



30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Facing Challenges Together



Portland, Oregon | October 18-20, 2023

2023 WRMC SCHEDULE

Conference: The main conference begins Wednesday, October 18, and ends at 9:00 pm Friday, October 20.

Preconference: Tuesday, October 17 - Wednesday, October 18

Preconference Tuesday, Oct. 17th and Wednesday, Oct. 18th			
Tuesday AM	Tuesday PM	Wednesday AM	Wednesday PM
Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Recertification (T/W) Gates Richards Tod Schimelpfenig Tuesday 8a-5p & CPR 6-10p, Wednesday 8a-4p / <i>Multnomah</i>			
Risk Management Training for Administrators (T/W) \$850 - Dave Yacubian Tuesday 8a-6p & Wednesday 8a-4p / <i>Washington</i>			
Adaptive Climbing Initiative Sam Sala, \$150 Offsite Tuesday & Wednesday / <i>Offsite</i>			
Understanding White Dominant Culture Lindsay Babbitt T 1-5p & W 9a-12n, \$125 / <i>Weyerhaeuser</i>			
Adventure Risk Research Symposium Clare Dallat, Jeff Jackson Tuesday 3-5p No fee / <i>Virtual</i>		Doing Safety Differently Steve Smith, Taylor Feldman Wednesday 8a-4p \$250 <i>Clackamas</i>	
Field Practices, Risk Management for Conservation Corp Stuart Slay, Elyse Rylander, Jay Satz No Fee. 8a-4p / <i>Clark</i>			
		Critical Decision Making & De-Escalation in Remote Environments Katja Hurt, Chris O'Steen 8a-11a \$95 <i>Crown Zellerbach</i>	Volunteer Orientation 12n-1:30p Exhibitor Orientation & Setup 11a-1p Attendee Check In 12n-6p Affinity Spaces 4:30p-5:30p

Main Conference, Wednesday, October 18 - Friday, October 20, 2023	
Conference Check In - Wednesday 12n-6p	
General Session for All Attendees - No Fee 12n-4p Risky Business: A Risk Management Primer for All Attendees José González, Amberleigh Hammond / <i>Crown Zellerbach</i>	
General Session for All Attendees - History & Nature Walk along the Columbia River 12-3p Rafael Rosa	
General Session for all Attendees - No Fee 3:15-4:30p From Mount Hood to Mount Hood: A Path into Resilience Lorca Smetana / <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	
New Attendee Orientation Hosted by WRMC Steering Committee - No Fee 4:30-5:30p / <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	
Affinity Spaces 4:30p-5:30p Black, Indigenous, People of Color / <i>Crown Zellerbach</i> LGBTQ+ / <i>Weyerhaeuser</i> Individuals with Disabilities / <i>Multnomah</i>	
Exhibitor Showcase Reception - Unstructured Networking 5:30-6:30p Light Refreshments & Cash Bar / <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	
Opening Celebration - All Attendees - Welcome, Awards Presentation 6:30-8p / <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	

Thursday, October 19th

Conference Check In 7a-8a
 Meal Plan Only Breakfast 7a-8:30a | Morning Snack Break & Expo 10a-10:30a
 Meal Plan Only Lunch 12n-1:30p | Afternoon Snack Break & Expo 2:30p-3p

