



Preliminary WAS Annual Meeting Information

This year the June Frison (Laramie) Chapter is hosting the WAS Annual Meeting in conjunction with the [Rocky Mountain Anthropological Association](#). The joint conference will be held May 2nd through May 5th, 2024 in Laramie at the UW Conference Center. Registration will provide attendees access to both the WAS Annual Meeting and the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference (RMAC). There is no option to register for only one of these two meetings. The goal in providing a joint meeting is to maximize conference activities and amenities while making registration as cost-effective as possible.

Conference Registration

[Registration](#) is online through the jotform platform. Early registration (before April 19th) is \$40 for students and \$70 for professionals/non-students. Banquet tickets must be purchased separately for \$36. Registration after April 19th is \$50 for students and \$80 for professionals/non-students. Under "Affiliation," we recommend listing your local WAS Chapter. While WAS membership will not be checked during registration, please make sure to update your WAS dues for 2024 with your local chapter!

Conference Lodging

The UW Conference Center is located in the Hilton Garden Inn and within a short walking distance of the Holiday Inn and Suites. There is a [small block of rooms](#) reserved at the Holiday Inn for a conference rate of \$139/night. These rooms must be booked **before** April 25th. The WAS website will be updated with additional lodging information as it becomes available.

Preliminary Schedule*

**Please note that some scheduling changes may occur*

Thursday, May 2nd

Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists Meeting

Registration Opens

Early Bird Party and Heavy Hors D'oeuvres at the UW Conference Center

Friday, May 3rd

Morning WAS Business Meeting

RMAC Paper and Poster Presentations, Vendors, and Bookroom

WAS Silent Auction Begins

Afternoon RMAC Business Meeting

Evening Social at the George C. Frison Anthropology Building

Saturday, May 4th

RMAC Paper and Poster Presentations, Vendors, and Bookroom

WAS symposium and student paper competition
WAS Silent Auction Ends
Evening Banquet, Awards, and Keynote Speaker sponsored by WAS
Sunday, May 5th
Half-day Field Trip to Laramie Valley Union Pacific and Precontact Sites

Abstract Submission

Symposium, paper, and poster abstracts are now being accepted with a deadline of April 12th. Papers will be allotted 20 minutes of speaking time and abstracts should not exceed 250 words. All abstract submissions should include a title, author, affiliation, and 3 to 5 keywords describing the abstract's theme. If you intend to enter an award category (student paper or poster award), please indicate in which category your submission should be considered. Additionally, please indicate WAS as your organization during submission. Please submit abstracts in Word format to Spencer Pelton (spencer.pelton@wyo.gov). For any questions regarding abstract submission, contact Spencer Pelton at the email listed.

Vendors

We have a secure conference room set aside for vendors to display items on Friday and Saturday. We welcome book publishers, cultural resource management companies, Universities, or others interested in marketing their business. We are offering vendors a table for a flat \$100. Please reach out to Spencer Pelton (spencer.pelton@wyo.gov) to reserve a space.

Please direct any general conference questions about this joint RMAC/WAS conference to Kim Troendle (ktroendle@gmail.com).

As more information becomes available, we will continue to update the WAS website and send updates through the WAS listserv.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsor all or part of these opportunities. The amounts listed below are our target goals. For your sponsorship, you or your organization will be recognized as a conference sponsor in the conference program, on placards throughout the conference venue, in all conference advertising, and prominently at the particular activity or for the particular amenity you earmark, if applicable.

- General Donation for the 2024 WAS/RMAC Conference
- Thursday evening Welcome Social at the UW Conference Center (\$2,000)
- Friday coffee, tea, and water (all day) (\$800)
- Friday mid-morning break (breakfast pastries) (\$150)
- Friday mid-afternoon break (cookies or other snacks) (\$150)
- Friday evening Social at the George C. Frison Anthropology Building (\$1,500)
- Saturday coffee, tea, and water (all day) (\$800)
- Saturday mid-morning break (breakfast pastries) (\$150)
- Saturday mid-afternoon break (cookies or other snacks) (\$150)
- Student paper and poster presentation awards (\$2,000)
- Student travel assistance (\$2,000)
- Conference program (\$500)

How to Sponsor/Donate

To give to the conference, please complete the enclosed conference sponsorship form and return it to the conference organizers in an enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Alternatively, you can complete the online conference sponsorship form. Details are below.

Please make checks payable to **Rocky Mountain Anthropological Association** and remit to:

Rocky Mountain Anthropological Association

C/o Spencer Pelton

Dept. 3431, 1000 E. University Avenue

Laramie, WY 82071

OR

Complete a donation form online and pay using a debit or credit card. Navigate to the **Donate** page at <https://rockymtnanthro.org/>. Make sure to note that your payment via PayPal is a donation to the 2024 WAS/RMAC conference.

Please consider sponsoring the 2024 WAS/RMAC Conference. The support we receive allows us to host a successful and rewarding conference. Please contact Connor Johnen (connor.johnen@wyo.gov) with any questions about sponsorship/donations.

We look forward to seeing you all in May!

June Frison Chapter

Sarah Allaun, JFC President

Kim Troendle, JFC Vice President

Connor Johnen, JFC Treasurer

Carmen Clayton, JFC Secretary

