



Virginia Adventure Education Conference 2025 Hosted by JMU University Recreation



Color Key:	Technical Skills	Risk Management	Career and Professional Development	Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability	Programming/Other	Inclusion			
Times	Mac 3 (Conference Main Area)						Times		
7:00 - 8:00	Vendor check in and setup						7:00 - 8:00		
8:00 - 9:00	Registration: Coffee & Pastry/Fruit Bar and Vendor Booths Open - Vendor Bingo and Networking begins						8:00 - 9:00		
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome: Meet the Planning Committee, House Keeping & History of VAAEC						9:00 - 9:15		
9:15 - 9:45	Key Note: <u>Jessica Bowser</u> with <i>Virginia Outdoor Adventures</i>						9:15 - 9:45		
9:45 - 10:00	Transition time						9:45 - 10:00		
10:00 - 10:45	Club Room (220) ***200 Cap Wild and Welcoming: How Adventure WV is Using Social Context to Keep Conversations on Diversity Wonderful	Wellness Instruction (129) ***32 Cap Outdoor Programs in Scouting America	Meeting Room (124) ***37 Cap Outdoor Entrepreneurship: Building and Organizing Your Outdoor Business	Adventure Instruction (135) ***cap 29 Human Attitudes that Lead to Suffering in the Backcountry	Wet Classroom (133) ***Cap Biospeleology- The Study of Cave Biology	Sports Forum 2A ***Cap 165 Breaking the Ice: An Interactive workshop for facilitators and trip leaders	Adventure Center ***Cap 44 If you want to live the life of adventure, you gotta know your knots	Sports Forum 2B ***Cap 165 Swift Water Rescue - Land Based Skills Development	10:00 - 10:45
10:45 - 11:00	Transition Time						10:45 - 11:00		
11:00 - 11:45	Club Room (220) Debriefing: changing an ordeal into an experience	Wellness Instruction (129) Community Initiatives Promoting Coalitions and Collaborations Among Outdoor and Conservation Groups	Meeting Room (124) Financial, Personal, and Professional Assessment of Field Work VS In-Town Work	Adventure Instruction (135) So You Want to Go on a Thru Hike: How to Plan to Hike Your Hike	Wet Classroom (133) Risky Business - Recreating Responsibly with a PSAR ranger in Shenandoah National Park	Sports Forum 2A Disability Inclusion Training (DIT) Lite	Atrium Climbing Wall Base-managed belay takeovers	Sports Forum 2B River Rescue Knife Use	11:00 - 11:45
11:45 - 1:15	Lunch in MAC 2: Group Yellow: 11:45-12:30 & Group Blue: 12:30-1:15 Vendor Bingo: Not your turn yet for lunch or already had lunch? - visit the vendors and fill out the bingo card to be entered into the drawing! 2025 Host Site & Committee Interest Meeting: Calling all those interested in helping - meet at the MAC 3 Stage from 12:15-12:45						11:45 - 1:15		
1:15 - 2:00	Club Room (220) "Urban River Guide" Film and Panel on Professional Development	Wellness Instruction (129) Leading with an Equity Lens to Shift Outdoor Participation & More	Meeting Room (124) Park like a Ranger	Adventure Instruction (135) Fill the Van: Marketing the outdoors and practical tools for selling your program!	Wet Classroom (133) Stop the Bleed- Life Saving Skills for Outdoor Adventures	Sports Forum 2A Why am I here? The Importance of Framing your Experience	Adventure Center Introduction to Vertical Caving Technique	Multi Activity Pool (In Pool) Kayak Roll Clinic Coaching	MAC 3 JMU Facility Tour: Adventure Center & TEAM Course
2:00 - 2:15	Transition Time						2:00 - 2:15		
2:15 - 3:00	"Break the Case"	Building Durable Environmental Stewardship and Leadership into Camp Culture...without Cutting Out the Fun!	Beyond the Basics: An Exploration Into Customer Service	The Avenues To Advocacy	Vendor Hall is Open!	Orienteering in adventure education: building skills for map navigation and teamwork	Introduction to Vertical Caving Technique	Kayak Roll Clinic Coaching	2:15 - 3:00
3:00-3:15	Transition Time						3:00 - 3:15		
3:15-4:15	Adventure Race: Gather in MAC 3 for instructions						3:15 - 4:15		
4:15 - 4:45	Wrap Up: Adventure Race Prizes & Bingo Drawing Prizes (Must be present to win)						4:15 - 4:45		
4:45-	Volunteers Help Clean Up						4:45-		



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