, Conference Team, staff, and volunteers for any claim of personal injury or property damage arising out of your attendance at, or participation in, the conference.

**Refund Policy:** Conference admission is refundable via written request through October 10, 2026. After October 10, 2026, a 50% refund would apply to event tickets, camping, and RV parking. Request refunds in writing to ABANA, PO Box 318, Prairie Grove, AR 72753 or [info@abana.org](mailto:info@abana.org). No refund requests will be accepted via phone. All pre-ordered merchandise is non-refundable and will be shipped to the address on file if a no-show occurs.

**Photo Release:** Be aware that by attending any ABANA event, your name, voice, and/or image/likeness may be captured in photographs and/or videos without compensation in perpetuity. Usage of photographs and video may include, but is not limited to, publications, print materials, news releases, our website, social media, and any other related communications, including usage by an ABANA affiliate. Event registration and/or event participation indicates acceptance of this policy; furthermore, you release ABANA, its Board, Staff, Contractors, and Volunteers from any liability now or in the future.

**Accessibility Statement:** The Benton County Fairgrounds is an accessible site that can accommodate most event attendees.

**Parking:** A limited number of accessible parking spaces will be available for event attendees. Please notify a parking attendant of your handicap placard, sticker, or license plate for priority parking. All parking is first-come, first-served. Please be aware that the conference site is multiple acres in size.

**Seating:** From picnic tables to folding chairs to bleachers, there are many options for seating at the event. The bleacher seating in the Horse Arena includes designated wheelchair-accessible spots. While we will also put out extra chairs, seating is not guaranteed and is first-come, first-seated. Bringing chairs onto the grounds is permitted.

**Surfaces/Entrances:** The fairgrounds consist of a flat grassy site with asphalt and concrete pathways connecting the buildings. All entrances are ground-level with no steps, stairs, or thresholds, making them accessible for those with a cane, walker, or wheelchair. Please be aware that a small handful of activities may be located on grass or dirt surfaces.

**Bathrooms** with an accessible stall are located in the Horse Arena, Livestock Barn, Exhibition Hall, and Auditorium.

**Noise** is a part of blacksmithing as it involves constant hammering and repeated contact between hard surfaces. Persons with sensitivity to noise may want to take precautions such as limiting their exposure to the environment, taking breaks, or wearing ear protection.

**Contact ABANA** at [info@abana.org](mailto:info@abana.org) to discuss any accessibility concerns you may have prior to purchasing a ticket to the event.