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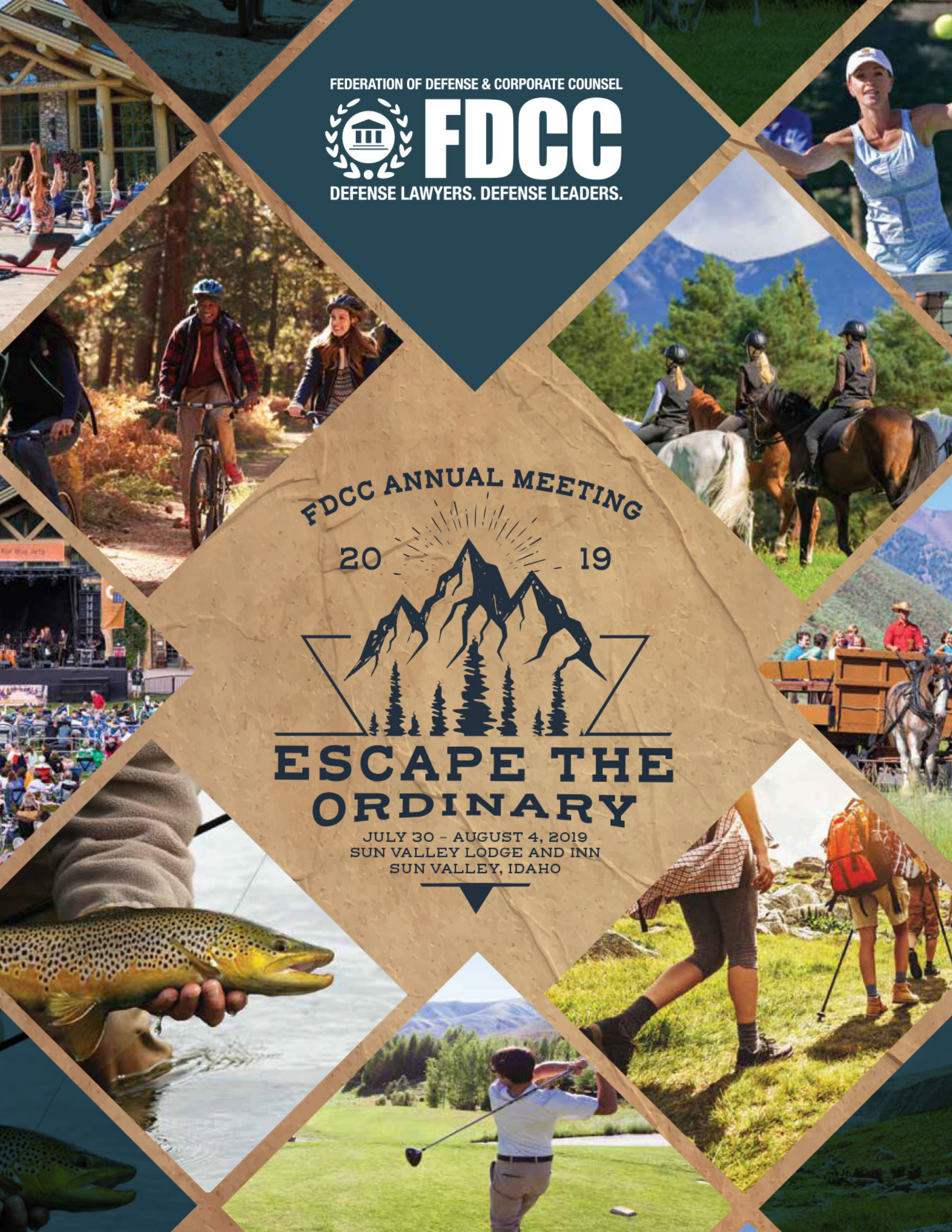
FDCC ANNUAL MEETING

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**ESCAPE THE  
ORDINARY**

JULY 30 - AUGUST 4, 2019  
SUN VALLEY LODGE AND INN  
SUN VALLEY, IDAHO







**J**oin your Federation colleagues in Sun Valley Idaho at the 2019 Annual meeting July 30th to August 4th. The Convention promises to be a week filled with endless opportunities to relax, participate in a wide variety of outdoor adventures, renew old acquaintances, and make new friends.

The Hotel amenities are numerous. The Sun Valley Inn and Lodge have both been newly renovated. Most rooms include living and work areas. There are also two and three bedroom condominiums with kitchens and laundry. All are first rate.

You will be able to practice your figure eights on the world-class ice-skating facilities at the hotel. Horseback riding will be available throughout your stay from the hotel stables just a short walk away. Skeet shooting and tennis are also available. Hiking and biking trails surround the hotel property showcasing the scenic Sawtooth Mountains. There is also a bowling alley for use. Three swimming pools, Jacuzzis and exercise rooms are available at the Sun Valley Lodge and the Sun Valley Inn. Allow yourself time to relax and pamper yourself in the world class spa.

The Inn and Lodge and the European style village that separates the two, offer many restaurants. The Lodge Dining Room offers fine cuisine and a wonderful wine list. Gretchen's Restaurant offers a family atmosphere with a variety of salads, sandwiches and pasta, there are also gluten free options. Duchin's Lounge is a beautiful bar in the Sun Valley Lodge lobby. You'll find the Ram Restaurant at the Sun Valley Inn and offers the famous "Ram Fondue". The village includes options such as Konditorei - dining with an Austrian twist. Village station has a train station inspired décor with a crowd-pleasing menu of classic American favorites. There is also a Deli to grab lunches, snacks, beer and wine. Don't forget The Chocolate Foundry and a La Mode for desserts. If you tire of the Lodge and Inn, opportunities are a short walk, or even shorter ride, into Ketchum and offer you different dining menus. Be sure to see the list and links provided.

The golf course is adjacent to the Resort and designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Its high point measures almost 7,000 ft. You will enjoy the stunning vistas surrounding the golf course. *Golf Digest* ranks this course as the best in Idaho. At the golf course you will find Elkhorn Clubhouse Grille where you can enjoy the summertime views of

Dollar Mountain either out on the patio or inside enjoying the clubhouse ambiance. Don't forget to slip into the pro shop for some Sun Valley active attire.