Conference Workshop Schedule



Emergency Planning & Crisis Response



Field Practices



Legal & Insurance



Program Administration



Staff Training & Decision Making



Mental, Social & Emotional Health

8:30a-10:00a	CORE Contemporary Crisis Management Planning and Adaptability Clare Dallat Deb Ajango <i>Multnomah</i>	SWIM, WADE, THROW, TRS! Streamlining your river rescue response readiness! Nate Ostis <i>Clackamas</i>	CORE Legal Fundamentals—how to protect your organization Frances Mock Leah Corrigan <i>Clark</i>	Using Behavioral Competencies Hire, Train, & Assess for Culture of Safety Bix Firer Tom Cramer / <i>Washington</i>	How Much Longer? Exploring the Journey -Racial Equity and Inclusion in Nature Kriste Peoples Weyerhaeuser
10:30a-12:00n	Case Study in Child Protection & Aftermath Lessons of Sexual Misconduct Allegations P Mayfield, C Fraser, R Whittington / <i>Washington</i>	CORE Lessons from the Field: Case Studies in Wilderness Medicine Gates Richards <i>Clackamas</i>	Seeding collaborative ways to address climate change impact risks- disaster impact – Australia. Loren Miller / <i>Multnomah</i>	CORE From Chaos to Competency Amber Barnett Weyerhaeuser	Designing a Mental Health Care Plan for Your Organization Kurt Eifling Angela Susak-Pitzer <i>Clark</i>
1:30p-2:30p	Risk Management of Wildfire Smoke Exposure Andrea Stephens Seth Hawkins <i>Multnomah</i>	Risk Pedagogy Denise Mitten Weyerhaeuser	Auditing: Find the Holes in Your Liability Fence Brent Demmit <i>Clark</i>	Subjective Decision-Making Errors; An Update Kaen (kl) Lapidus <i>Washington</i>	Risk & Human- Nature Connection: Influence of Risk on Connection Dave Erbe Kayla Scheid <i>Clackamas</i>
3:00p-4:30p	Operational Art and the COVID-19 pandemic - Lessons from the Conservation Corps Colin Giegerich Hannah Wendel / <i>Washington</i>	Not All Complaints Are Equal: Properly Conduct & Document Misconduct Lach Zemp Ann McCollum Weyerhaeuser	CORE Preparing for Failure Jeff Jackson <i>Multnomah</i>	Managing Risk - Cultivating Resilience through Narrative Assets (Storytelling) Eric Boggs Christine Norton / <i>Clark</i>	Community Resiliency Model Charley Downing <i>Clackamas</i>
3:00p-4:30p	Poster Session / Exhibitor Hall				
4:45p-6:15p	Exhibitor Showcase & Expo Hall Open / Grand Ballroom				
4:45p-6:15p	Structured Networking General Session for All Attendees / Grand Ballroom				

CORE

Look for this symbol to identify workshops that provide a fundamental introduction to risk management and mitigation strategies. If you are new to the WRMC, we encourage you to attend the core workshops.

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 Meal Plan Only Lunch 12n-1:30p | Afternoon Snack Break & Expo 3-3:30p

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**Mental, Social &
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8:30a-10:00a	Risk and Crisis Communications Before and After a Critical Incident Jon Heshka <i>Clackamas</i>	How to Evaluate and Create a Release Contract Tracey Knutson <i>Washington</i>	Great Resignation to Great Uncertainty: Responding Through Cultural Assessment AJ Wojtalik Vic Kerr / <i>Multnomah</i>	Wildfire Response & Staff Training: Best Practices for Preparedness and Response Curt Davidson Brock Gudeman <i>Weyerhaeuser</i>	Exclusive Spaces: Managing Inherent Risks of Racism in Outdoor Spaces Meena Fernald Arii Sylvers / <i>Clark</i>
10:30a-12:00n	Don't Let a Crisis Shock You: Sharing Our Experience Managing the NOLS Lightning Fatality Drew Leemon, Frances Mock, Katie Baum-Mettenbrink <i>Multnomah</i>	Dealing with Challenging Participant Behaviors: Coaching Individuals Toward Positive Change Laura Thompson <i>Weyerhaeuser</i>	Insurance 101: Have you got it covered? Mike Lucas Lach Zemp <i>Washington</i>	Facilitating Belonging Through Counternarratives Sky Gray Denise Mitten Christine Norton/ <i>Clackamas</i>	Navigating Resiliency, Bandwidth, and Burnout for field staff and participants Darren Gruetze <i>Clark</i>
1:30p-2:30p	Stress Injury Awareness for the Individual: Tools for early recognition of acute and chronic stress Paul Dreyer <i>Multnomah</i>	Hearing People in the Outdoors: This is For You. Sam Bragg <i>Washington</i>	Oh Yeah, This is Work: Employment Law Basics for Your Business Ann McCollum <i>Weyerhaeuser</i>	Asking the Tough Questions: Why We Should Include Mental Health Questions During Pre-Trip Screening Sarah Coulter <i>Clackamas</i>	The Tidal Wave: running accessible, risk-aware wilderness programs in rising mental health needs. Jillian Zeppa / <i>Clark</i>
3:00p-4:30p	SHORT-TALK SERIES. 1. Online evaluation\remote hazards 2. Adaptive Climbing 3. Safety Governance & RM Architecture 4. Crisis Exposed: Apps, Big Data, AI / <i>Weyerhaeuser</i>	Gender Moment: Creating Affirming Environments for all Genders Emily Quigley Curry Brinson <i>Washington</i>	Complexities of Inter-Cultural Emergency Response – An International Case Study Dave Haffeman Christy Sommers <i>Clark</i>	Tactical Decision Games for Wilderness Leaders Chris O'Steen Katja Hurt <i>Clackamas</i>	Building up, not breaking down: Modifying to promote diversity through empowerment Rob Balloch Raúl Aguilera / <i>Multnomah</i>
5:00p-6:30p	Social Hour & Connection / Grand Ballroom				
5:00p-6:30p	Affinity Space Unstructured Networking Black, Indigenous, People of Color/ <i>Crown Zellerbach</i> LGBTQ+ / <i>Weyerhaeuser</i> Individuals with Disabilities / <i>Multnomah</i>				
6:30p-9:00p	Keynote Dinner & Presentation: Phil Henderson, Life as an Outdoor Professional: Three Decades of Learning <i>Grand Ballroom</i>				

