



AIBL2010

NATIONAL BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

APRIL 8-10, 2010

Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
Conference | Cloquet, Minnesota

Black Bear Casino Resort
Host Hotel | Carlton, Minnesota

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Application / Registration

Who Needs to [Register for the Conference](#)?

Every chapter member, advisor and chaperone must be registered using registration forms. AIBL Chapter Advisors for each contingent will be responsible for the distribution of forms to their participants, collection of completed forms and submission to the national AIBL office to the established deadline dates.

When are the [Registration, Application and Fees Deadlines](#)?

February 1, 2010

- ✓ **Letter of Intent** – To be eligible, the National AIBL Office must receive your Chapter's Letter of Intent with data to be provided that includes confirmation of number of chapter size and participation by category (i.e. high school or college) for all possible participants, including alternates.

March 1, 2010

- ✓ **Travel Manifest** – The National AIBL Office must receive your completed travel manifest if you are requesting ground transportation support to/from the conference venue, arriving/departing from the Minneapolis or Duluth airport, with exact numbers must be received.

March 5, 2010

- ✓ **Registration Forms & Waivers** (signed w/ exact names).
- ✓ **Registration Fees** must be received (or posted marked by U.S. Postal Service).

March 12, 2010

- ✓ **Business Plan Competition** (Written Portion is due).

March 19, 2010

- ✓ **Business Plan Competition** (Presentation Portion is due).

March 26 2010

- ✓ **Chapter of the Year Competition** (Registration forms and Presentations)

* Due to contract commitments with food vendors and venues, we are not able to offer refunds

Where must all Registration, Forms and Travel Manifest Information be sent?

Fax: (406) 243-2086, **E-Mail:** it to Leia.Loonsfoot@aibl.org, **Send:** Gallagher Business Building, Suite 366, and Missoula, MT 59812. If you have **questions**, contact Leia Loonsfoot at (406) 243-4879.

Please include your complete mailing address, as we will use this to send your acceptance package to you. Also, please enter student's name as it appears on their identification.

What are the Conference Fees?

The conference registration includes admission to all general and breakout sessions, networking breaks, all scheduled meals, planned dinners and Awards Banquet, ground/local transportation, conference "goodie bag".

\$150.00	AIBL Chapter Members (active member)
\$200.00	Non -AIBL Chapter Members (full conference benefits)
\$ 50.00	Guest/Family Members (on covers the Awards Banquet)

What is the Refund Policy?

You may cancel by March 15, 2010. **No refunds will be given after March 15, 2010**, although substitute participants are acceptable at anytime.

Where is Registration and Packet Pick-up?

All registration and packet pick-up will be at the Fond du Lac Tribal Community College (FDLTCC). With the exception of the Awards Banquet, all **Conference** activities will be at the FDLTCC in Cloquet, MN (a 5 minute drive from the Black Bear Casino Resort).

Who can attend and compete in the Conference Competitions?

The conference is intended for **middle school** (6-8), **high school** (9-12) and **college** (under & post graduate) students. Although the casino at Black Bear has a policy of a minimum age of 18 to be on the gaming floor, the casino management will allow all AIBL participants to traverse the gaming floor as long as they are escorted by an adult and go directly across the gaming floor to the scheduled designated AIBL activity site.

Can K-6th grade attend the Conference?

Yes. We do not want to discourage AIBL Chapter members (Elementary School) from the experience of attending the national conference, but encourage them to attend as a participatory observer. The National AIBL Conference has been revised to gear the programming to be more appropriate for secondary and post-secondary AIBL Chapter Members. The National AIBL office is in the process of

planning “Regional AIBL Conference” for AIBL Chapters that are based in primary schools (K-6 Schools).

What about family members?

Family member are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Other activities including meals and breaks are restricted to paid registrants.

Is there a limit to the number of participants, AIBL Chapter can bring?

No. There is not a limit to the number of participants (chapter members) that can travel to be part of your team. However, all participants in the conference will have to register, pay the conference fee and be an active AIBL member.

Will AIBL be providing any Travel Stipends (Scholarships) to attend the conference?

