2017 NACTA Pre-Conference FAM
4 Day 4 Night Yahoo Mat Su Tour
Hosted by: Mat Su CVB & Visit Anchorage
$499 for Travel Agents/$599 for Non-Industry Guests
September 9-13, Limited to 10 Participants – Must find roommate

**September 9**th: Arrive Anchorage and overnight at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa. Lunch and dinner is on your own.

**September 10**th: Our itinerary begins with breakfast and introductions at the Sheraton. We will go over the coming days while dining on fresh Alaska fare before hitting the road on a scenic drive from Anchorage to Willow for a stop at Vern Halter’s Dream a Dream Kennel. A Yukon Quest Champion and top 5 finisher in the historic Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race®, this is a hands-on experience with Vern Halter where you will meet the dogs, take a cart ride, and have lunch with the musher before heading on up the road to the beautiful classic Alaskan town of Talkeetna. A high-flying adventure awaits when you board an airplane for a flightseeing trip of a lifetime in hopes of catching a close-up view of “The High One” Denali, North America’s tallest peak standing at 20,310 feet. A hearty Alaska-style dinner at the Denali Brewing Company will fill out your full day in Talkeetna. Accommodations at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge with views of Denali, weather permitting.

**September 11**th: Round out your time in Talkeetna with a big breakfast at the historic Talkeetna Roadhouse before you jet out into Alaska’s untamed wildland with Mahay’s Jet Boat Adventures on their River, Rail & Trail Tour. This tour incorporates the Hurricane Turn Train (one of America’s oldest flag-stop trains), a visit to Curry, a ride on a jet boat and the 1/4 mile nature walk at an adventure site. Upon our return we will head south through the Matanuska
Valley to Wasilla, home to Settlers Bay Golf Course, where we will have dinner at the Albatross Restaurant. Accommodations at a Wasilla-area cottage style inn.

**September 12th:** Another delicious start to your day with a fresh breakfast before a day outside with your local guide, who will introduce you to the areas captivating wildlife and most scenic spots along with a taste of true Alaska hospitality. Continue on to an active musk ox farm in Palmer where you will learn about these unique animals and the rare fiber they produce, followed by a quick stop at the Palmer Visitors Center to tour the gardens before lunch at a quaint restaurant in the heart of downtown Palmer. Return to Anchorage just in time for a delicious dinner and hotel accommodations at The Lakefront Anchorage.

**September 13th:** Check-out and hop aboard the hotel shuttle to downtown Anchorage for a hosted breakfast at the Hard Rock Café from 8:00 - 9:30 AM, your luggage will be delivered to the Hotel Captain Cook. After breakfast head over to the Anchorage Museum for a docent-led tour before taking part in the “Paint A Scarf” activity beginning at 11:30 AM in the museum’s atrium. You will paint your own version of the northern lights on a beautiful silk scarf! A busy morning exploring Anchorage before checking-in to your host hotel and heading to the NACTA conference registration and evening reception.