If you enjoy Fly Fishing, or want to learn, Sun Valley has some of the best fishing available in the Continental United States. There are numerous fly-fishing opportunities in the rivers surrounding the area. Whether you fish Silver Creek, The Big Wood River, Copper Basin, or Warm Springs, hungry trout will be waiting. We will have fly fishing lessons for young and old that want to learn how to fly fish, or improve their skills.

This will be a one sports jacket, tie optional, convention. We want you to have room in your luggage for your boots, fishing poles, golf clubs, tennis rackets and sunscreen. Arrive Tuesday and acquaint yourself with the property at your own pace. Tuesday will also be a leisure day with committee meetings, and activities. Johnny Sarber's programming will begin Wednesday, with New Member Orientation and the Presidents Reception. Thursday's dinner will be held at Trail Creek Cabin - this will be the KBR (Kick Back and Relax) theme party. There will be fun activities, a band, and BBQ in a picturesque outdoor setting.

Friday we will have cocktails in the evening followed by a dine around and Dessert Party. This will be a great day for families to enjoy exploring all that Ketchum and Hailey have to offer.

Saturday night we will have a buffet dinner at the rink. After dinner the famous Sun Valley Ice Skating Show will take place. It is always a surprise which world class star will be headlining the show. This promises to be a fun and exciting evening.

Come join us, Escape the Ordinary, and enjoy all Sun Valley has to offer.

Clark and Debbie Hudson  
Convention Chairs





## HOTEL INFORMATION

Sun Valley Resort  
1 Sun Valley Road  
Sun Valley, ID 83353  
Reservations: 800-786-8259

The Sun Valley Resort has a variety of accommodations available to suit every family size, budget and style. From rooms in the Lodge and the Inn, to 2, 3 or 4 bedroom condo's, the Resort will work with you to make sure that you have the right fit for your group. The FDCC negotiated rates are available until June 21, 2019 or until our block (or room category) is sold out!

To make reservations online, check the FDCC website for the Summer Meeting link. To speak to a reservations agent at the hotel directly, call 800-786-8259.

Check in at the hotel is 4:00 pm and check out is 11:00 am. In the event you arrive early or need to depart later, the valet will be happy check your luggage at the hotel bell stand.

## THE SUN VALLEY RESORT

Adjacent to the city of Ketchum and nestled in the greater Wood River valley, the Sun Valley Resort is a community unto itself. Featuring the Lodge and the Inn as the more "traditional" hotel accommodations, the Resort also includes all types of condo's and cottages. Included within the Resort is a shopping and dining area that is a little bit of Main Street, USA and with a dose of classic European mountain style!

The views from the Resort are spectacular and are a preview of the activities to experience throughout the week. From hiking and biking, to horseback riding and fly fishing, the Wood River valley is an amazing summer experience.

Looking for the ultimate spa experience? The stunning two-story reception area welcomes spa goers with a new, state of the art, fitness facility and relaxing treatment rooms. The spa also offers a full-service salon with facilities for hair, make-up and nail services.

There's something for everyone at Sun Valley and the kids are no exception! A game room, complete with four regulation size bowling lanes, video games, pool tables and foosball will entertain all ages after they come in from enjoying one of the Resort's two swimming pools. Bikes are available for rent and, of course, ice skating!

## GETTING THERE

There are daily nonstop flights to Sun Valley from San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles, Denver and Salt Lake City. Sun Valley is served by Hailey's Friedman Memorial Airport (code SUN). It is located 14 miles from the Resort and does offer rental car options at the airport, although the Sun Valley Resort does have a free shuttle to the Resort. Reservations are required for the shuttle and can be made by calling the Resort Bell Desk at (208) 622-2122 or email [svshuttle@sunvalley.com](mailto:svshuttle@sunvalley.com). Another option is to fly into Boise, ID and drive the scenic route to Sun Valley. The drive is approximately 2 hours.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sun Valley Resort has plenty of options to keep children of all ages entertained. There is a Day Care for children ages 3 months to 5 years, with a playground, toys, games and age appropriate crafts and activities. Open from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, the cost varies by age and the number of hours. Reservations can be made by calling 208-622-2288. For children ages 6 – 14, the Young Summer Center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Children are divided in to groups according to age. Reservations can be made by calling 208-622-2133.

FDCC has planned a great night of fun for the FDCC kids on Wednesday, July 31, the night of the President's Reception. More details will be forthcoming, but activities are being planned that are age appropriate and memory making!





## WHAT TO WEAR

Sun Valley is known for its beautiful summer weather! Warm days in the mid-80's and crisp, cooler nights in the 60's and 70's. For the education sessions during the day, casual business attire is welcome. No jackets and no ties! The President's Reception will be a bit more dressy, but we will be outside in the evening, so ladies should make sure to have a jacket or wrap. There will be a "KBR" (Kick Back & Relax) theme party on Thursday evening at Trail Creek. Jeans, boots and hats will be the order of the day... or evening! On Saturday, we will close out the meeting with the Sun Valley Dinner and Ice Show! Always the highlight of the Sun Valley experience is the outdoor, summer Ice Show. Dress will be casual, and again, we will be outside, so remember a jacket or wrap.

## CHARM

Continuing the FDCC tradition, the 2019 Charm will be the Sun Valley sun!

## BOOK CLUB

### The Mountain Between Us

Two strangers become stranded on a remote, snow covered mountain following a plane crash. Forced to trust each other in order to survive the extreme elements, they begin a perilous journey through hundreds of miles of wilderness, each discovering a strength they never knew possible. The Mountain Between Us was also made in to a movie starring Oscar winner Kate Winslet and Golden Globe winner Idris Elba.



We are thrilled to have the author of our FDCC book club recommendation hosting our discussion this year! Charles Martin, a New York Times best selling author, joins us in Sun Valley for what is sure to be a fascinating and memorable event.

To order The Mountain Between Us visit the FDCC website and click on the Sun Valley Summer Meeting.

