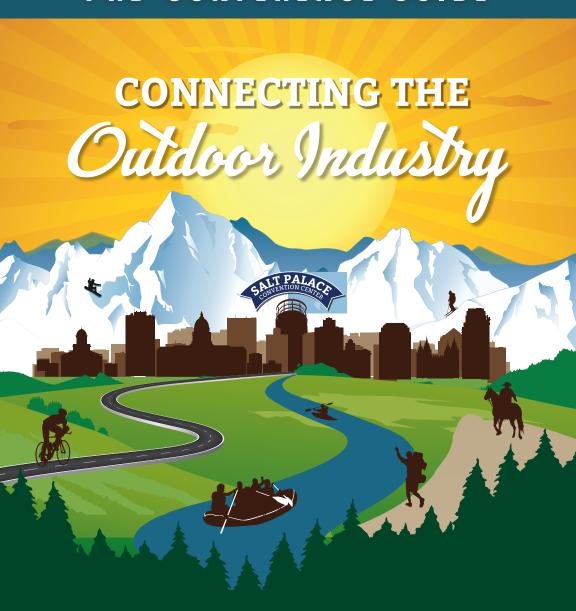
# PRE-CONFERENCE GUIDE





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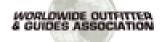


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# **AMERICA OUTDOORS CONFERENCE?**

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- We bring together the leaders in the areas of marketing, risk management, business operations and leadership in the outdoor industry to help you grow your business.
- The outfitter expo gives you an opportunity to do all your research and buying in one place- come test the newest gear and the valuable services that keep your business running smoothly!
- Attendees have ample opportunities to meet and learn from one another-you can even meet the pioneers of the outfitter industry here!
- Learn about the advocacy initiatives America Outdoors is working on to keep the industry viable and healthy.
- We have FUN! After you spend your days learning and buying, it's time to party! Grab a drink and start connecting!



# **SCHEDULE**

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

8:30-4:00 pm Women of AO Mini Retreat: Igniting Innovation

1:00-4:00 pm Google Analytics Deep Dive Workshop

3:00-7:00 pm Registration Open 4:30-5:30 pm New Member Meet Up 5:30-7:00 pm Welcome Reception

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00 am - 7:30 pm Registration Open

8:00-10:00 am Wake Up Coffee Social

8:00-9:00 am AO Women Connect Meet Up

9:15-10:15 am **Opening Keynote** - Dare to Achieve

10:30-11:30 am • Outdoor Recreation Offices Directors Panel Discussion

11:45 am-1:00 pm Annual Business Meeting with Lunch

1:15-2:15 pm Learning Sessions

■ How to Measure the ROI Performance of your Marketing Initiatives Workshop

Advocating Effectively for Your Business Interests: Studies and

Strategies

Adaptive Recreation

1:15-3:15 pm Workshops

Marketing SOS: Strategic Outfitter Solutions to Boost Your Revenue

Media Meet Up

2:30-3:30 pm Learning Sessions

Building for the New Customer Journey

Pricing & Discounts: Tips for Your Adventure Business

Working with Federal Agencies: Meet the Leaders

3:30-8:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open

5:00-8:00 pm Exhibit Hall Reception

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

7:00 am-6:30 pm Registration Open

8:00-10:00 am Wake Up Coffee Social

8:00-9:00 am CEO Meet Up

8:00-9:00 am	Manager Meet Up
9:15-10:15 am	Learning Sessions ■ Creating a Culture of Accountability ■ Practical Application of Waivers ■ How to Leverage Recent Changes to Facebook's Ad Platform
9:15-11:15 am	Workshop  ■ Local SEO Workshop for Outfitters
10:30-11:30 am	Lines of Service Meet Up
10:30-1:30 pm	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall with Blood Drive
1:45-2:45 pm	<b>Keynote:</b> The Future is Digital: How Tech, Innovation and Changing Customer Expectations are Transforming Our Industry
3:00-4:00 pm	<ul> <li>Learning Sessions</li> <li>Elevating Your Social Content with Analytics Insights</li> <li>Risk Management and Employment Forms: The Must Have's</li> <li>Leave No Trace: Advanced Awareness Discussion</li> <li>How Innovative Technology Can Improve Your Outfitter Operations</li> </ul>
4:00-7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open with Snacks
7:30-10:00 pm	Social at Dave & Buster's - Sponsored by Xinsurance

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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# PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

### Women of AO Mini Retreat: Igniting Innovation

In this full-day workshop for women in the outdoor recreation industry, you will connect with other women and unlock your individual and organizational potential with purpose-driven innovation.

Join a multi-disciplinary group of outdoor experts, business owners and thought leaders in an innovation workshop that will explore current issues, enhance existing leadership, products and services, and unlock areas of future service innovation in the outdoors sector.

