



## WILDERNESS RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



## PURPOSE STATEMENT

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.

## TENETS

The WRMC Steering Committee selects educational content based on a shared risk management philosophy. **We believe:**

- Wilderness and outdoor experiences create unique opportunities for growth.
- There is value in taking risks, and those risks need to be thoughtfully assessed and managed.
- We have a responsibility to share learning in order to promote improved practices across the industry.
- Each organization should define its own risk management goals and practices, while also striving to learn from the experiences of others.
- Managing the risks to our participants and staff helps us manage the risks to our organizations.
- We can and should enlist our participants in managing program risks.
- Cultural competence supports risk management and is essential in creating inclusive programs.
- Transparency with participants and their families is valuable and appropriate, including in times of crisis.
- Timely reporting and debriefing of incidents is key to promoting learning and improving practices over time.
- Prudent legal strategies are grounded in running quality programs that prioritize the health and well-being of those involved.