## CANCELLATION POLICIES

### HOTEL CANCELLATIONS

All reservations are guaranteed with a deposit of the first night's reservation fee. Hotel cancellations received more than thirty days prior to arrival will receive a deposit refund, less a \$25 processing fee. Attendees who cancel within 30 days of arrival will forfeit the entire first night deposit.

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION CANCELLATION DEADLINE

We realize that unforeseen emergencies and trial schedules may require cancellation and your request for a refund. Please note the Board approved refund policy:

A refund of registration fees, less \$85 and the applicable credit card fees will be given if the FDCC Office receives your written notice of cancellation on or before June 28, 2019. After this date, no refunds will be given.

Charges paid for FDCC for tours/activities are based on the tour operator's policies and are posted within the tour descriptions. The decision to refund tour/activity fees will be based upon your written notice of cancellation and the tour operator's non-refundable deposit policies.





## TOUR & ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

### Horseback Riding

Sun Valley's legendary Western heritage is no better experienced than with a visit to the fabled Sun Valley Stables and Western Horseman's Center. Trail rides are fun for the entire family, from the beginner to experienced rider.

Riders must be at least 8 years of age and 52" tall. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Helmets are provided free of charge and 18 or younger they are mandatory. Max participant weight of 250 pounds. Riders should wear closed toe shoes and long pants for safety. A hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are recommended. The stables are a 10 minute walk from the Resort. \$90 per person

### Trap Shooting

Sun Valley Gun Club is the premier target shooting facility in the Rocky Mountain West. Their shooting professionals and certified instructors provide a full range of services for individuals or groups, from novice to expert shooters. Sun Valley's experienced instructors are certified by the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA).

Trap is the oldest and most popular clay target game. Trapshooters rotate among five stations set up in an arc about 16 yards behind the trap house. The mechanical thrower—or trap—inside the house oscillates, launching targets at various angles from the shooter. Whether you are new to target shooting or experienced, Sun Valley staff will assist you in all phases of the sport. Minimum age is 12. This activity is recommended for all level shooters (novice through expert). \$95 per person includes transportation and all equipment

### Sporting Clays Shooting

The game of sporting clays was imported in the 1980s from England, where it was called hunters clays because it duplicated field situations. It has since

evolved into a game of its own, with targets that curl, bounce, fall, and shoot straight upward, as well as many that still mimic real birds. A round of sporting clays consists of 50 or 100 targets, all thrown as pairs, and there are usually five pairs per station. Sporting clays presents almost any waterfowling situation that you can imagine, from high overhead passing shots to long crossers to ducks dropping into the decoys and then flaring out of them. Min. age is 12. This activity is recommended for all level shooters (novice through expert). \$90 per person

### White Water Rafting

Explore Idaho's famous Salmon River as it winds beneath the Sawtooth Mountains, past Redfish Lake Lodge and through the largest wilderness area in the United States. The Sawtooth Mountains aka: American Alps, are arguably the most impressive range in the US. The Salmon River cuts a deep canyon through the Idaho wilderness. You will experience massive granite boulders, crystal clear water, huge Lodge-pole and Douglas Fir pine trees intertwined with electric green foliage and brilliant wildflowers. A minimum age of 4 is required for the Family Raft Adventure. This will be family friendly class II and III rapids. Included in your tour cost are: Life-jacket, splash gear, river shoes, box lunch, beverages, transportation to/from the river, and a professional photographer at the rapids. The rafting event starts at 12:30 pm. Transportation from the Resort leaves at 10:45 am. Adults: \$115 Children: \$99

### Fly Fishing

Learn to fly fish with Silver Creek Outfitter's Certified and Master Casting Instructors. Enjoy beautiful scenery and great company. We will have several "learn to fly fish" clinics at the hotel on Wednesday and then you will be ready for the "reel -deal" later in the week! Adults: \$250: Children \$125 10-15 years





# WEEKDAY TOURS & ACTIVITIES

## Sunday, July 28, 2019

- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Officers Meeting**  
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Executive Committee Meeting**

## Monday, July 29, 2019

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am **Committee Meetings**  
 F&B, Admissions, Sites  
 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Board of Directors Meeting**  
 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Registration Desk**

## Tuesday, July 30, 2019

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am **Committee Meetings**  
 MDR, P&O, Foundation Board  
 10:00 am - 4:30 pm **Registration Desk**  
 11:00 am - 4:30 pm **White Water Rafting**  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Opening Reception**

## Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 7:00 am - 4:00 pm **Registration Desk**  
 8:00 am - 8:50 am **Substantive Section Meetings**  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm **Plenary Session**  
 9:30 am - 11:00 am **Guest & Spouse Hospitality**  
 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **Horseback Riding**

- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Fly Fishing Clinic at Resort**  
 \$55 per person

- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Fly Fishing Clinic at Resort**  
 \$55 per person

- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Proctor Mountain Hike**

A great hike for families. Enjoy beautiful views of Bald Mountain and Sun Valley Resort. Our enthusiastic guides will share their knowledge of wildflowers, wildlife, and history of the surrounding area. 3.5 mile loop hike. Approximately two hours. \$60 per person

- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Trap Shooting**

- 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm **New Member Orientation & Reception**  
 (Invitation Only)

- 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm **Children & Youth Dinner & Activities**

FDCC kids, ages 5 - 17, will have dinner and enjoy an evening of activities.

- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **President's Reception**

Enjoy an evening under the stars hosted by Don & Doreen Myles.

## Thursday, August 1, 2019

- 7:00 am - 12:00 pm **Registration Desk**





## Thursday, August 1, 2019, Cont'd

**7:00 am - 10:00 am Voucher Breakfast**

**8:00 am - 8:50 am Substantive Section Meetings**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm Plenary Session**

**10:00 am - 11:30 am Book Club**

Charles Martin, the New York Times best selling author, will lead the book club in a discussion of his recent book, *The Mountain Between Us*.

