2026 ABANA Conference Event Schedule

Forging in the Ozarks • November 11–14, 2026 • Benton County Fairgrounds, Bentonville, Arkansas

Registration & Check-In open 8 AM – 5 PM daily (Horse Arena)

Subject to change. Check the registration/check-in booth for current times and locations.

WEDNESDAY · November 11

8 AM – 5 PM
- Registration & Check-In — Inside the Horse Arena

9 AM – 5 PM
- Vendors Open — Exhibit Hall
- Gallery of Ironwork Art Drop-Off — Exhibit Hall

Lunch & Dinner
- K'Zolis Little Oven Food Truck — On site

5 – 10 PM
- Bentonville Brewing Co. — Livestock Barn

5:30 PM
- Opening Ceremony — Horse Arena

THURSDAY · November 12

Food trucks (Outdoor Food Pavilion): K'Zolis Little Oven 7:30 AM–7 PM • QT Crepes 11 AM–7 PM

8 AM – 5 PM
- Registration & Check-In — Inside the Horse Arena
- Vendors Open — Exhibit Hall, Livestock Barn & Outside

9 AM – 5 PM
- Gallery of Ironwork Art Drop-Off — Exhibit Hall

9 AM – 4 PM
- Stained Glass Class — Exhibit Hall
- Intermediate Leather Tooling & Carving (T-Star Leather) — Exhibit Hall

10 AM – 4 PM
- Kids' Activities & Clay Forging with FIERF — Inside Livestock Barn

11 AM – 1 PM
- Meet the Editor of Hammer's Blow Magazine, Jennifer Jhon — Exhibit Hall

12:30 – 1:30 PM
- Lunch & Learn: Paul Siebenthal, Creative Metals and Fun Lecture — Auditorium Building

2 – 5 PM
- Matt Jenkins, Traditional Ironwork — Horse Arena
- Matt Harris, Inspired by Yellin (HBC presents) — Horse Arena
- Level II: Scrolling Tongs with Jake Trogdon — NC Tent • Area 1
- Forge a Leaf — Beginner's Tent • Area 3
- Future of Blacksmithing: Emerging Artists — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 4
- Celeste Flores, Forging Bronze — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 5
- Zeevik Gottlieb, Sculpture — Demo Tent • Area 7
- Railings How-To: Survey and Measuring with John McLellan — Inside Livestock Barn
- Spoon Carving Class — Exhibit Hall

2 PM
- Patrick Nowak, Heat Treating lecture — Auditorium Building

5 – 10 PM
- Bentonville Brewing Co. — Inside Livestock Barn

5 – 6 PM
- Jennifer Cochran Anderson, Images of the Forge in Ancient & Medieval Art — Auditorium Building

6 – 7 PM
- Gallery of Ironwork Opening Reception — Exhibit Hall

7 – 9 PM
- Friendly Forging Competition — Outside Livestock Barn

FRIDAY · November 13

Food trucks (Outdoor Food Pavilion): K'Zolis Little Oven 7:30 AM–7 PM • QT Crepes 11 AM–7 PM

8 AM – 5 PM
- Registration & Check-In — Inside the Horse Arena
- Vendors Open — Exhibit Hall, Livestock Barn & Outside

9 AM – 12 PM
- Matt Harris, Inspired by Yellin (HBC presents) — Horse Arena
- Sergey Denisiuk, Decorative Elements — Horse Arena
- Level I: Forge Welded Spoon with Victoria Ritter — NC Tent • Area 1
- Darryl Reeves & Karina Roca — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 2
- Forge a Bottle Opener — Beginner's Tent • Area 3
- The Future of Blacksmithing: Emerging Smiths — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 4
- Lin Rhea, Bladesmithing — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 5
- Level II Grille: Scrolling to Dimension and Scroll Finials with Becky Schimpff & Mark Sperry — NC Pavilion • Area 6
- Zeevik Gottlieb, Sculpture — Demo Tent • Area 7

9 AM – 4 PM
- Silver Inlay Class — Exhibit Hall
- Needlefelting Class — Exhibit Hall
- Custom Sheath Making (T-Star Leather) — Exhibit Hall

9 AM – 5 PM
- Gallery of Ironwork — Exhibit Hall

10 AM – 4 PM
- Kids' Activities & Clay Forging with FIERF — Inside Livestock Barn

11 AM – 1 PM
- Meet the Editor of The Anvil's Ring Magazine, Addison de Lisle — Exhibit Hall

Noon – 1 PM
- NC Evaluation Period — NC Pavilion • Area 6



FRIDAY · November 13 (continued)