You will leave this workshop inspired, ready to bring innovation back to your business and with a close group of women who you can call on in times of need.

### **Google Analytics Deep Dive Workshop**

Klint Rudolph and the Xcite team will be working side by side with you in this four-hour session to assist you in creating or improving your Google Analytics environment on your site.

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Meet the 2019 Keynote Speakers



Laura Adams, Explorer and Innovator

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Join international explorer and adventure icon Laura Adams as she shares her personal reflections from her life as an explorer, professional mountain guide, and leader in the international outdoor community. Her compelling stories of vision, human potential, humility and resilience demonstrate that we all can realize our personal, professional and community dreams - if we dare to achieve them.



## Douglas Quinby, Co-Founder & CEO of Arival

The Future is Digital: How Tech, Innovation and Changing **Customer Expectations Are Transforming Our Industry** Online travel agencies, innovative start-ups, technology advancement and rapidly changing traveler desires continue to bring change across every facet of tours, activities, attractions and experiences. In this talk, Arival Co-Founder & CEO Douglas Quinby walks through the essential trends redefining marketing, distribution, customer engagement and experience delivery.



Shannon Bahrke, Olympic Medalist

Dream, Believe, Achieve! Shannon Bahrke invites you into her world to take you on her 12-year journey on the U.S. Ski Team and through three Olympics - Salt Lake City, Torino and Vancouver to share how she overcame obstacles, doubts and fear to ultimately win 2

Olympic Medals. She will help you discover how these same ideas and strategies cross over into the outdoor business world and how YOU can execute them to achieve your maximum potential!



# TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

# Marketing Sessions

# **Local SEO for your Outfitter Business**

Speaker: Klint Rudolf, XCITE Media

Level: Advanced

Businesses on page 2 of the SERP (Search Engine Results Page) might as well not exist. This means you must focus on local SEO. Local SEO involves both off-page and on-page elements that affect how search engines assess and rank a website. Off-page factors include items like citation building and backlinks, while on-page SEO refers to factors that are part of the business' website, ranging from content to code. Optimizing a local business' website can improve its search engine ranking, draw more organic traffic to the site and increase the percentage of visitors who become new customers. In this workshop, you'll learn the 12 steps required to do a local SEO audit for your business and how to dominate local search results.

# **Nurturing Leads with Email Automation**

Speaker: Brooke Akansy, 829 Studios

Level: Intermediate

Nurturing leads from the moment they initiate interest to when they make a purchase decision is imperative to increasing top-line growth. So, how does one effectively put this in place? In this session with Brooke Akansy from 829 Studios, you will learn the answer to this question as well as how to strategically approach an automated lead nurturing email campaign and how to track and analyze the success of email marketing.

## How to Measure the ROI Performance of Your Marketing Initiatives

Speaker: Tom Kratsch, Activities and Tours marketing by TRK Creative Group

Level: Intermediate & Advanced

This workshop will teach business owners and managers how to track and measure their online and offline marketing initiatives in terms of the cost of the marketing initiative to tour booking revenue generated. Marketing initiatives reviewed include website performance, paid advertising channel performance (Google Ads, Facebook Ads, partner advertising), print advertising, review sites, referral partner advertising, billboards and more. The workshop will take a deep dive into tracking programs including the use of call tracking.

# **Elevating Your Social Content with Analytics Insights**

Speaker: Kelly Burns, Geronimo Trail Guest Ranch

Level: Intermediate

Have you ever asked yourself: "What should I be posting?" Do you ever exclaim: "I barely get any likes; I don't have enough followers to make it worth it!" In this session, we will discuss how to use social media data and analytics to inform your social content strategy. Through active participation and facilitated discussions, you will learn how to use your currently available resources to identify not only who your audience is but also what social content resonates with them. It'll be an engaging session packed with tips. The goal is to give you actionable ideas that you can implement immediately.

# How to In-House your Company's SEO

Speaker: Brian Hoban, 829 Studios

Level: Advanced

You are likely aware that a solid Search Engine Optimization strategy is essential to the digital success of your business. If you are managing this in-house, you may know how much goes into this strategy. In this session you will learn how to take your SEO strategy from basic to an efficient, advanced process.

# **Building for the New Customer Journey**

Speaker: Klint Rudolf, XCITE Media Level: Intermediate & Advanced

In a world where we have less time and more options, it's crucial for brands to anticipate what consumers need in order to stand out. Just because the customer journey is complex, doesn't mean delivering useful experiences has to be. Whether you're a scrappy entrepreneur or a large company, your marketing goals remains the same: reaching people at the right moments with the right offer.

## Marketing SOS: Strategic Outfitter Solutions to Boost Your Revenue

Speaker: Ron and Lorie Rosenberg, QualityTalks

Level: Intermediate

In this hands-on workshop, you will develop a marketing roadmap that will combine print, email, social-media, and website strategies into a comprehensive marketing system that will help you focus on your core competencies, grow your business, and increase revenue!