**12:30 pm - 5:30 pm White Water Rafting**

**12:30 pm - 3:30 pm FDCC Tennis Tournament**

Enjoy a fun afternoon of tennis at one of the top tennis centers in Rocky Mountain West. The Sun Valley Tennis Center is a short walk from the Lodge & Inn. A box lunch will be provided and the tournament is open to all ages and players of all levels. \$75 per person.

**12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Fly Fishing**

**12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Horseback Riding**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Mountain Biking**

Corral Creek is one of the Valley's most popular mountain bike rides because of its varied terrain and proximity to town. It is an intermediate ride that gives you a great workout! \$90 per person includes bike rental & helmet.

**7:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

**"KBR" Theme Party at Trail Creek Cabin**

You will be able to "Kick Back & Relax" at the grounds of Trail Creek Cabin. With spectacular views of Bald Mountain and along side the rushing waters of Trail Creek, the FDCC will celebrate its return to Sun Valley! With great food and fun activities for the whole family, this is your opportunity to dust off those boots and try to "two-step" under the stars!

## Friday, August 2, 2019

**7:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration Desk**

**7:00 am - 10:00 am Voucher Breakfast**

**7:00 am - 8:00 am Fun Run**

Skip the gym and enjoy the scenery!

**8:00 am - 8:50 am Substantive Section Meetings**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm Plenary Session**

**Federation Golf Tournament**

**Shotgun Start**

**1:00 pm - End**

Sun Valley golf was most recently recognized by Golf Digest as one of the top 75 resort courses in North America. The 18-hole Trail Creek championship course was designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. and spans a sweeping 6,968 yards. \$220 per person includes transportation, cart and lunch. If you need to rent clubs, please contact the Pro Shop before the day of the tournament at 208.622.2251.





### **Friday, August 2, 2019, Cont'd**

<b>12:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Fly Fishing</b>
<b>12:30 pm - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Horseback Riding</b>
<b>2:00 pm - 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Sporting Clays Shooting</b>
<b>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Proctor Mountain Hike</b>
<b>5:00 pm - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>International Reception</b>
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Dine Around</b>

Enjoy the many restaurants in Ketchum or at the Sun Valley Resort. We have included a short list at the back of this brochure. Be sure to book your reservation early! Are you a "solo" attendee? The Registration Desk will keep a list of solo attendees who would like to dine together. Stop by and leave your name and cell phone number so we can connect everyone!

### **Saturday, August 3, 2019**

<b>7:00 am - 11:00 am</b>	<b>Registration Desk</b>
<b>7:00 am - 10:00 am</b>	<b>Voucher Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00 am - 9:20 am</b>	<b>Announcements and Special Speaker</b>
<b>9:20 am - 10:50 am</b>	<b>FDCC Business Meeting &amp; Upcoming Meeting Presentations</b>
<b>11:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker: Travis Tygart</b>
<b>12:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Fly Fishing</b>
<b>12:30 pm - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Horseback Riding</b>

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** **Trap Shooting**

**3:00 pm - 4:00 pm** **Wheels & Wine**

Enjoy a leisurely one hour historical bike tour of the Sun Valley Resort, followed by a one hour of wine tasting. Come join a knowledgeable local guide and learn about, Hemingway's life in Sun Valley, the first chairlift and much more. Includes bike rental, helmet, a pour of red and white wine, and an appetizer plate. \$90 per person.



**6:30 pm - 10:45 pm** **FDCC Dinner Buffet & Ice Show**

The evening begins with a buffet on the Lodge Terrace, followed by a world class ice skating show "Sun Valley on Ice" featuring an all-star lineup of some of the world's finest skaters.



# THE PROGRAM: ACHIEVING THE EXTRAORDINARY THROUGH INTEGRITY, SIMPLICITY, AND EXCELLENCE

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

**SECTIONS 8:00 am - 8:50 am**

## **Commercial Litigation - “Real World Litigation Strategies That Will Keep Your Clients Happy”**

Back, by popular demand, is Commercial Lit’s “lightning round presentation style.” A distinguished group of panelists will try to explain each topic in six minutes or less or face a penalty call from a whistle-toting referee. This format is lively and entertaining and produces a tremendous amount of information and discussion in a short period of time. Bill Vita (empowered with a whistle) will moderate the panel consisting of Dart Meadows, Eric Riegner, Joseph Guillot and Richard Coyne. The overall topic of “Real World Litigation Strategies” will include discussions on how to explain litigation to business clients, best practices for achieving early settlements, the evolving practice of “discovery on discovery” involving corporate document witnesses, recovery of consequential damages on vendor contracts, and the interplay between indemnity provisions and workers’ compensation statutes.

Moderator: William E. Vita  
Westerman Ball Ederer et. al.  
Uniondale, NY

Speakers: Dart Meadows  
Balch & Bingham  
Atlanta, GA  
  
Eric Riegner  
Frost Brown Todd  
Indianapolis, IN  
  
Joseph Guillot  
Christovich & Kearney  
New Orleans, LA  
  
Richard Coyne  
Wegman Hessler & Vanderburg  
Cleveland, OH

## **Law Practice Management - “Legal Bill Auditing: It’s Time to Stop Fighting It and Learn To Do It Well”**

Legal bill auditing has been part of our business for more than a decade, but it remains shrouded in mystery. Indeed, many lawyers are finding it to be more frustrating and time consuming than ever. This session will address how legal bill auditing has evolved and changed within the insurance industry. You will receive answers to some of your most pressing questions, and you will get tools for how to lessen write-downs and improve your rate of successful appeals.

You will also learn how to track write-downs internally so you can improve profitability by increasing realization rates for the hours your firm bills.

Speaker: John Trimble  
Lewis Wagner  
Indianapolis, IN

## **Construction/Reinsurance, Excess and Surplus Lines/ Insurance Coverage - “A Hot Corner: The Intersection of Criminal Law and Insurance Coverage”**

In recent years, criminal law issues have arisen more frequently in the insurance context. We see criminality as a coverage defense, evidence from criminal proceedings in civil proceedings, criminalization of torts, coverage questions for “#MeToo Cases”, and many other issues. This panel will address this unique and interesting area.

