



Virginia Adventure Education Conference 2026 Hosted by JMU University Recreation



Color Key:	Risk Management	Career and Professional Development	Technical Skills	Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability	Management, Program, & Administrative	Access, Inclusion, Other				
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: Laura Scharle - Paddling With Purpose: How a Personal Kayaking Goal Shaped A Career						9:15 - 9:45			
9:45 - 10:00	Transition time						9:45 - 10:00			
10:00 - 10:45	Club Room 220	Meeting Room 124	Adventure Instruction 135	Wellness Instrucion 129	Wet/Dry Classroom 133	Adventure Center 134	MAC 3	MAC 2B	Meditation Room 300	10:00 - 10:45
	Supporting Gender Diverse Students in the Field	Before We Float	Injecting Play Theory into your Program Planning Process	Advanced Camping and LNT Skills	Skin On Frame Boatbuilding	Adaptive and Inclusive Rock Climbing		From Field to Policy: A Career Pathway to Advocacy and Policy Management	Building a Network of Support for Place-based Education	
10:45 - 11:00	Transition Time		Transition Time			Transition Time		Transition Time	Transition Time	Transition Time
11:00 - 11:45	Facilitation Skills: Sequencing Activities		Pushed to the Limit; How to Support Your Participants During Behavioral Escalations			On Belay! Belay Devices & Techniques	Collegiate Outdoor Orientation Programing Panel Discussion	Plan B Playbook: Back up Games for When You Need it the Most	Your Adventure Starts Here: Launching a Career in Parks & Recreation	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	Meeting Room 124	Adventure Instruction 135	Wellness Instrucion 129	Wet/Dry Classroom 133	Aquatics Center	MAC 3	Meditation Room 300		1:15 - 2:00
	Adaptive Skiing, Our Students Our Equipment	Humble Hikes: Mentorship, Advocacy, and Access in Youth Outdoor Programs	Trip Leader Prep Course: JMU's Unique Approach to Training Trip Leaders	Entrepreneurship 101	Real-life Stories in Wilderness First Aid	Swiftwater Rescue Skills (Pool Session)	JMU Adventure Center Tour with Trey	Elegant Solutions for Outdoor Program Sites		
2:00 - 2:15	Transition Time									2:00 - 2:15
2:15 - 3:00	Wilderness Medicine Grab Bag	Going Over the Edge: Foundations of Rappelling & Canyoneering	Regenerative Recreation: How recreation can build both soil & souls	Ambushed by Myself: Growing Beyond Several Unexpected Leadership Pitfalls	90 Years of Recreation and Re-creation in Shenandoah National Park			Designing Accessible and Inclusive Recreation Opportunities and Events		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
4:45-5:30	Volunteers Help Clean Up									4:45-5:30