Throughout this session we will use examples provided in advance from attendees and others in the industry to illustrate exactly how you can implement these into your own business. You will want to bring a laptop or tablet so you can make changes to your materials right on the spot.

# Leverage Recent Changes to Facebook's Ad Platform

Speaker: Jason Bornfriend, 829 Studios

Level: Advanced

The Facebook Ad platform changes so quickly that it can be hard for outfitters to keep up. Hear what's new in 2019 and learn how to leverage these changes for success in your marketing campaigns for 2020!

# **Building a Cross-Promotion "Layer Cake" With Your Local CVB & DMO**

Speaker: Sheila Scarborough, Tourism Currents

Level: Intermediate

If you want to get the word out about your tours and experiences, it is hard to do it alone. Cross-promotion gives you the best chance to catch people's attention in a busy and fragmented world, inspiring them to book with you. It also makes you a more effective tourism partner, raising the profile of your entire area.

But what does the power of a strong online presence look like for a tour operator in 2019? It looks like a cake! Working together with others, you can build a marketing "layer cake" that ties together your own individual promotional efforts and packages with those of your fellow tourism partners. Add some yummy icing with social media customer service – plus get found with your listings on services like Google My Business – and you've baked your way to success.

# Risk Management Sessions

# **Skin Care Safety for Healthy Guides**

Speaker: Dr. Glen Bowen, MD

Level: ALL

What are you doing to educate your guides and staff about skin cancer? Individuals involved with outdoor recreation as a vocation are at greater relative risk for skin cancer. In this informative presentation, participants will learn key features of skin cancer, best practices related to sun safety exposure, and how to perform a monthly self-skin cancer screening exam. Educate yourself for a healthy guide staff in 2020.

# Risk Management and Employment Forms: The "Must Have's"

Speaker: Leah Corrigan, Recreation Law Center

Level: Intermediate & Advanced

Outdoor recreation businesses need to have basic risk management and employment forms in order to protect themselves from liability. It can be difficult for owners and managers to determine what forms are "really important," versus those forms that are "nice to have." This session is designed to educate you on the forms that are mandatory from a liability perspective, what purpose they serve, and how to get your hands on them. Attendees should leave this session with either a list of needed forms and an understanding of how to get them, or a comfort level regarding the forms they have in place and what minor adjustments should be made.

### **Adaptive Recreation**

Speaker: Peter Abele, Erie Canal Boat Company

Level: Intermediate and Advanced

How do you determine when it's time to expand your customer base? Research and statistics help with determining viability of expanding your business accessibility, but that will only get you so far. We'll look at the growth of this population and discuss the opportunity areas in adaptive recreation to determine how your business will react and how it will be viewed by the communities it serves.

We will take a closer look at regulations and guidelines to understand who can help with this process. This session will help you understand ADA Compliance versus Universal Access, Inclusive Business Operations compared to Adaptive Programing, and a breakdown of the numbers to help you understand the ins and outs of adaptive recreation and if it's right for your outfitter business.

# **Prepare for Your Day in Court**

Speaker: Peter Middleton, Hall and Evans & Leah Corrigan, Recreation Law Center

Level: Advanced

Lights, Camera, Action! Watch lawyers play act in roles you hope you never have to play in real life! Hear examples of lawsuit testimony by outfitters. Observe how your staff, training, policies and procedures might hold up to legal scrutiny and cross-examination. Learn how your company's practices might play in the courtroom. You may discover that you need to learn your lines or do a few more dress rehearsals!

# **Practical Application of Waivers**

Speaker: Jackson Bender, Partner at Palmer and Cay Risk Management Firm

Level: Intermediate

# Business Operations Sessions

# **Pricing & Discounts: Unlock Potential Revenue in Your Business**

Speaker: Casey Dixon, The Flybook

Level: Intermediate

This dynamic workshop will provide a case study for dramatically affecting revenue and improving profitability in your business by obtaining quality data and applying that information to your pricing. You will leave this session inspired and ready to apply these strategies to your business for immediate results.

# **How Innovative Technology Can Improve Your Outfitter Operations**

Speaker: Adam Callaway, PATH

Level: Intermediate

Are you wondering how new technology can improve your customer experience, employee satisfaction, and business efficiency? Learn some of the benefits of incorporating technology to streamline your business. This session will cover outfitter pain points such as staff hiring and on-boarding, staff scheduling and communication, streamlined payroll, digital waivers, point of sale systems, reservation systems, and marketing automation software.

### **Retail Best Practices for Outfitters**

Speaker: Tim Black, Nantahala Outdoor Center

Level: Intermediate and Advanced

Director of Retail for NOC, Tim Black, shares lessons from his 7 years in outdoor industry retail operations. Attendees will get best practices for their retail, no matter how small their selection.

