

# 2026 NORC

NATIONAL OUTDOOR  
RECREATION CONFERENCE  
May 11-14, 2026 | Duluth, Minnesota

## PRESENTING AT THE NATIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION CONFERENCE

Welcome to the 2026 National Outdoor Recreation Conference (NORC)! We appreciate your participation and willingness to share your outdoor recreation expertise.

Here are several tips for presenting at the NORC:

- **Welcoming Environment.** The 2026 NORC provides a welcoming environment for all participants. As a presenter, you can help facilitate this welcoming environment by:
  - Showing respect for everyone attending the conference regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, ability, physical appearance, race, ethnicity, and religion (or lack thereof).
  - Framing discussions as openly and inclusively as possible and being aware of how language or images may be perceived by others.
  - Providing a great learning opportunity for participants by sharing your experience through a well-structured and informative presentation.
- **The dress code for presenters is “outdoorsy” business casual.** It is helpful to wear layers as meeting room temperatures vary.
- **Planning your presentation**
  - Your presentation should include time for questions.
  - Include your name, affiliation, contact information, and a photo on an opening slide of your presentation.
  - Concurrent session presenters will connect their laptops directly to the AV equipment in the breakout rooms. HDMI adapters will be available, but please note, although there will be a variety of HDMI laptop adapters available, it is always best if the presenters bring one that they know will work with their particular laptop. Of course, some laptops do not require adapters.
- **Onsite Check-In**
  - Check into your meeting room the morning of your session (prior to other sessions taking place) to confirm the hookup works and your presentation is ready.
  - Please note that the 20- and 45-minute sessions are back-to-back and there will not be time to test your equipment/presentation during your scheduled time slot. Please be cognizant of the time of other presenters and attendees.

Have questions or need information? Email Candace Gallagher, NORC Conference Coordinator, at [candace@americantrails.org](mailto:candace@americantrails.org). Or stop by the Registration Desk during the conference. We're always there to help!

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- **Conference App**

- SORP uses the Whova app for the conference program. Your presentation description and learning objectives have been preloaded to the app. Feel free to make any revisions, and be sure your bio and headshot are added!
- **Confirm the room, date, and time of your session(s) before you go, and if you have trouble finding it, let us know!**
- **Accessibility:** Upload any handouts and your presentation in advance to the Whova mobile app to make your session more welcoming to all who are attending. Sharing prior to the conference is helpful for attendees that may have a visual and/or hearing impairment, and you can always upload the most current version at any time! We can help if you want to share those items with us as well.
- You can also use the Whova app to create polls or have attendees ask questions during your session.

- **Presentation Rooms**

- A room host will be present in each room to help with any audio/visual needs, introductions, and timekeeping.
- Each room will be equipped with the following unless noted below:
  - Projector and screen
  - Podium with wired microphone
  - Wireless microphone
  - Wi-Fi
  - HDMI adapter
  - **Poster:** No AV is included, but an easel, poster board (24x36), and clips to mount your poster to are provided.

- **Sharing**

- SORP and many NORC presenters are active on social media. Please share your experience and tag SORP in your posts and use #2026NORC and #SORP. SORP is active on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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