



2023 ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference

Thursday, September 28, 2023

1700 – 1800: Registration and check-in

Friday, September 29, 2023

0900 – 1200: Registration and check-in

1200 – 1230: Opening session and welcomes

1300 – Shuttle to water sites, dressed to swim

1330 – 1700: First water session

- **Skill Circus** – Presented by Tom Burroughs (Rapid-fire review and coaching on fundamental SWR skills)
- **River Knife Usage in SWR** – Presented by Karl Schmidt (Discussion and in-water practice of safe cutting tool use)
- **Raft Flip and Recovery** – Presented by Elisha McArthur (Discussion and hands-on practice for raft flips)

1700 – Shuttle

1830 – 2130: Dinner and evening sessions

- **Interfacing with “official” rescuers** – Presented by George Bassler (What do we do when 911 arrives?)
- **Heuristic Traps** – Presented by Nik White (Avoiding tunnel vision and groupthink)

Saturday, September 30, 2023

0700 – 0800: Breakfast and morning session

- **National Canoe Safety Patrol** – Presented by George Bassler (Discussion of a successful river safety patrol)

0830 – Shuttle to water sites, dressed to swim

0900 – 1230: Second water session

- **Land-Based Scenarios** – Presented by Dave Bumgarner (Effective on-shore scenarios)
- **High-Water Trip Safety** – T. Warren (Reducing risk when the water is up)
- **Risk Management** – Presented by Lynsey Nunes (Practical approaches to risk management)
- **Scenario Magic!** – Presented by Julie Munger (Creating and implementing scenarios for effective education)

1230 – 1330: Lunch (box lunch provided)

1330 – 1700: Third water session

- **Bad Ideas** – Presented by Mike Mather (Learning from the mistakes made by others)
- **Simple Safe Solutions to River Running Problems** – Presented by Don Lester (Creating solutions to common problems)
- **Rope to Water Transitions** – Presented by Brad Vrooman (Moving from horizontal to vertical and back)

1700 – Shuttle

1830 – 2130: Dinner and keynote address

- **History of Swiftwater Rescue** – Presented by Charlie Walbridge

Sunday, October 1, 2023

0700 – 0800: Breakfast and morning session

- **Weather Hazards** – Presented by Dean Woodley (30 minutes)

0830 – 1230: Fourth skill session

- **Loaded raft flips and recovery** – Presented by Elisha McArthur (Discussion)
- **Managing dislocation in remote river environments** – Presented by Justin Padgett (Discussion and hands-on practice for common problems)
- **Slippery Rocks: Common Injuries in SWR Environments** – Presented by Dr. Carver Haines (Discussion and hands-on practice for common problems)
- **Keeping Your Head Above Water: 2023 Drowning Update** – Presented by Dr. Stephanie Lareau (Discussion and hands-on practice for common problems)

1300 – 1330: Closing remarks and fond farewells