Moderator: Sean Griffin  
Dykema  
Washington, D.C.

Speakers: Elizabeth Fitzpatrick  
Island Companies  
Calverton, NY  
  
Kiera Goral  
QBE North America  
Plano, TX  
  
Joanne Locke  
Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Boston, MA

## **Transportation/Trial Tactics/Premises and Security - “This Used to be So Easy! Taking on the Plaintiff’s Attempts to Kill the IME Process”**

For generations, defense counsel have relied upon the Independent Medical Examination as an essential tool in determining the veracity of a plaintiff’s claimed injury. However, recent tactics by the plaintiff’s bar have made the use of the IME much more challenging. The panel will address recent tactics that have been advanced to thwart the use of an IME, including:

- Intimidation of the examining physician
- Burdensome and harassing discovery served upon the examining physician
- Filings to limit the scope and mechanics of the IME, or to outright disqualify the examining physician





The panel will also include helpful pointers on the best methods of utilizing the modern IME, when to utilize the IME, identifying the proper medical professional to perform the IME, proper motion practice and overall practical suggestions.

**Speakers:** Michael Kiernan  
Traub, Lieberman, Straus & Shrewsbury LLC  
St. Petersburg, Florida

John Sinnott  
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC  
New Orleans, Louisiana

William Toles  
Fee, Smith, Sharp & Vitullo, LLP  
Dallas, Texas

#### **PLENARY 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**9:00 am - 9:30 am** Greetings and Opening Remarks

**9:30 am - 9:45 am** Welcome to Idaho

**9:45 am - 10:45 am** “The Downfall of Dewey:  
A Cautionary Tale”

This presentation will explore the fascinating story behind the demise of the Dewey Leboeuf law firm. Few firms had such a storied past, with its work and influence of over 1,000 lawyers in 26 offices around the world. Yet, the firm’s demise has been called “one of the greatest law firm collapses of all time.” How did such a firm go from being the most prestigious to tabloid fodder in such a short time? More importantly, what lessons can we learn from this event that is as tragic as it is ironic? Regardless of firm size, the downfall of Dewey instructs us to be vigilant to the sacred obligations of our profession while maintaining sound business practices- and what happens when we deviate from our principles.

**Speaker:** Kile Turner  
Norman Wood Kendrick & Turner  
Birmingham, AL

**10:45 am - 11:00 am** Break

**11:00 am - 12:00 noon** Opening Keynote Speaker -  
**Eliza Jane Schneider**



Eliza Jane Schneider is a world-renowned vocal expert and Hollywood dialect coach who has mastered and taught revolutionary voice-management methods to actors, business and creative professionals. Eliza is recognized as a television, film, and voice actor in shows like South Park, Finding Nemo, and Batman. She personally traveled to the hometowns of more than 7,000 native speakers of various dialects of English throughout the world and her field research has included thousands of personal interviews on six continents.

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

**SECTIONS 8:00 am - 8:50 am**

**ADR/Appellate - “Mediating Before and After Judgment”**

This panel discussion will cover the practicalities and nuances of mediating claims both before and after judgment, including what approaches work, how to deal with differing gambits by the other side, and some of the unique factors that come into play once judgment is entered.

**Speakers:** Jean Lawler  
Lawler ADR Services, LLC  
Los Angeles, CA





Sasha Cummings  
Circuit Mediator of the Court of Appeals For the Ninth Circuit  
San Francisco, CA

Stephen Feldman  
Ellis Winters, LLP  
Raleigh, NC

### **Employment/Healthcare/Life, Health and Disability/ Professional Liability - “Oil and Vinegar—Does Private Equity and Healthcare Delivery Make a Good Mix?”**

#### **Part I – Private Equity Healthcare Transactions** **(Part II will be on Friday, August 2).**

With the increase in private equity firms investing in healthcare entities small and large, there are potential impacts to the delivery of care. At the outset of these relationships, careful attention must be paid to the terms of any agreement and how the new ownership structure impacts service, reinsurance, insurance policies, rates and the corporate structure. Litigation risks and handling of cases by defense counsel are also impacted with potential bigger pockets to handle losses and working with financial entities that may not be familiar with the day-to-day operations of a healthcare provider. This session will discuss the private equity transaction, the structure, and the “cashing-out”, what in-house counsel, insurance professionals and defense attorneys need to know about these emerging issues. Is private equity insulated from liability? Has new ownership caused increased risks? Has the quality of care been changed? What happens if a financial dispute arises between the new owners and healthcare providers? How is the prohibition on the corporate practice of law dealt with? How will consolidation caused by private equity impact services, policies, insurance policy rates and attorney billing rates? What are the many ways attorneys can assist all parties on these issues?

Speakers: Neil Ekblom  
Ekblom & Partners, LLP  
New York, NY

Caroline Berdzik  
Goldberg Segalla LLP  
Princeton, NJ

### **Toxic Tort and Environmental - “What’s in the Water?”**

This panel will examine the next wave of PFAS water and land contamination, focusing on assessing liability and allocating risk for ubiquitous and persistent chemicals. While the EPA’s response to contamination by Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances has been measured, state regulation and monitoring initiatives are proliferating. The panel will focus on regulatory and litigation issues including hot topics and current developments, PFAS uses in numerous industries with implications for source identification and allocation of liability, observed environmental impacts and alleged health risks, the legal basis for regulatory intervention, current and likely regulation and costs, currently pending litigation, and the anticipated theories of liability against the next wave of manufacturers and PFAS users.

Speakers: Steven Casey  
Jones Walker LLP  
Birmingham, AL

Michael Walsh  
Clark Hill Strawburger  
Dallas, TX

Dr. Angela Perez  
Portland, OR





### **Extracontractual/Property Insurance - “Defending the Property Bad Faith Case: The Best Defense is a Good Offense”**

This presentation will focus on the cooperation clause and anti-fraud/anti-misrepresentation clauses that exist in most policies, recent case law dealing with those clauses, and how to most effectively implement them to go on offense in defending bad faith property cases. We will also discuss how some states have applied the covenant of good faith and fair dealing to the insured as well as the insurer – another weapon for the defense practitioner.

