**Hello, tradeswomen and allies! Welcome to our frequently asked questions for TWBN. NABTU’s tradeswomen committee has compiled a list to help you with logistics for 2024’s conference.**

**1. Where will the conference be held?**

* TWBN 2024 will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Friday, September 27th – Sunday, September 29th. The Hilton New Orleans Riverside is located at 2 Poydras St. New Orleans, LA 70130.
* You should arrive on Friday, September 27th (unless your union has events on Friday during the day) and can plan your return home on Sunday, September 29th. Our conference will be over by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. You can easily make flight arrangements for after 3:00 p.m.

**2. How should I get there? What are other transportation options?**

* If you are flying, you should book flights to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.
* Cabs and rideshare options are widely available from the airport to the hotel. Please follow the airport signs to the designated cab and rideshare pick-up areas. The cab fare will average $35 - $40, and the ride will take approximately 25 minutes.
* If you live in the Southeastern part of the U.S., you may be able to drive. Parking at the hotel will cost you $44.00/day for self-parking and $49.00/day for valet parking.
* The parking app Spot Hero is available in New Orleans and offers parking in lots around the city. Rates will vary but will likely be cheaper than the hotel's daily parking fee.

**3. Are food and drinks provided during the conference?**

* Breakfast will be provided to everyone attending the conference on Saturday and Sunday mornings before the plenaries. Grab-and-go lunches will also be provided on Saturday at your caucus meetings. You are responsible for all other meals.
* The conference hotel is very centrally located in New Orleans. There are bars and restaurants within walking distance of all price ranges and food types. The closest and most affordable food options will be located in the food court of the Riverwalk Outlets. There are many fast and fast casual options here. You can access the Riverwalk Outlets via the Hilton Riverside Hotel by following the directional signs inside of the hotel.
* There is a restaurant and bar inside the hotel, but remember that they are usually more expensive than other places outside.

**4. Will there be a banner parade this year?**

* Yes! We plan to have our annual parade so be sure to bring your union swag, shirts, banners, and hard hats. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the conference.
* The banner parade will take place outdoors, weather permitting. Temperatures in New Orleans in September are usually in the 70s so please take this into consideration when packing. You may want to pack a hat and/or sunscreen.

**5. Is there a dress code?**

* There is no dress code; most sisters choose to represent their unions by wearing union colors or shirts.

**6. What should I know about safety?**

* The hotel is located in a very nice area of town; however New Orleans is still a major city. We encourage everyone to use their common sense and stick together. Don't venture out alone or leave a sister alone. We want everyone to have a fun but safe time.
* Please drink responsibly and know your limits.
* This [website](https://www.degashouse.com/blog/unique-hotels-in-new-orleans9938159414044485761785868946.html) offers some helpful tips on how to stay safe during your time in New Orleans.

**8. Will there be breakout sessions and opportunities to connect with other trades sisters?**

* Yes, we have scheduled three breakout sessions. You can choose to attend whichever three sessions you would like. A detailed schedule will be posted in the coming days; please consult and plan accordingly. Some of the breakout sessions will be offered more than once. These breakouts will be a great opportunity to connect with your sisters on topics important to you.
* On Friday evening, there will be an opening reception for all attendees. This reception will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Riverside.

**9. What should I pack?**

* First and foremost, you should pack your union pride! You will also need to consider the weather. In September, it will still be warm in New Orleans, and it may rain, so please pack a poncho or light rain jacket.
* The conference plenaries will occur in at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center at 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130, on Saturday and Sunday mornings. You will be sitting for several hours each day so also take that into consideration.
* The breakout sessions will be at the Hilton Riverside Hotel.
* Comfortable shoes!! There will be a fair amount of walking.
* You may also want to pack snacks and water. However, if you are traveling by plane remember that you can't carry large liquids on the plane!
* Don’t forget your Union swag for the banner parade.

**10. What is the caucus portion at TWBN?**

* It is a time set aside for each of our individual building trades unions to meet independently with top International/National leadership within their own trade to discuss strategy and issues.
* Caucus sessions are currently scheduled on Saturday immediately following the banner parade, with grab-and-go lunches provided.

**11. What is our theme this year?**

* Let the Good Jobs Roll!