

**2026 NAATBatt International Spouses & Companions Program**  
**JW MARRIOTT STARR PASS RESORT & SPA**  
**TUCSON, ARIZONA February 9-12, 2026**



**JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson, AZ**

Please join Ellen Greenberger, wife of NAATBatt Executive Director Jim Greenberger, and other NAATBatt spouses/companions for the 2026 NAATBatt Spouses & Companions Program. The Program provides spouses/companions with an opportunity to participate in the social events and all meals & cocktail receptions of the 2026 NAATBatt Conference (Tuesday-Thursday). In addition, registered spouses/companions will have the option on Wednesday and/or Thursday to participate at no additional charge in off-site day tours + lunch organized specifically for NAATBatt spouses and companions.

**INCLUDED ON-SITE MEALS & RECEPTIONS AT JW MARRIOTT  
STARR PASS RESORT**

Spouses/Companions who have registered on-line to participate in the NAATBatt 2026 Spouses &

Companions Program and paid the \$350 registration fee are entitled to attend all the meals and networking receptions that are part of the NAATBatt 2026 Conference program. The scheduled food and beverage offerings on-site at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa for the conference attendees and their registered spouses/companions are described below. Registered spouses and companions may attend these meals and receptions whether or not they participate in the optional spouses/companions' program activities on Wednesday or Thursday.

### **Tuesday On-Site Receptions and Meals**

On Tuesday, February 10, join all conference attendees for the initial Meet and Greet Reception at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Starr Circle and Foyer. The Opening Reception and Opening Dinner will be held at 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. back in the Starr Circle and Foyer. All registered spouses and companions are welcome to join.



### **Wednesday On-Site Receptions and Meals**

On Wednesday, February 11, all meals and receptions will take place in the Starr Circle and Foyer. The day will start with a continental breakfast at 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. There will be a networking break with food and beverages provided at 9:55 – 10:35 a.m. Lunch will be at 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. A final networking break, followed by the keynote speeches, Lifetime Achievement Awards presentations and NAATBatt Annual Dinner (business casual dress suggested) will begin at 4:45 p.m. and continue to 8:45 p.m. Registered spouses and companions are welcome to join all these events.



### **Thursday On-Site Receptions and Meals**

On Thursday, February 12, continental breakfast will run from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. There will be a networking break with food and beverages from 11:25 – Noon. Lunch will be served from 1:15 –

2:15 p.m. All meals and receptions will be in the Starr Circle and Foyer.

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR NAATBATT SPOUSES AND COMPANIONS**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Activities On-Site at the Starr Pass Resort**



**Hashani Spa Cabana**



**Lazy River Pool**

Spouses and companions staying at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort will have the option on all days of the NAATBatt 2026 conference to take advantage of the many programs and amenities offered by the Resort, including multi-tiered pools and a lazy river pool, fitness center, hiking and mountain biking trails, lounging, private swim and/or treatments at the Resort's Hashani Day Spa, and 27 holes of meticulously restored to championship-level Arnold Palmer Signature golf courses in a beautiful Sonoran Desert setting. You can book a massage, facial & skincare, body treatment, and manicure or pedicure (excluding dip and acrylic) at the Hashani Day Spa. Spa treatments are limited in number, so book now on-line <https://na.spatime.com/> or call: 520-791-6117. Spa facilities are accessible on the day of your scheduled spa treatment. Mention "NAATBatt 2026" when booking to obtain a 10% discount on a spa treatment (excludes salon services). The Spa is closed on Mondays, and its hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:30 – 2; Friday: 9:30 – 4; Saturday 8:30 – 4; and Sunday 8:30 - 3.