**Moderator:** Gordon Walton  
Hepler Broom  
Chicago, IL

**Speakers:** Terence Ridley  
Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell  
Denver, CO  
  
Rich Gable  
Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig  
Philadelphia, PA

### **PLENARY 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**9:00 am - 9:05 am Morning Announcements -  
Bernie Heinze, FDCC Executive Director**

**9:05 am - 9:20 am Introduction of Past Presidents and  
New Members**

**9:20 am - 10:15 am “Emotional Intelligence – Should it Even  
Matter to Lawyers?”**

Unlike IQ, it's not too late to improve your EQ! No tests, no fluff, just a candid exploration how Emotional Intelligence can increase success in various aspects of your law practice and in life. This presentation will also discuss the professional ethics risk of misusing this skill (ethics credit applied for).

**Speaker:** Wayne Mason  
Drinker, Biddle & Reath  
Dallas, TX

### **10:15 am - 11:10 am “When the Law Gets Ahead of the Science – A Formula for Problems”**

There are instances in products, drug and device cases where courts have rushed ahead of scientific findings, resulting in large verdicts or settlements, only to later see general causation disproven or cast into significant doubt by the scientific community. The risks of this are substantial for defendants, and the credibility of the civil tort system takes a hit when this happens. We will discuss examples of where this has occurred in the past, and make recommendations of how to use these examples to hopefully prevent it occurring again in the future.

**Speakers:** Andy Johnson  
Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP  
Birmingham, AL  
  
Tiffany Alexander  
Tanenbaum Keale LLP  
Malvern, PA  
  
Michael Hurvitz  
Bowman and Brooke  
San Diego, CA  
  
Greg Jackson  
NuVasive  
San Diego, CA

### **11:10 am - 12:00 noon “Cross-Border Issues - What a Tangled Web We Weave: The Impact of Politics on Security, Trade, International Relations and Domestic Laws”**





We live in unprecedented times in our ever-shrinking world, in which issues such as trade disputes, Brexit, GDPR, extradition treaties, border security, and international politics have far-reaching impacts on international relations, domestic laws, corporate growth, and litigation. This panel features speakers on the front lines of these issues in both corporate America and abroad, and from both the American and foreign perspectives the discussion will tackle these complex issues and how they are now impacting, and will alter in the future, how business is done and how international litigation will be transformed.

**Moderator:** David Bertschi  
Bertschi Orth Solicitors and Barristers LLP  
Ottawa, Ontario

**Speakers:** Ralph Carter  
FedEx Express  
Washington, D.C.

Todd Menotti  
Tyson Foods, Inc.  
Washington, D.C.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

### SECTIONS 8:00 am - 8:50 am

#### Energy Utilities - "The Fracking Revolution"

The "fracking" revolution has transformed energy production in the United States and North America, but health, environmental, and geological concerns persist. Rick Strange, general counsel of Wildcat Oil Tools and a native West Texan, will provide an overview of the shale oil fracking process, followed by a survey of safety criticisms about the chemicals in fracking fluid and whether a correlation exists between fracking and increased seismic activity. The presentation will also address how fracking has increased U.S. geopolitical

strength through energy production, as well as rising financial pressure for the industry to boost returns following years of capital investment.

**Speakers:** Rick Strange  
Wildcat International LLC  
Midland, TX

#### Data Beach and Cyber Security - "The Great Data Privacy Debate of Our Time: To Be Forgotten or Not To Be Forgotten"

Join us for this timely, lively, and feisty debate:

**Resolved:** Private businesses, including especially insurance carriers, should have full and unfettered access to and use of personal and private information, limited only by the willingness of individuals to consent.

**Affirmative:** Access to and use of personal and private information should operate in a free market, as long as the individual consents, with minimal government intrusion, such as seen in the Ohio model;

**Negative:** Access and use of an individual's private and personal information should be governed not just by consent but by regulation and statute to prevent business and others from overreaching, such as seen in the California and European GDPR Models.

**Moderator:** Jim Chapman  
Crenshaw, Ware & Martin  
Norfolk, VA

**Speakers:** John Sinnott  
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore  
New Orleans, LA  
  
Craig Marvinney  
Walter Haverfield  
Cleveland, OH





Gena Sluga  
Christian, Dichter & Sluga  
Phoenix, AZ

Sarannah L. McMurtry  
Acceptance Insurance  
Nashville, TN

### **Civil Rights and Public Entity Liability - “Recent Developments in Section 1983 Cases”**

The panel will review some of the recent trends in cases under § 1983. What is happening with qualified immunity? Are procedural due process claims dead? How, if at all, does the use of social media affect §1983 analysis?

Speakers: Kathleen L. Wieneke  
Wieneke Law Group  
Tempe, AZ  
  
Robert C. Lockwood  
Wilmer & Lee, P.A.  
Huntsville, AL  
  
Ann E. Trivett  
Christie Law Group, PLLC  
Seattle, WA

### **Employment/Healthcare/Life, Health and Disability/ Professional Liability - “Oil and Vinegar—Does Private Equity and Healthcare Delivery Make a Good Mix?”**

Part II – Private Equity Impact on Healthcare. Neil Ekblom and Caroline Berdzik continue with Part II of their presentation that began on Thursday.

### **PLENARY 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**9:00 am - 9:02 am Morning Announcements**

**9:02 am - 10:00 am “Changing Times: Does #MeToo Affect #YouToo?”**

This not-to-be missed presentation will feature brand new research into the impact of the #MeToo movement and surrounding media coverage on verdicts, settlements, and expectations for behavior in cases of sexual misconduct. The panelists will discuss highlights of this original study in an interactive format, featuring perspectives from experienced defense counsel, a jury consultant, and an industry insider.