No, we do not have the budget and resources to offer travel stipends.

Transportation

How long of a drive is it upon arrival at Duluth/Minneapolis Airports?

Duluth International Airport to Black Bear Casino Resort, Carlton, MN
Estimated Total Travel Time: **27 minutes** – about 25 miles (Southwest of Duluth)

Minneapolis-St Paul Airport to Black Bear Casino Resort, Carlton, MN
Estimated Total Travel Time: **2 hours 13 minutes** – 141 miles (North of Minneapolis)

Will there be Shuttle Transportation from Duluth/Minneapolis Airports to Black Bear Casino Resort?

Yes, for those registered conference members that provides us with a **Travel Manifest** (arrival and departure information) **no later than March 1, 2010**. This service will be a scheduled service with a limited number of pick-ups and drop-offs. All pick-ups will drop passengers off at the Black Bear Casino Resort. Due to the limited budget and scheduling requirements, we can only arrange for transportation for those participants that are (a) registered and paid in full, and (b) provide us with arrival and departure information no later than **March 1, 2010**. All others will be responsible for transportation to/from the conference venue.

Will there be a cost for the Shuttle to and from the Duluth Airport?

No. The Black Bear Casino Resort offers a free shuttle service if you are a registered guest, and will transport to and from the airport in Duluth, Minnesota only. Please call Rick at the Black Bear Casino Resort transportation department

to arrange a pick-up at **218-878-2334** or you may call the front desk at **1-888-771-0777**.

Will there be a cost for the Shuttle to and from the Minneapolis Airport?

Yes. The Shuttle Airport Transportation Schedule is as follows with departure times:

ARRIVALS

Minneapolis Airport to Black Bear Casino Hotel Resort (\$25 one-way)

Wednesday, April 7	3:00 pm	7:00 pm	11:00pm
Thursday, April 8	7:00 am		

DEPARTURES

Black Bear Casino Hotel Resort to **Minneapolis Airport** (\$25 one-way)

Sunday, April 11	6:00 am	9:00 am	2:00 pm
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Where do we go upon arrival in Carlton, MN?

If you are driving to the conference, upon arrival, please check in first at the Black Bear Casino and Resort upon arrival. Shuttle information, directions and transportation to FDLTCC where conference registration will be held. FDLTCC is approximately a 5-minute drive from the casino.

Is there adequate parking?

Yes. There is covered secured parking for all vehicles at no cost.

Lodging

What telephone number do we call when booking our hotel rooms?

Call reservation line **1-888-771-0777** to book a room. To get the room discount rate in the Tower Queen, you must tell the reservationist that you are booking a room: **AIBL Group Block**

What are the conference room rates?

\$48/ night (plus 6.5% tax) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
 \$73/ night (plus 6.5% tax) Friday & Saturday

Are we responsible for reserving and paying for our rooms?

Yes. All conference participants are responsible for reserving and paying for their own rooms. \$46/ nigh rates for single/double room (weekday rate). \$73/night for single/double (weekend)

Website: www.blackbearcasinoresort.com Phone: 1-888-771-0777

When do we need to book and/or confirm hotel rooms by?

The above rate is a special negotiate rate that will be extended to you until **Friday, March 5th**.

Where and when can we check-in at the Black Bear Casino Resort?

Hotel **check-in** starts on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 4:00 pm**, Black Bear Casino Hotel Resort, Carlton, MN. Early arrival request cannot be guaranteed, but they will do their best to accommodate each request. Upon checking in, you will receive information and instruction about where to pick-up packet information and on-site registration. **Check-out** time is 11:00 (am); late departure request will be accommodated/honored if possible. Please verify with the Front Desk during your stay.

What else should we know about the Black Bear Casino Resort?

AIBL has blocked rooms in Black Bears' newest renovated portion of the Casino; the Tower Queen rooms are more convenient for business and event guest and near the casino, restaurant, pool area and arcade.

What is the hotel room cancellation policy at the Black Bear Casino Resort?

Cancellations are accepted for individual room reservations up to 4 p.m. on the night of arrival, if canceling a reservation after 4 p.m., a charge for one-night's room and tax will be placed on credit card.

