

**WWA 2018 Convention Schedule**  
**DoubleTree Hotel,**  
**27 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Billings, Montana**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Registration

9 a.m. – Noon: **Board Meeting**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.: **Writing about Film** – Panelists: Michael F. Blake, C. Courtney Joyner, Toby Thompson

*Coffee Break*

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 A.M.: **Session: Buffalo Bill Papers** – Presenter: Jeremy Johnston

*Lunch on your own*

1:00–2:00 p.m.: **Panel: Little Bighorn** – Paul Hutton, Moderator. Panelists: Jim Donovan, Bill Markley, Johnny D. Boggs and Chuck Rankin

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.: **Panel: Chronicles of the Modern West**– Kirk Ellis, Moderator. Panelists: Max McCoy, Brian Calvert, Andrew Wiley, and more

4 – 4:45 p.m. – **The Great Montana Harvest: Commercial Buffalo Hunting in Montana Territory, 1880-1883 – A primer for writers** – Henry Crawford, presenter –

5-6 p.m.: Welcome to Montana reception

*Dinner on your own*

9 p.m. - Roundup Room Presentation - **Starry Skies – The Lakota Way of Seeing the Night** - S. D. Nelson, presenter – followed by Roundup Room music

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

8 – 11 a.m.: Registration

7:30 - 9 a.m.: **Breakfast Roundtables** – (*Ticket required*)

- Bill Markley - How to use historical reenactments for research
- Lucia St. Clair Robson – Library research techniques
- Sherry Monahan – Writing cookbooks
- Candace Simar – Writing juvenile fiction
- Cheewa James – Motivational speaking to boost book sales
- Paul Colt – Marketing your books
- C.M. Wendleboe – Managing your writing schedule
- Linda Jacobs – Using place as a character
- Carol Crigger – It’s a mystery
- Randy Denmon – It’s all fiction
- Brandon Boyce – Adapting a novel to a screenplay
- Kellen Cutsforth – Find it in the Archives

9:15 – 10:15: **Panel: "Returning Buffalo to the Plains,"** Henry Crawford, Moderator. Panelists: W. Michael Gear, Kathleen O’Neal Gear and Gervase Hittle

*Coffee Break*

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: **Panel: “Editor, Agent and Publicist Roundup.”**

11:45 – Buses load for Tour

Noon – 5 p.m.: **Tour – Chief Plenty Coups State Park** (*Box lunch included; ticket required*)  
6 – 10 p.m.: **Homestead Dinner and Auction** (*ticket required*)  
9 p.m.- ??: Roundup Room music

### Friday, June 22, 2018

9 – 10:45 and 1:30 – 3:30 – Editor Agent Interviews  
8:30 – 9 a.m.: **Screening of Dorothy Johnson Documentary**  
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.: **Panel: Montana Literary Traditions** – Loren Estleman, Moderator.  
Panelists: Johnny D. Boggs, Candace Simar, Tom Cobb and Chuck Rankin  
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.: **Panel: – Keynote Address** by Pete Simpson. Introduction by Kirk Ellis  
Noon – 1:30 p.m.: **Spur Finalist & Hall of Fame Luncheon** – Grand Ballroom A (*Ticket required*)  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.: **Panel: Longmire - From Page to Stage** – Kirk Ellis, Moderator. Panelists: Craig Johnson, and more  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.: **General Business Meeting** (*All members invited*)  
6:30-7 p.m.: Spur Cocktail reception  
7 – 10 p.m.: **Spur Award Banquet** (*Ticket required*)  
9 p.m.: Roundup Room music

### Saturday, June 23

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Self-tours to Little Bighorn Battlefield.  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – **Tour – Buffalo Bill Center of the West and McCracken Research Library, Cody, WY** (*Lunch included, Ticket required*)  
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: **WWA Board Meeting**  
11 a.m. – noon - **Homestead Foundation Board meeting**  
7 – 9 p.m. – Script Reading “The Cheyenne Social Club” by James Lee Barrett – Directed by Kirk Ellis – Featuring the “WWA Players”  
9:30 – Roundup Room music

*All announcements regarding the schedule made prior to, or at the convention in Billings, take precedence over this preliminary schedule.*