

NVFC REGIONAL WILDLAND SYMPOSIUM

Wildfires: From Mountain Peaks to Plains

March 17-18, 2023 | Black Hills State University - Rapid City, Box Elder, SD



WHO

The conference is open to all wildland volunteer firefighters, department leadership, other fire department personnel, and those interested in learning more about community wildfire mitigation.



WHAT

A two-day, classroom-based training and networking event focused on key topics in wildland fire mitigation and response.



WHEN

Friday, March 17 – Saturday, March 18, 2023

Let's Connect!

Join fire department personnel from across the plains region for the National Volunteer Fire Council's inaugural Regional Wildland Symposium.

Find out more at www.nvfc.org/symposium

Sponsorships are Available!



Regional Wildland Symposium Sponsor Opportunities

NETWORKING --- LEADS --- RECOGNITION --- ENGAGEMENT --- OPPORTUNITIES

Be part of the NVFC Regional Wildland Symposium to showcase your brand, highlight your services, and demonstrate your commitment to our wildland rescue personnel and communities at risk from wildfires. Sponsors will have the opportunity to interact with 75 attendees from across the region and U.S. and will receive recognition on meeting materials and web site. Opportunities are listed below; custom sponsorships are also available.

Door Prize Raffle Item and/or Attendee Bag Insert

**donate a branded item and/or company literature*

Free

Registration

**items can be donated at no cost (e.g., badges/lanyards, bags, pens)*

Free - \$500

Friday Night Social and Mini Expo

**includes table exhibit and signage at networking reception; engage and hand out drink tickets*

\$1,000

Session Breaks

**includes table exhibit and signage, get direct access to interact with attendees, podium recognition*

\$2,000

Lunch

**includes table exhibit and signage, 15-minute presentation, meeting screen and podium recognition*

\$3,500

Excursion to Mount Rushmore

** recognition on all conference materials, engage with attendees during travel and excursion*

\$2,000

Technology

**logo placement on all technology, screens, meeting slides, WI-FI access, and more!*

\$2,000

- Network with attendees who are looking for solutions
- Increase company visibility, whether you can attend in-person or not
- Show your support for our volunteers!

For additional information and to secure your sponsorship, contact NVFC Engagement Manager Meg Goldberg
meg@nvfc.org
202-887-5700 x 117

Learn more at www.nvfc.org/symposium

SPONSOR INFORMATION AND DETAILS

Being a sponsor at the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Regional Wildland Symposium provides an opportunity to have your brand visible and for networking and developing important relationships with conference attendees – wildland volunteer firefighters, department leadership, community stakeholders, and those interested in learning more about community wildfire mitigation and response. Attendees are coming to learn, find new and better ways of doing things, and explore ways to protect not only their communities from wildfires, but also themselves by being ready to respond.

What To Expect

An anticipated 75 attendees are expected at the symposium. The conference is designed for classroom learning in three tracks. There are morning breaks, networking lunches, and a Friday late afternoon social networking event with mini-expo. There is also an excursion to Mount Rushmore after the conference closes on Saturday. Attendees will be in educational sessions outside of these events.

Sponsors need to pre-register for badging and meal-planning purposes. Classroom space is limited. If you would like to attend any educational sessions, they are complimentary; however, they **must be** pre-selected with registration. All Symposium sponsors are welcome at the Opening/Closing Sessions, breaks, and lunches; these are included with your registration. If you didn't pre-confirm a session and would like to attend, you may wait until all conference attendees are seated before choosing your seat.

Exhibitor Schedule

Sponsor Registration	Thursday 5:30 – 7:00 pm Friday 7:00 – 8:00am
Networking Social & Mini Expo Set up	Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm
Networking Event Hours	Friday 4:00 – 6:00pm
Break Sponsors	Allow for 30 minutes to set up prior to break

Highlighted Schedule

[Click here for the full agenda.](#)

Open Registration	Thursday 5:30 – 7:00 pm Friday 7:00 – 8:00 am	
Friday	8:00 – 9:00	Opening Session (all welcome)
	9:15 – 10:45	Sessions 1*
	10:45 – 11:00	Break
	11:00 – 12:30	Sessions 2*
	12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (all welcome)
	1:30 – 3:00	Sessions 3*
	4:00 – 6:00	Social Networking & Mini Expo

Saturday	8:30 – 10:00	Sessions 4*
	10:00– 10:15	Break
	10:15 – 11:45	Sessions 5*
	11:45 – 12:45	Lunch (all welcome)
	12:45 – 2:15	Panel Session (all welcome)
	2:15 – 3:00	Closing Session (all welcome)
	3:30 – 6:30	Excursion (optional)

** pre-registration required, seating limited*

Sponsor Registration

Sponsorships come with 1 complimentary registration. **Registration is required by February 28** (hotel booking deadline February 14). If you need to register an additional representative, please contact Meg Goldberg (meg@nvfc.org | 202-887-5700 ext 117).

[Click Here](#) to register.

- If you plan on attending just the networking reception, select “Networking Reception Only”
- If you plan on attending the full conference, select “Attendee” and use the discount code “**NVFCPartner23**” to waive the registration fee. On the agenda selection page, please select which courses you will be attending.

Meeting Location

The 2023 NVFC Regional Wildland Symposium will be held at the Black Hills State University – Rapid City, 4300 Cheyenne Boulevard, Box Elder, SD 57719.

Hotel Accommodations

The NVFC has secured a room block at the [Baymont Inn & Suites Rapid City](#), located right beside the university. **Secure your room by February 14**. Room rate is \$135/night plus taxes. To reserve, email Olivia Kuehner, Sales Director, at groupsalesrc@gmail.com or call 605-791-5678 and mention the NVFC Regional Wildland Symposium.

** You may also want to check travel sites such as [Kayak.com](#) or [Expedia.com](#) for sales (but make sure and read the fine print regarding cancellation and fees). Additionally, the [Sleep Inn & Suites Rapid City](#) is across the street from the Baymont if you’re looking for other options.*

Sponsor Deadlines & Shipment Information

Registration	February 28	Click here
Logo (hi res color jpeg)	February 28	meg@nvfc.org
Shipping	to arrive between March 7-14 to the following address:	

NVFC Regional Wildland Symposium
Attn: Heather Maier, MS, Professional Advisor
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