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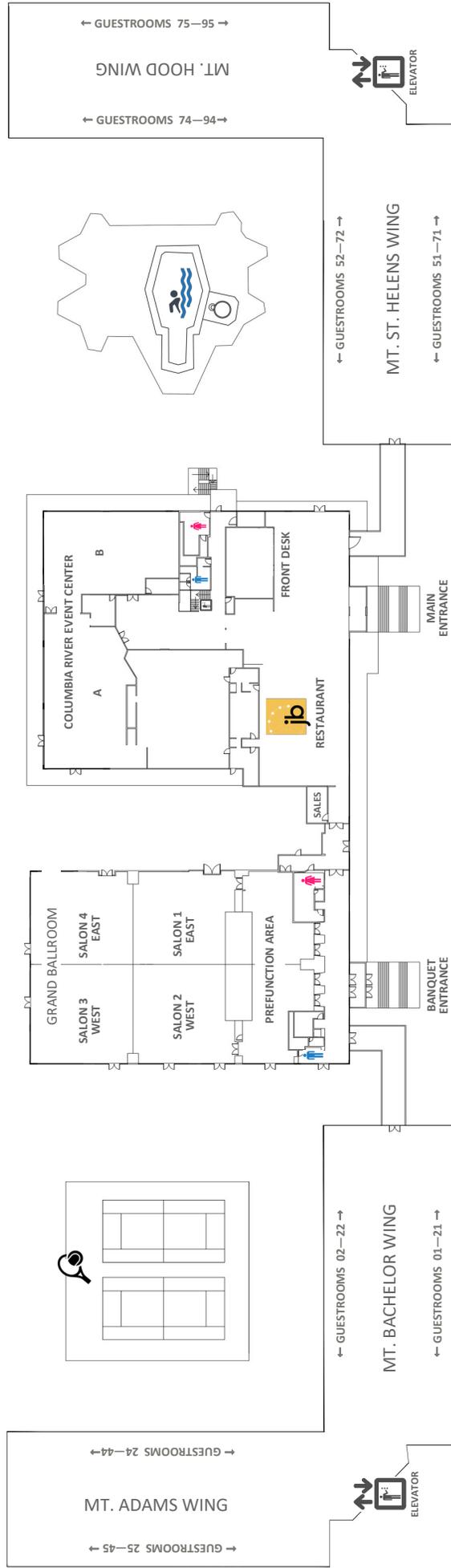
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