



2025 CONFERENCE GUIDE

Attend, Exhibit, or Sponsor the 32nd Annual WRMC!



SCHEDULE

Main Conference: Tuesday September 30 - Thursday October 2, 2025

Preconference: Monday September 29 - Tuesday, September 30

AGENDA

To view the schedule of events and workshop descriptions, [Click here](#).

LOCATION & LODGING RESERVATIONS

The conference will be held at the [Holiday Inn Portland By the Bay](#), 88 Spring St, Portland, ME, 04101. A limited number of discounted hotel rooms are available for attendees who book early. Ensure the cheapest rate possible by booking your reservation through the [WRMC Passkey Lodging Portal](#). After all the WRMC discount hotel rooms have been reserved, lodging may be available at the conference hotel at a substantially higher rate.

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION & PRICES

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) and select “Reserve Tickets”

Regular registration: \$800

Exhibitor Table registration: \$1,300 (includes one conference registration)

Late Fee: All registrations made on or after 9/1/2025 will be charged a late fee of \$150.

Prices exclude taxes & fees. Please read the [Cancellation & General Conference Policies](#).

What is included in your conference attendee registration?

- Access to main conference learning workshops (W/TH) and select preconference workshops
- Lunch is provided during the main conference on Wed. & Thurs.
- Mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack breaks as well as coffee from 7:30 – 8:30 am (W/TH)
- Keynote presentation and structured networking events
- Opening reception and expo showcase with light refreshments

Add-on Options (additional cost)

Items that are not included but can be added to your registration:

- **Preconference Workshops:**
Some pre-conference workshops are free, while others require pre-registration and a fee.
- **Breakfast Meal Plan:** \$50
Lodging is not included.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION TYPES & DISCOUNTS

Discounts only apply to the regular conference registration (the meal plan and preconference workshops are not eligible).

Before you register, please email wrmc@nols.edu, if you have any questions about if you might be eligible for a discount.

Presenter or Volunteer Discounts/Coupons

Enter your unique discount code if you have been selected as a speaker or volunteer. You will have received this in an email after submitting your agreement form.

Legacy Partner Registration

Current, active employees of legacy partners Outward Bound, USA, or the Student Conservation Association, please contact your organization's Steering Committee member or wrmc@nols.edu prior to registering.

Student Discount

Evidence of full-time student status is required, and you must receive a discount code/coupon before you register.

- Email wrmc@nols.edu with clear documentation of your current full-time status during the time frame of spring 2025, summer 2025, or fall 2025 to receive a discount code.

The student discount will be \$500 off the regular registration rate.

AMGA Partnership Discount

Current SPI + CWI Providers and AMGA Instructors please contact ted@amga.com to receive your unique discount code.

A discount will be 10% off the regular conference registration. Meal Plan and preconference workshops are not eligible for this discount.

SPONSOR, DONOR, & EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Support the WRMC Community and continue the tradition of Facing Challenges Together. Sponsorship Packages, Exhibitor (Expo) Tables, and Scholarship Program Donations are excellent ways to increase your brand exposure and impact. See the [2025 WRMC Sponsor Packet](#) for more information.

CONFERENCE ATTENDEE INFO

Reasonable Accommodation

If you would like to request a reasonable accommodation, please use the most comfortable method to share your request. Conference contact information: wrmc@nols.edu or (307) 335-2222.

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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

The WRMC provides a forum to learn and share common practices in wilderness risk management and contributes to a culture of open dialogue among outdoor industry professionals. The WRMC is committed to the evolution of content and culture in a way that centers on diversity, equity, and inclusion principles. Commitment to these values helps ensure the best ideas continue to improve risk management practices for the industry.



Photo: Liz Schultz



ATTENDEE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do I get to the conference hotel from the Portland International Jetport?

A: The Portland, Maine airport is just 4 miles from the conference venue. Complimentary shuttle service will be provided by the hotel. The Greater Portland METRO Route #7 will travel to and from the Portland Jetport into downtown Portland and is an affordable option for getting to/from the airport. For more information, visit the Portland airport Ground Transportation page.

Q: In the past, we registered as a group and received a discount. How do we do that this year?

A: The registration pricing structure simplified. There will not be a group discount.

Q: In the past, I registered at the early bird discount. How do I get the discount this year?

A: Pricing has been streamlined. You do not need a discount code to receive the early price - instead simply register before September 1, 2025 to receive the lowest rate!

Registrations made on or after September 1, 2025 will have a late fee of \$150.

Q: What food is included in the regular registration pass? What is the meal plan add-on?

A: Lunch is included on the two main conference days (W/TH), as well as coffee/tea and snack breaks in the mid-morning & afternoon (W/TH). Light refreshments are also provided during the Exhibitor Showcase & Conference Kick-Off and the Closing Celebration. The optional meal plan add-on this year is for access to the breakfast buffet during the main conference (W/TH).

Q: I can only attend for one day. Is there a discount for a single-day pass?

A: There is not a single-day option.



Portland, ME

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

TRAILS

Eastern Promenade Trail: Located along Portland's waterfront! Easy to get to by going from the conference hotel to Commercial St. and heading east until you get to the cruise ship terminal/Sail Maine complex

Back Cove Trail: 5k loop around back bay. This also links with the Eastern Prom Trail

Western Prom Trail/Mayor Baxter Woods: A little further from the hotel, but still a great option!

FOOD

The Portland Food Map is an excellent comprehensive guide to view many of the amazing Portland food establishments!

Standard Baking Company: Portland's first French bakery, and James Beard Award Finalist. A truly top notch bakery and cafe, with fresh coffee always available.

Cong Tu Bot: Vietnamese food on Washington Ave. Washington Ave in general has a lot of great restaurants (**Terlingua** is another top choice!). There is also a distillery and brewery, so worth the trek across town (still only about a 20-25 minute walk from the hotel)

The Honey Paw or Eventide: Both amazing and popular choices for classic New England fare. These are located about a 15 minute walk from the hotel

Yosaku: a lovely Japanese restaurant right near the hotel

CAFÉS

Speckled Axe (on Congress or Thames): Congress is closer to the conference hotel, but if you find yourself walking along the Eastern Prom, the Thames location is perfect for picking up a coffee before or after your walk.

Bard Coffee: Excellent espresso and single-origins brews

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