12:30 – 1:30 PM
- Lunch & Learn: Paul Siebenthal, Creative Metals and Fun Lecture — Auditorium Building

1 PM
- Iron-in-the-Hat Drawing — Exhibit Hall

1 – 4 PM
- Urban Sketching — Exhibit Hall

2 – 5 PM
- Matt Jenkins, Traditional Ironwork — Horse Arena
- Matt Harris, Inspired by Yellin (HBC presents) — Horse Arena
- Level II: Scrolling Tongs with Jake Trogdon — NC Tent • Area 1
- Ric Furrer, Wootz Demonstration — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 2
- Forge a Leaf — Beginner's Tent • Area 3
- Future of Blacksmithing: Emerging Artists — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 4
- Celeste Flores, Forging Bronze — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 5
- Zeevik Gottlieb, Sculpture (continued) — Demo Tent • Area 7
- Railings How-To: Design and Fabrication with John McLellan — Inside Livestock Barn
- Spoon Carving — Exhibit Hall

5 – 6 PM
- Affiliates Meeting with Rusty Osborne — Auditorium Building

5 – 10 PM
- Bentonville Brewing Co. — Inside Livestock Barn

7 – 9 PM
- Friendly Forging Competition — Outside Livestock Barn

7 PM
- Patrick Nowak, The Metallurgy of Wootz — Auditorium Building

SATURDAY · November 14

Food trucks (Outdoor Food Pavilion): K'Zolis Little Oven 7:30 AM–7 PM • QT Crepes 11 AM–7 PM

8 AM – 5 PM
- Registration & Check-In — Inside the Horse Arena
- Vendors Open — Exhibit Hall & Livestock Barn

9 – 11 AM
- Meet the Editor of The Anvil's Ring Magazine, Addison de Lisle — Exhibit Hall

9 AM – 12 PM
- The Future of Blacksmithing: Emerging Smiths — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 4
- Matt Harris, Inspired by Yellin (HBC presents) — Horse Arena
- Sergey Denisiuk, Decorative Elements — Horse Arena
- Level I: Gate Latch with Jake Trogdon — NC Tent • Area 1
- Darryl Reeves & Karina Roca — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 2
- Forge a Leaf — Beginner's Tent • Area 3
- Lin Rhea, Bladesmithing — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 5
- Level II Grille: Putting it all Together: Assembly, Collars, Finish with Becky Schimpff & Mark Sperry — NC Pavilion • Area 6
- Zeevik Gottlieb, Sculpture — Demo Tent • Area 7
- Stained Glass — Exhibit Hall
- Intro to Leatherworking (T-Star Leather) — Exhibit Hall

9 AM – 1 PM
- Kids' Activities & Clay Forging with FIERF — Inside Livestock Barn

9 AM – 2 PM
- Gallery of Ironwork Open — Exhibit Hall

10 – 11 AM
- Patrick Nowak, Material Selection: Choosing the Right Steel — Auditorium Building

12 – 1 PM
- NC Evaluation Period — NC Pavilion • Area 6
- Lunch & Learn: Jerry Gardner, Beyond the Anvil — Auditorium Building

1 PM
- Iron-in-the-Hat Drawing — Exhibit Hall

1 – 3 PM
- Meet the Editor of Hammer's Blow Magazine, Jennifer Jhon — Exhibit Hall

2 – 5 PM
- Matt Jenkins, Traditional Ironwork — Horse Arena
- Matt Harris, Inspired by Yellin (HBC presents) — Horse Arena
- Level II: Ha'Penny Scroll with Victoria Ritter — NC Tent • Area 1
- Forge a Bottle Opener — Beginner's Tent • Area 3
- The Future of Blacksmithing: Emerging Smiths — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 4
- Celeste Flores, Forging Bronze — Outside Livestock Barn • Area 5
- Zeevik Gottlieb, Sculpture — Demo Tent • Area 7
- Railings How-To: Installation with John McLellan — Inside Livestock Barn
- Gallery of Ironwork Artwork Pickup — Exhibit Hall

5 – 10 PM
- Bentonville Brewing Co. — Inside Livestock Barn

5:30 – 6:30 PM
- Buffet Dinner — Auditorium Building

6:30 – 8 PM
- Awards Ceremony followed by the Art Auction — Auditorium Building