*Funding for this Session was provided by the FDCC Foundation.*

Speakers: Helen Holden  
Spencer Fane LLP  
Phoenix, AZ  
  
Lee Hall  
Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC  
Huntington, WV  
  
Stuart Simon  
AJC Consulting  
Hailey, ID

**10:00 am - 11:00 am “The Art of Storytelling”**

The panel will discuss the elements of any good story - characters, plot, setting, theme, conflict, resolution - and how lawyers can use these building blocks to tell their clients’ stories to a jury. Every trial lawyer is a storyteller. This panel will teach you how to hone your story telling skills, placing your client as the protagonist of the story and having the jury agree your client deserves to live happily ever after through the verdict they enter.





Moderator: Frank Ramos  
Clarke Silverglate, P.A.  
Miami, FL

Speakers: Robbie Foster  
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP  
Columbia, SC  
Charles Martin  
Author  
Jacksonville, FL

**11:00 am - 12:00 noon “Better Tools, Better Lawyers: How Evolving Technologies Impact Rules, Roles, and Ethics”**

The Federation has been on the forefront of educational offerings on technological innovations in the legal industry, and that tradition continues with this panel that will present the latest developments in the use of technology and data analytics in search capabilities, legal validity analysis, judicial ruling and attorney success prediction and case value assessment. And because to whom much is given much is expected, the panel will also explore the inherent ethical and professional responsibility implications for competence, transparency, and accountability in using these new technologies.

Moderator: Casey Stansbury  
Freeman, Mathis & Gary, LLP  
Lexington, KY

Speakers: Julia L. Brickell  
H5  
New York, NY  
Mike Dahn  
Thompson Reuters  
Minneapolis, MN

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

**PLENARY 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

9:00 am - 9:20 am Opening Remarks and Special Speaker

9:20 am - 10:20 am Annual Business Meeting

10:20 am - 10:30 am Break

10:30 am - 10:50 am Preview of 2020 Winter  
and Annual Meetings

10:50 am - 11:00 am Preview of CCS, I-3, TechU

11:00 am - 12:00 Keynote Speaker - Travis Tygart,  
U.S. Anti-Doping Agency



Travis Tygart, Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, is a lawyer by training and before becoming CEO of the USADA in 2007, he served as the Director of Legal Affairs and Senior Managing Director & General Counsel, during which time he prosecuted cases on behalf of clean athletes. Travis has testified before various committees of the U.S.

Congress, European Union, German Parliament, and the French Senate. His achievements in the USADA's mission of preserving the integrity of sport and competition are widespread, but he is best known publicly for his leadership in investigating the Lance Armstrong pro-cycling team doping conspiracy and was featured in numerous TV and media stories on the Armstrong prosecution, including an incredible segment on the show “60 Minutes”. Travis has been recognized by Sports Illustrated as one of the 50 Most Powerful People in Sports, and TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2013.

**The FDCC reserves the right to change or modify the program topics and/or speakers.**

**Please check the FDCC Mobile App while at the meeting for any program updates.**



# RESTAURANTS/SHOPPING/ATTRACTIONS



## RESTAURANTS

**Village Station** - Pull into Village Station for Happy Hour drinks, lunch, dinner or a casual bite.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/village-station/>

**Konditorei** - Fireside coffees and hot cocoa. Fresh-baked European pastries. Fine dining with an Austrian twist.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/konditorei/>

**The Roundhouse** - Serving up sky-high lunches, hot cocoa timeouts and breathtaking views every winter since 1939.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/the-roundhouse/>

**Gretchen's** - All new, light and bright, Gretchen's Restaurant is waiting to serve you breakfast, lunch and dinner any day of the week.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/gretchens/>

**The Ram** - Sun Valley's original restaurant, The Ram has been warming and welcoming diners since 1937.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/the-ram/>

**The Sun Valley Club** - Above par dining overlooking the golf course.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/sun-valley-club/>

**Duchin Lounge** - A welcoming vibe just off the lodge lobby serves up signature cocktail, imported beer and quick bites to eat.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/duchin-lounge/>

**The Ram Bar** - Relax and unwind with friends over drinks and light bites till closing.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/the-ram-lounge/>

**Poolside Café** - Pamper your palate with a bright and enlivening menu, accompanied by poolside relaxation and beautiful Sun Valley views.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/poolside-cafe/>

**The Chocolate Foundry** - It's not a vacation without a little shopping for sweet indulgences.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/the-chocolate-foundry/>

**A la Mode** - Retro-inspired sweet shop where ice cream wishes, and candy-covered dreams are made fresh daily.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/a-la-mode/>

**Short Line Deli** - Fuel up fast and get back to the slopes with Short Line Deli's choice sandwich combos, custom-made for big days on or off the hill.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/short-line-deli/>

**Elkhorn Clubhouse Grille** - Enjoy summertime views of Dollar Mountain, exclusive clubhouse ambience and fine dining.

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**Lookout Day Lodge** - Come for the mouthwatering Valley view. Stay for the lunchtime taco bar.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/lookout-day-lodge/>

**Trail Creek Cabin** - An authentic getaway only a mile and a half east of the resort, with plenty of sleighs to get you there.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/trail-creek-cabin/>

**Averell's** - Would you like some food with your view? Averell's is the spot for the mid-mountain dining with a striking vista of the valley.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/averells/>

**Warm Springs Lodge** - Breakfast and lunch at the base of one of Baldy's best runs.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/warm-springs-lodge/>

**River Run Day Lodge** - With a menu of hearty, healthy favorites, River Run Day Lodge is the place to fuel up before the day begins and chill out when it's done. <https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/river-run-day-lodge/>

**Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge** - Easy eating for the whole family, with plenty of indoor entertainment when the kids need a break from the mountain.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/carols-dollar-mountain-lodge/>

**Seattle Ridge Day Lodge** - Our menu moves from inspired burgers to focused wood-fired flare perfect for midday food breaks.

