

VIRGINIA ADVENTURE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

February 24, 2023 at Camp Bethel

#VAAEC2023



WOW! Do we have a Conference for you!

Thanks for registering for the 2023 Virginia Adventure Education Conference! See you here Friday morning, February 24 at Camp Bethel (328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA 24090).

You will join over **200** Adventurers representing over **80** organizations and colleges (see Who's Attending [HERE](#)), for an excellent day of networking with over **33** Sponsors and Vendors, learning in **3** Workshop blocks (**18** choices), plus our Keynote with Xavier Duckett, and our fun Adventure Team Challenge.

7:15-7:45 = Vendor/Sponsor booth set-up at the Gym.

7:45-8:45 = Attendee check-in, badge-packet-shirt pick-up in the Gym Meeting Room. Coffee, drinks, food & Vendors in the Gym. Visit all the Vendor Booths and begin completing your Vendor Bingo card for a chance to win cool gear and one of several BIG prizes, including an Old Town Vapor 10' Sport Kayak!

9:00 = Keynote begins! See the entire Schedule at <https://www.vaaec.org/schedule.html>

Upon arrival, follow signs to park in the grass field beside Camp Bethel's Gym, then check-in at the Gym Meeting Room. Please bring payment if you have not yet paid: credit cards, cash, or checks payable to "CAMP BETHEL VAAEC." Dress for the weather: 55 degrees at 7:45am; 60 degrees by 4:00pm! Bring your water bottle and/or coffee mug, plus note-taking supplies. <https://www.vaaec.org/site-map.html>

Plan Your Day! Some Workshops (by Zook & others) will have limited capacity, and will require you to sign up when you arrive at check-in. Read through our EXCELLENT Workshop content to decide what you might choose to attend. <https://www.vaaec.org/workshops.html>

Got new or gently used Adventure Gear you're not using? BRING IT to donate as a PRIZE at the VAAEC! Be sure to label your gift as FROM YOU and/or YOUR ORGANIZATION, plus any apparel sizes.

VENDORS & SPONSORS! To include your fliers, stickers, swag & mojo into each Attendee Packet/Bag, deliver your supplies to Camp Bethel by 7:00pm Feb 23 OR arrive before 7:30am on Feb 24 to help insert your goodies into each packet. YES, you can set up your booth a day early! Booths are mapped at <https://www.vaaec.org/site-map.html>

Workshop Presenters: Remember to bring your devices, laptops, cables, dongles, etc. and do NOT depend on WiFi for your presentations. Check the workshop schedule for locations and times. Contact Barry with any site/tech questions.

Last chance for CPR and/or WFA! Registration for CPR (Feb 24) & WFA (Feb 25-26) "add-ons" ends at 11:00am Thursday, Feb 23. Details and registration at <https://www.vaaec.org/wilderness-first-aid-training.html>.

JOB BOARD at <https://www.vaaec.org/job-board.html>! Seeking employees? Seeking summer or full-time employment or internships? Bring your 8.5"x11" flier to add to the physical JOB BOARD in the Gym. Bring your résumé or card to share with employers. If you're a registered Vendor or Sponsor, send your job info to VaAdventureEd@gmail.com.

Our day ends with the Adventure Team Challenge, a FUN and not-too-challenging activity to meet new folks and network, while "competing" to win a share of the ultimate prize: the most sought-after, highly desired, worth-its-weight-in-gold, world renowned... !!! (*Stay for the Team Challenge to find out!*)

Last chance to send your photo of YOU, adventuring outside in Virginia for our "Who's Attending?" web page (www.vaaec.org/who-is-attending), AND our opening slide show at the Conference. Email your photo to VaAdventureEd@gmail.com, and include your Name with the LOCATION of your adventure.

If you request-expect-need overnight lodging and did not yet receive an email response from VaAdventureEd@gmail.com please email or call Barry at 540-992-2940.

*If you've read this far, kudos to you, because you're in the know that there will be a **surprise gift** for ALL attendees!*

Any last-minute changes to our day will be posted at www.VAAEC.org. What am I forgetting? Email or call me if you have any questions or ideas: VaAdventureEd@gmail.com, 540-992-2940.

See you on Friday, February 24 here at Camp Bethel!

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