



## WILDERNESS RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



### SPEAKER EXPECTATIONS

The WRMC is committed to fostering an inclusive event culture where people of all identities feel welcome.

- To help alleviate potential misgendering and to help normalize the sharing of gender identities, please verbally share your pronouns during introductions. (Why pronouns matter: <https://www.mypronouns.org/what-and-why>)
- Be mindful of your language and behavior when presenting. Examples of missteps attendees have observed in the past include language that reinforces cultural stereotypes based on race, national origin, or ethnicity; and people making inaccurate assumptions based on gender presentation and other aspects of appearance.

It is not uncommon for our industry to utilize specialized language and/or simplify organizational specific language with acronyms. Please ensure you are using terminology that is inclusive and accessible by checking your presentation and script for exclusionary jargon and acronyms.

Designing a presentation to drive participants to purchase your products or services detracts from the educational integrity of the conference. Appropriate platforms for promoting your business include exhibitor space, conference program advertisement, or sponsorship.

Speakers consistently receive feedback that their material was too broad and did not provide tools that could be directly applied to another program. Participants are often overwhelmed by information throughout the conference; make it your goal to help them turn learning into action.

### IN-PERSON LOGISTICS AND CLASSROOM SETUP (IF APPLICABLE)

- Presentation date, time, and room may change up until the start of the conference.
- Each room will be equipped with a projector and screen, two lapel mics, and chart paper and markers. HDMI and VGA cords are provided. If needed, bring your own dongle, adapter, and/or remote control.
- Quality sound is an important part of giving everyone in the audience access to the material being presented. Lapel microphones are provided, and are particularly important for people who have hearing limitations.



- To accommodate a maximum number of attendees in your workshop, rooms will be set theater style. If you would like to change the room layout, you may do so in the 30 minutes before your workshop. Please return the room to theater seating immediately after your workshop. WRMC staff are happy to help you make that happen, but we ask you to drive the process.
- Please take post-presentation questions and discussion into the hall to make space for the next speaker. WRMC staff will gladly post handouts, articles, or slide presentations on the conference website for you after the event. We also encourage you to link your professional website to [nols.edu/wrmc](https://nols.edu/wrmc) and promote your participation as a speaker.

## PRESENTING IN DIGITAL FORMAT (IF APPLICABLE)

- Presentation date, time, and room may change up until the start of the conference.
- A 15-minute rehearsal with the technical producer is required prior to the start of the conference.
- The day of your workshop, you will be asked to join your session 30 minutes to an hour before the start of the workshop to go through a check of audio/video and other tech pieces. This should take about 30 minutes.
- Honor Native Land
  - To contribute to greater public consciousness of Native sovereignty and cultural rights, please begin your session by offering recognition and respect to the indigenous inhabitants of the land from where you are presenting.
  - Please feel free to use one of the following examples, or something similar:
    - “I would like to begin by acknowledging that I’m delivering my presentation on the traditional land of the \_\_\_\_\_ People.”
    - “I want to respectfully acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ People, who have stewarded this land I’m now presenting from throughout the generations.”
    - “I’m presenting to you from the ancestral land of...”
  - Native Land (<https://native-land.ca/>) is an indigenous led organization that works to provide accurate territory maps (according to Indigenous nations themselves). Please do the research ahead of time in order to honor the appropriate people in your acknowledgment.
  - [If you are presenting from outside the U.S., please use what is customary for you. We realize land acknowledgments are commonplace and more integrated into public gatherings in some places than others.]

## QUESTIONS?

For questions or support with planning your presentation, contact Steering Committee chair, Mike Pigg, at [mpigg@outwardbound.org](mailto:mpigg@outwardbound.org).

