

# PARTICIPANT 101

## WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION CONFERENCE!

Whether this is your first National Outdoor Recreation Conference (NORC) or your twenty-first, the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals (SORP) wants to make sure you get the most out of your experience! The NORC brings outdoor recreation professionals together to learn best practices, celebrate achievements, and network with peers. Here are several tips to help you maximize your NORC experience:

- **The dress code is casual.** It is helpful to wear layers as meeting room temperatures vary.
- **Helpful items to bring:**
  - \* Backpack, tote bag, or other type of bag to keep your items organized
  - \* Travel mug and/or water bottle
  - \* Business cards (for networking!)
- **Conference app.** SORP uses an app for the conference program. It provides the latest, greatest, most updated version of the program and other useful information. Use it to plan your day and select your preferred sessions.
- **Types of sessions.** The NORC is packed with educational sessions and networking events that help you connect with people who share your interests, build lasting relationships, advance your skills, and inspire you.
  - \* *Professional Development Sessions* - 3-4 hour extended learning sessions on Monday morning
  - \* *Plenary Sessions* - general sessions for all conference participants
  - \* *Concurrent Sessions* - sessions that delve into specific outdoor recreation topics (30-50 attendees)
  - \* *Field Workshops* - half and full day learning sessions at popular outdoor recreation sites and use areas in and around Rapid City
  - \* *Meals and socials* - have a seat, enjoy a meal, and network!
- **Sponsors and Exhibitors.** Our sponsors and exhibitors help make the NORC possible. Stop by their exhibits to learn more about how these recreation professionals are supporting the outdoors through their products and services.
- **Sharing.** SORP and many NORC participants are active on social media. Please share your experience and tag your posts with #2019NORC.
- **The Famous SORP/NORC Auction.** Please consider bringing an auction item (outdoor gear, experiences, wine, etc.!) Proceeds from the auction support SORP's Scholarship Fund for New Professionals and Students.

Have questions or need information? Stop by the **Registration/Information Desk** during the conference. We're always there to help!