What are the policies and additional information of the Black Bear Casino Resort?

- ✓ A valid **credit card is required** when making reservations and when checking into the hotel room.
- ✓ Cancellations are accepted up to 4:00 pm on the night of arrival, if canceling a reservation after 4pm, a charge for one-night's room and tax will be placed on credit card.
- ✓ As payment, the hotel accepts cash and most **major credit cards**. If you prefer to use a **check as payment**, a valid ID and credit card authorization will be required. If paying with **cash**, a credit card is required for a damage deposit. The credit card will be authorized and a \$100 hold placed on the credit card.
- ✓ Pricing is based on double occupancy, \$6.00 for each additional adult, 17 years of age & younger stay free.
- ✓ Nonsmoking, smoking and location is not guaranteed, is based on availability and is assigned when the individual reservation is made.
- ✓ **Alcohol is not permitted** to be brought into the hotel/hotel rooms & minimum age of 21 years to rent a hotel room.

- ✓ **11:00 pm curfew** for minors under the age of 18 that are hanging out near the pool.
- ✓ Check in time is 4:00 pm, early arrival requests cannot be guaranteed, but we will do our best to accommodate each request.
- ✓ Check out time is 11:00 am. Late departure requested will be accommodated if possible. Please verify with the Front Desk during your stay.
- ✓ Pets are NOT allowed in the hotel. With advance notice, exceptions will be made for officially certified service animals.

Venue

Will there be **Internet Access** at the **Black Bear Casino Resort**?

Yes. The Casino has wireless internet (free) in the hotel **coffee shop** and **lobby** and LAN Internet in the rooms.

How far is the **Black Bear Casino Resort** form the **Fond du Lac Tribal College**?

The two venues is approximately minute drive (approx 5 miles). Shuttle service schedule will be posted in the program and lobbies of each venue.

Will there be **Internet Access** at the **Conference Venue** (FDLTCC)?

Yes. An **Internet Café** will be open to all conference participants at no cost.

Will there be a **vegetarian option** available at each meal?

Yes. However, we will need to know by **March 1, 2010** of all participants that will have special dietary needs and request.

What about **ATM machines**?

You will be able to extract money from ATM machines with a bank debit cards, a \$2.00 processing fee is charged. Our best suggestion is to bring a small amount of currency and a bank debit card.

What about **phone use in the rooms**?

Pay phones are extremely rare in the casino, and long-distance calls are quite expensive when made from the rooms. It would be best to purchase a calling card for phone calls if you do not have a cell phone.

Is there **cell phone coverage** at the **Casino**?

Yes, there is cell phone coverage depending on your cell phone plan. AT&T and Verizon wireless have good coverage and range at the casino.

General

What is the **dress code** and what should I **bring to wear** at the conference?

The dress code for most activities of the conference is "smart casual". During workshops, sessions and Awards Banquet, participants will not be permitted to wear t-shirts or jeans. Wearing traditional regalia is encouraged at the Awards Banquet; otherwise all are encouraged to dress semi-formal.

All conference participants are asked to pack accordingly and bring appropriate attire for the conference. "Smart casual" refers to **casual business wear**, or what you would wear to a job interview (NO jeans, sneakers, etc.). For the "semi-formal" Awards Banquet, if not wearing Traditional regalia, men are asked to wear a suit and tie. If you do not have a suit, then a dress shirt will be suitable. For women, a dress, skirt or dress pants would be most appropriate for the semi-formal events.

Please note: We have tried to limit the amount of foot travel that you will be doing, but there are a few short walks so please pack accordingly.

What is the **weather/temperature like** during in Minnesota during the month of April?

Carlton, Minnesota is fairly cool in the springtime, so it is important to be prepared for cool temperatures. It is likely to rain one day and be very sunny the next. Check the weather forecast over the [Internet](#) before coming. The average high temperature in April is **47 degrees** with a low of **31 degrees**.

Can we sell **Advertising space** for the conference program?

Yes. That information is posted on www.AIBL.org. It can be found under the 2010 Conference menu item and is listed as, **Ad Rate Form**.