



## *News Release*

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### **National Conference Center Offers BIG Summer Package Pairings in the Park Experience**

**Leesburg, Virginia, May, 2017** ... Summer is just around the corner and planners are looking for space and ideas that are unique and experiential. It may have been some time since you have done a face-to-face gathering, and you're looking for an ice-breaker to jump start a meeting or event.

The [National Conference Center](#) in Leesburg, Virginia, is offering the BIG Summer Package (starting at \$235/person). This Complete Meeting Package includes accommodations in single occupancy rooms, three meals per day, snacks, meeting room and basic technology. As an added bonus, when a \*meeting is booked between May 26, 2017 and September 5, 2017, the client will receive a wine and food experience as an incentive – complimentary 2-hour Pairing in the Park reception., will receive an unforgettable wine and food tasting experience as an incentive – a complimentary 2-hour Pairing in the Park reception.

The National offers a remarkable culinary program celebrating summer with its 'buy local' program, while preparing food for more than 1,200 guests per day. Executive Chef Chris Ferrier purchases from 65 local farms and 35 wineries in Loudoun County. Summer is truly celebrated at this picturesque outdoor setting on 65 acres of park-like grounds in the heart of Northern Virginia. Under new management since 2014, many outdoor spaces have been added to the property including several fire pits, patios, a pergola and redesigned lawn space for outdoor games and receptions.

Food and wine create an indelible experience, and our culinary team incorporates activities for groups to get to know each other in a relaxed, casual environment. "We know that food plays an important role in the overall experience of our guests and their meals," says Executive Chef Chris Ferrier. Chef



shares this program with a well-respected sommelier with decades of experience, Mary Watson-Delauder, Chief Wine Officer at The National.

Ferrier joined the team at The National in 2015. Ferrier's background includes experience in high-volume kitchens and 4-star resorts, banquets and fine dining and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. He brings that wealth of knowledge to The National and elevates the food to exceptional standards. Watson-Delauder is a certified sommelier and wine specialist, a contributor to the *Wine Spectator* Awards of Excellence and an honored guest at the prestigious James Beard House in New York. Her enthusiasm and wisdom are contagious, but most importantly, she wants you to feel at home in her world of wine. "Wine is just show and tell, and it's the best example of show and tell, because it's grown-up show and tell," she says. The teamwork between Chris and Mary make for an entertaining and pleasurable outing.

"Chris and Mary share our mission and vision in working with local farmers and wineries to source local food for sustainability, freshness and quality," Geoff Lawson, General Manager and Vice President, recently explained. "They have brought our culinary offerings to a new and higher level and we want to share it with meeting planners and their guests."

These packages book quickly, so please contact [Jane Davis](#), Executive of Sales Revenue, or call 703 724-5984, and mention the "Pairings in the Park" incentive.

#### **About The National Conference Center**

Located in Northern Virginia, 12 miles from Dulles International Airport and 35 miles from Washington, D.C., [The National Conference Center](#) is one of the largest and most comprehensive conference centers and training facility in the nation. With 917 guest rooms and over 265,000 square feet of meeting and group function space, including the West Belmont Place catering complex with its 16,552 square foot ballroom, The National has become the nation's headquarters for productive meetings and West Belmont Place the hub for Loudoun County and surrounding area social functions and special events. 

West Belmont Place was named 2013 Best Venue by the International Special Events Society. The National Conference Center is also on the GSA schedule. The National is owned by NCC PS Enterprises LLC, a venture between PCCP, LLC and Stoneleigh Capital, LLC., which retained [LaKota Hotels & Resorts](#) to oversee all aspects of the day-to-day operations. 

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