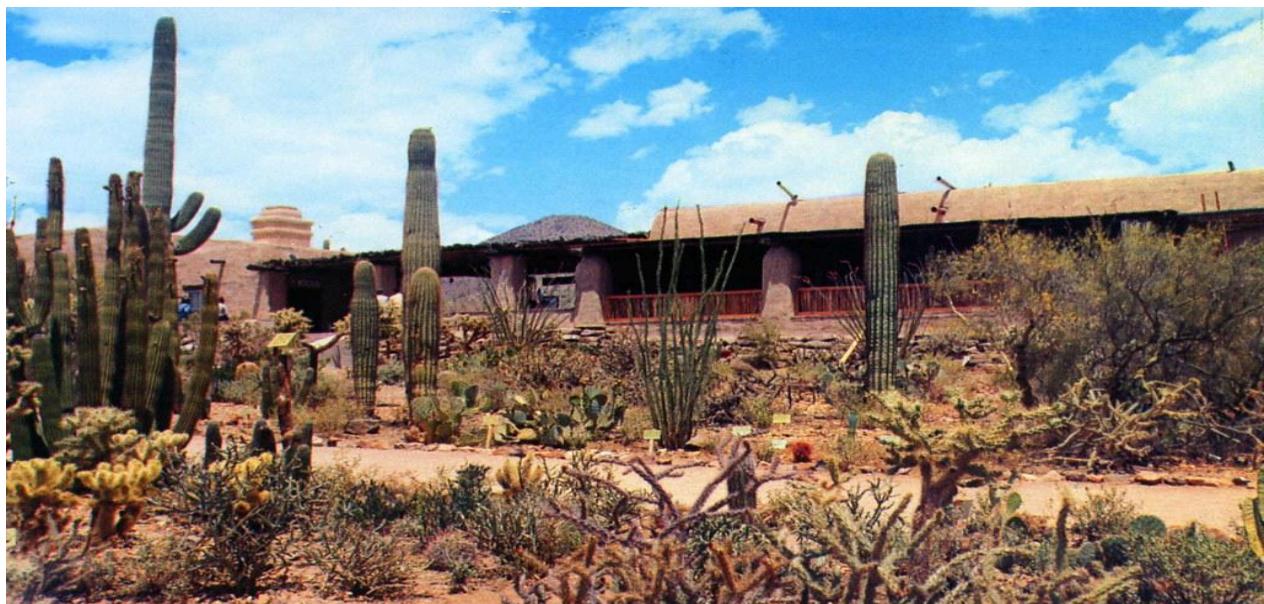
### **OPTIONAL OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**

The highlight of the NAATBatt Spouses & Companions' Program are the special off-site tours and lunches that NAATBatt organizes for NAATBatt spouses and companions in the Tucson area. This is a great opportunity to see some of the highlights of the Tucson area and spend time with others who are involved at least indirectly in the advanced battery industry.

The cost of these special tours and lunches is already included in the price of the Spouses/Companions Programs. There is no additional charge to participate. **But you must notify Ellen Greenberger, at [Ellen.I.Greenberger@gmail.com](mailto:Ellen.I.Greenberger@gmail.com) or (847) 722-2157, as soon as possible and at least 72 hours in advance if you are going to participate in one or both of these optional tours and lunches.**

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11 TOUR OF THE ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM + LUNCH IN TUCSON, AZ**

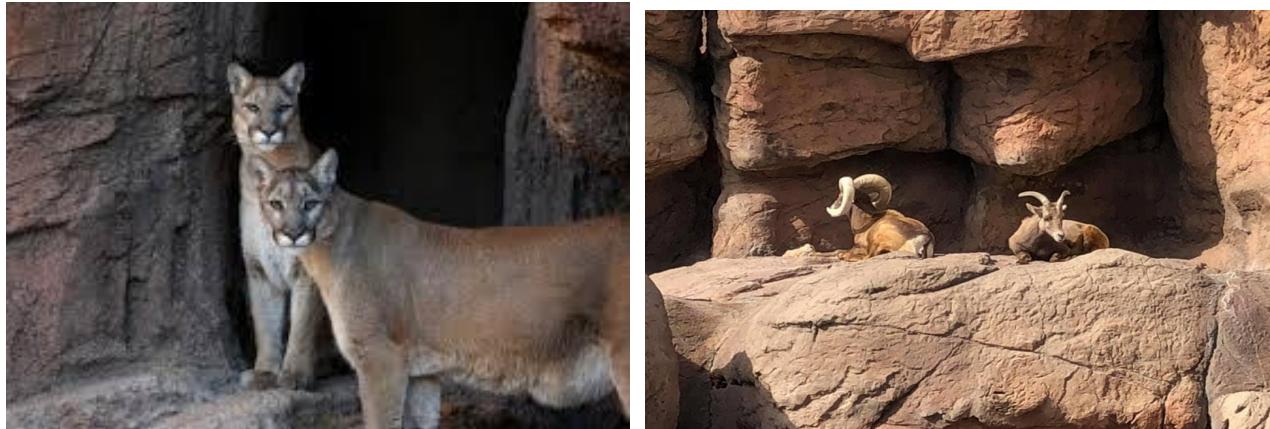
*wear hat, sunglasses, sun screen, comfortable walking shoes and jacket*



**Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**

On Wednesday, February 11 the tour group will depart at 8:15 a.m. from the Porte Cochere (covered driveway) outside the main lobby of the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa for a drive to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (<https://www.desertmuseum.org/>). Founded in 1952, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is widely recognized throughout the world as a model institution for innovative presentation and interpretation of native plants and animals featured together in ecological exhibits. The Museum is regularly listed as one of the top ten zoological parks in the world due to its unique approach in interpreting the complete natural history of a single region – in this case, the Sonoran Desert and adjacent ecosystems. Unlike most museums, about 85% of the experience is outdoors! The 98-acre Desert Museum is a fusion experience: zoo, botanical garden, art gallery, natural history museum, and aquarium.

The tour begins at the Museum with a docent-guided “Desert Discovery Tour” providing an introduction to the wonders of the Sonoran Desert region -- the lushest desert on Earth. You will learn about the five seasons of the Sonoran Desert and the diversity of its ecosystems. Our guide will reveal some of the desert's interconnected relationships between geology, geography, climate, plants, animals and people.



At 11:15 am the NAATBatt Spouses & Companions will have an early lunch at the Museum's sit-down restaurant, the Ocotillo Café, serving Tex-Mex cuisine. After lunch we will walk over to the indoor Warden Oasis Theater to attend at 12:30 pm a 30-minute Live Animal Show featuring the furry, feathered, and scaly residents of the Desert Museum. We'll learn about the adaptations, behaviors, and ecology of these creatures, as well as the environments they call home.



**Live Animal Show at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**

At 3:00 p.m. participants will meet up outside the main entrance to the Museum to ride back to the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort. We should arrive back at the Resort by 4 pm to give the spouses and companions some time to relax at the Resort and freshen up before the NAATBatt 2026 Opening Reception in the Resort's Starr Circle area & Foyer from 6 - 7 pm, followed by the NAATBatt 2026 Opening Dinner from 7 – 9:30 pm in the same location. Dress warmly. Nights are cool in the Arizona desert and can drop to temperatures in the 40's Fahrenheit.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12, TOUR OF 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW + LUNCH IN TUCSON, AZ  
*wear comfortable walking shoes*



On Thursday, February 12 at 9:30 a.m. participants will depart from outside the JW Marriott Starr Resort's Main Lobby under the Porte Cochere (covered driveway) for a drive to the Tucson Convention Center located at 260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701  
ph: 520-791-4101 (select option 1). There they will attend the **71<sup>st</sup> annual Tucson Gem & Mineral Show®**, the largest, oldest and most prestigious gem and mineral show in the world <https://www.tgms.org/show>. The show is a true highlight of the Tucson area. NAATBatt 2026 is lucky to be in town while the show is in session.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® has enjoyed international stature since the 1970s, bringing together hobby enthusiasts, the public, and professionals for discovery and discussion of gems and minerals. Participants will spend the first two hours touring the main exhibit hall with its world-class educational exhibits from museums, universities, and private collections, as well as over 200 vendors displaying rare gemstones, minerals, fossils, and jewelry.



Geode at Tucson Gem & Mineral Show



Fossil at Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

Following a tour of the show, the NAATBatt Spouses & Companions group will gather for lunch a short walk from the Convention Center at **El Charro Café**, located at 311 N. Court Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701-1016, ph: 520-622-1922; <https://www.elcharrocafe.com/>. El Charro Café is the nation's oldest Mexican restaurant in continuous operation by the same family, known for its authentic Sonoran flavors and signature carne seca tacos.



El Charro Cafe, Tucson, AZ

After lunch the group will walk back to the Tucson Convention Center to continue exploring the Gem & Mineral Show and, if time permits, attend one or more lectures at the show. The show's lecture schedule can be seen at <https://www.tgms.org/show>. At 3:30 pm participants will depart the Tucson Convention Center to return to the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort with ample time to attend the NAATBatt 2026 Conference Closing Remarks in the Resort's Arizona Salons 6-7 at 4:15 pm.

However, if you need to leave our touring group early to go directly to the Tucson International Airport to meet up with your spouse/companion and bags, you can order your own Uber or Lyft ride for an estimated 15–25-minute ride to the Airport, depending on traffic.