# Business Leadership Sessions

## **Media Meet Up**

Facilitator: Chez Chesak, Chez Connects

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The 2019 AO Media Meet Up will provide one-on-one meeting opportunities with key outdoor media. In this session, attendees can seize the opportunity to connect and pitch story ideas related to their outdoor business. Be sure to do some homework on the attending media before the session as preparation and research are key to your success at the Media Meet Up.

# **How to Manage Company Transitions: Family Successions**

Speaker: Pat Tabor, Swan Mountain Consulting

Level: Advanced

This session will explore the various options of business transition with a specific focus on developing a succession plan from one generation of a family to the next. The statistics aren't great; many family businesses do not survive succession. In this program Pat will go over several family transition scenarios and identify they keys to developing a successful plan. Upon completion participants will have a keen sense for what gets in the way of family transition plans and will learn the key attributes of a sound plan to ensure their family business does not become part of the statistics.

# Reading the Shifting Water: A Panel about Sexism & Sexual **Harassment in the Outdoor Industry**

Speaker: Emily Ambrose, Alex Thevenin, Steven Foy, Zack Collier, Emerald Fortune Level: Intermediate and Advanced

The topics of sexism and sexual harassment impact us all, either directly or indirectly. They can be tricky waters to navigate, with questions of how to proceed or what our roles are in addressing them. Do we ever really talk about them openly? The objective of this session is to do just that - to provide an opportunity for participants to witness outiftters and community members share stories and best practices, explore what has worked, identify missteps, and begin to understand how we can move forward individually and together through these shifting waters.

### **Leave No Trace: Advanced Awareness Discussion**

Speaker: Adam Tobey

Level: ALL

Learn the best practices and new strategies to engage with families when teaching Leave No Trace Principles. Get examples and resources for fun activities and useful teaching methods that help to mitigate feelings of judgment when educators come upon someone on an outdoor trip who is uninformed about proper environmental ethics.

# **Creating a Culture of Accountability**

Speaker: Kent Mann, The Mann Group

Level: Advanced

What does a culture of accountability mean? We mean that the environment you develop encourages and demands the responsibility of your employees to perform their jobs well. In a culture of accountability, staff both understand their obligations and that there will be inquiry and analysis—whether via metrics, coaching, or the insight of a leader like yourself—to ensure those obligations are being met at the well-established and business-wide standard.

# Advocacy and Legislation Sessions

# **Outdoor Recreation Offices Directors Panel Discussion**

Speakers: Tom Adams (UT), Nathan Fey (CO), Rachel Vandevoort (MT), Dave Glenn

(WY), facilitated by Noah Wilson

Level: ALL

Fifteen states have created outdoor recreation offices in recent years. How will these offices, dedicated to the development of outdoor recreation industry pursuits in their respective states, help outfitters? Learn about the Outdoor Recreation Offices from the state directors in the states near the 2019 Conference to hear how they plan to affect change in their states and include outfitters in their strategies.

# **Advocating Effectively for Your Business Interests: Studies and Strategies**

Facilitator: Aaron Bannon, America Outdoors

Level: ALL

The Outdoor Industry faces a wide range of policy and permitting issues. Connect with a panel of your peers to hear individual case studies, success stories, and lessons learned to curate best practice strategies for your future outfitter advocacy campaign.

# **Working with Federal Agencies: Meet the Leaders**

Facilitator: Aaron Bannon, America Outdoors

Level: ALL

This is your opportunity to meet with National Park Service, US Forest Service and other agency representatives from Washington, DC. AO remains committed to helping outfitters stay up to date with the complicated permitting landscape by connecting you with land management agencies. Stay tuned for details about the 2019 special guests!

# Idea Exchanges

# **Outfitter Lines of Service Idea Exchange**

Attendees will have an opportunity to meet with their specific lines of service including white water rafting, paddling, zip lining, dude ranches, and more during this facilitated idea exchange. Come ready to discuss the unique challenges you share and hear what others are doing to grow their businesses.

## Operations and Marketing Idea Exchange

Choose between marketing and operations during this highly facilitated opportunity to dive deep into the subjects that affect your everyday work life. In each segment, attendees will be divided into small groups to discuss challenges related to operations or marketing in the outdoor industry.

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Exhibit Hall Reception	5:00pm

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Show Floor Open	10:00am-2:00pm
Lunch	10:30am-2:00pm





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#### https://theonlysky.com/

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#### www.ouraysportswear.com

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#### www.pacuareoutdoorcenter.com

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#### www.paluski.com

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#### www.pathpayments.com

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#### www.peek.com/pro

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#### www.podium.com

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#### www.resmarksystems.com

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#### www.selwayfab.com

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#### www.sotar.com

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#### www.steamboatsticker.com

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#### www.stohlquist.com

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#### www.whlsum.com

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