<https://www.sunvalley.com/dining/seattle-ridge-day-lodge/>



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## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

# Escape the Ordinary

July 30 - August 4, 2019 | Sun Valley Lodge & Inn | Sun Valley, Idaho

Registration Type (Please Check)

☐ Defense Counsel Member ☐ Corporate/Industry Member ☐ Non-Member Guest

☐ Emeritus

Is this your 1st FDCC Winter or Annual Meeting as New FDCC member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this your 2nd FDCC Winter or Annual Meeting as New FDCC member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### I. Registrant Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Restrictions or Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Is Spouse/Companion Member of the FDCC? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spouse/Companion Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Please list all guests (over the age of 21) attending with you:

Name on badge

Relationship to registrant

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### III. Please list all children (under the age of 21) attending:

Name on badge	Birth date	Relationship to registrant
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____

### IV. Meeting Information and Fees

Member/Non-Member, Corporate, Spouse/Companion/Adult Guest/Adult Child: Fee includes breakfasts, all receptions including the President's Reception, Theme Party, Dessert Party, and FDCC Dinner and Ice Show.

Children **18 - 20**: Fee includes all of the above, but NO ALCOHOL.

Children **under age 18**: Fee includes Sunday Welcome Reception, Breakfasts, Theme Party, Dessert Party, Friday FDCC Kids Dinner and Entertainment and FDCC Dinner and Ice Show.

**Please note:** If both spouses are FDCC members, they may pay one Member Fee and One Spouse/Companion fee.

### V. Events

Date	Time	Event	Price/Person	# of Participants
Tuesday 7/30	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception	Complimentary	_____
Wednesday 7/31	6:00 - 9:00 pm	President's Reception	Complimentary	_____
Thursday 8/1	7:00 - 11:00 pm	Theme Party	Complimentary	_____
Friday 8/2	9:00 - 10:30 pm	Dessert Party	Complimentary	_____
Saturday 8/3	6:30 - 10:45 pm	FDCC Dinner & Ice Show	Complimentary	_____

**Parents are responsible for children at all the events. No one under 18 may attend Dinner Dance and no one under 21 may drink alcoholic beverages.**

### VI. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted to the Dinner Dance.

Registration Category	Cost	# of Registrants
Defense Counsel Member/Non-Member Lawyer	\$1695	_____
Corporate Counsel	\$695	_____
Spouse/Companion/Child Over 21	\$695	_____
Child 18-20	\$495	_____
Child 12-17	\$425	_____
Child 4-11	\$260	_____
Child 3 and under	Complimentary	_____
Emeritus & Emeritus Spouse	\$300	_____
Total Registration Fees \$		_____

### VII. 14k Gold Convention Charm

Cost	# of Charms	Total \$
\$165	_____	_____



## VIII. Optional Activities

Date	Time	Events	#of Guests	Price / Person	Total Cost
Tuesday, July 30	10:45 am - 5:00 pm	White Water Rafting, Adult	_____	\$115	_____
Tuesday, July 30	10:45 am - 5:00 pm	White Water Rafting, Child	_____	\$99	_____
Wednesday, July 31	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Horseback Riding	_____	\$90	_____
Wednesday, July 31	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Fly Fishing Clinic	_____	\$55	_____
Wednesday, July 31	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Fly Fishing Clinic	_____	\$55	_____
Wednesday, July 31	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Proctor Mountain Hike	_____	\$60	_____
Wednesday, July 31	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Trap Shooting	_____	\$95	_____
Thursday, August 1	10:45 am - 5:00 pm	White Water Rafting, Adult	_____	\$115	_____
Thursday, August 1	10:45 am - 5:00 pm	White Water Rafting, Child	_____	\$99	_____
Thursday, August 1	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Tennis Tournament	_____	\$75	_____
Thursday, August 1	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Fly Fishing	_____	\$250	_____
Thursday, August 1	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Fly Fishing, Child 10-15 yrs	_____	\$125	_____
Thursday, August 1	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Horseback Riding	_____	\$90	_____
Thursday, August 1	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Mountain Biking	_____	\$90	_____
Friday, August 2	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Fun Run	_____	\$0	_____
Friday, August 2	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Golf Tournament	_____	\$220	_____
Friday, August 2	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Fly Fishing	_____	\$250	_____
Friday, August 2	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Fly Fishing, Child 10-15 yrs	_____	\$125	_____
Friday, August 2	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Horseback Riding	_____	\$90	_____
Friday, August 2	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Sporting Clays Shooting	_____	\$90	_____
Friday, August 2	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Proctor Mountain Hike	_____	\$60	_____
Saturday, August 3	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Fly Fishing, Adult	_____	\$250	_____
Saturday, August 3	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Fly Fishing, Child 10-15 yrs	_____	\$125	_____
Saturday, August 3	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Horseback Riding	_____	\$90	_____
Saturday, August 3	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Trap Shooting	_____	\$95	_____
Saturday, August 3	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Wheels & Wine	_____	\$90	_____

Registration Categories \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charm Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Activities Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL**  
(total of all charges above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## IX. Please Send Payment to

FDCC Annual Meeting  
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King of Prussia, PA 19406

## X. Payment

☐ Check/Money Order (Payable to the FDCC in USD) ☐ AMEX ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

If paying by credit card, \$100 will be added to the total amount due.

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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If you need assistance, please email [martha@thefederation.org](mailto:martha@thefederation.org).

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A refund of registration fees less \$85 and applicable credit card fees will be made for written cancellations received by the FDCC office on or before **June 28, 2019**.

**No refunds will be given if notice of cancellation is received by the FDCC office after June 28, 2019.**

In the event of special circumstances such as illness or unforeseen family or professional emergencies, this refund policy may be suspended or modified in response to the member's written request, but only with the approval of the President upon recommendation of the Convention Chair. **Members seeking a refund must submit a written request to the Convention Chair.** It is highly recommended that all registrants get trip cancellation insurance.

Please notify the FDCC office by email ([martha@thefederation.org](mailto:martha@thefederation.org)) once you have cancelled your hotel reservations. Neither the Convention Chair nor the FDCC office has authority to modify the hotel's cancellation policy.

Charges paid to the FDCC for separate events/activities may or may not be refunded in whole or in part. The decision to refund these will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Convention Chair. **Members seeking reimbursement for these payments must submit a written request to the Convention Chair.**

The decision to refund fees will be based, in part, on the timing of the cancellation and whether there are available convention funds from which to make the refund. Please note that refunds of any payments to independent third parties for tours and other events and services are not the responsibility of the FDCC.