

Hints and Reminders for Joint Annual Meeting 2023 (JAM23) Participants

Registration

Be sure to register online in advance. That action ensures that you will have registration materials ready for you upon arrival. Note that Early Registration rates end on March 7, 2023. Registration Service will be available onsite.

Lodging during JAM23

You are encouraged to reserve in the Room Block at Great Wolf Lodge if possible. As the Room Block likely won't accommodate all JAM23 participants, other facilities nearby are identified on the JAM23 webpages.

Professional Behavior and Interpersonal Decorum

Partner organizations hosting JAM23 expect all registrants and guests to conduct themselves in a professional, courteous, and sensitive manner. Please read the reminders included on the JAM23 webpages at [watws.org/annual-meeting/about/professional-behavior](https://www.watws.org/annual-meeting/about/professional-behavior). If you experience any interpersonal difficulties, contact a member of Executive Leadership at the Meeting venue for Washington Chapter-The Wildlife Society, The Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology, or Northwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation. Further, Great Wolf Lodge is a Tribal-operated facility; appropriate sensitivity and consideration for indigenous interests and customs are necessary during JAM23.

Foods and Beverages (gratis)

Participants will have light refreshment snacks and beverages available during morning and afternoon breaks on Tuesday through Friday

A Tuesday evening Ice Breaker event will feature a dessert buffet for registrants. A luncheon is provided for all registrants on Wednesday (mid-day) as part of Business Luncheons for partner organizations and a general luncheon for other registrants.

The Wednesday evening Reception/Social will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and discounted beverages beginning at 6:30pm (participants should plan any evening meal choices around these food and beverages being available to all).

A Thursday morning light breakfast buffet is provided to registrants that participate as a Mentor or Mentee during that event.

Entertainment and Fund-Raising

The Wednesday evening Reception/Social includes a raffle and silent auction. These activities raise funds for student support and conservation/research activities by the partner organizations that planned and conducted JAM23. For raffle ticket purchases, please bring cash to buy tickets conveniently as ticket sales will happen quickly. A silent auction and possibly live auction will be available at the Thursday Banquet to raise project funds. Raffle and auction prizes will be onsite and distributed to winners each evening.

Awards Banquet

The Banquet on Thursday evening is for ticket holders only (tickets must be purchased separately in advance through the registration website). Guests are welcomed; tickets can be reserved through the website.

Student Incentives

The co-organizers have included several incentives to encourage student participation in JAM23. Several lodging rooms are provided free for student use based on an application and selection process. Interested students can find the application at watws.org/page-18181. Application deadline is March 1, 2023. This is the first year of a new incentive wherein academic institutions and other interested parties can support an Undergraduate Registration Incentive Sponsorship that provides substantially reduced cost for full participation. More information about that process can be requested from treasurer@watws.org.

Shipping Items to Great Wolf Lodge

Anyone needing to ship items to the JAM23 venue for use in programs, displays, or other purposes must follow specific shipping procedures as required by our Meeting Agreement. All incoming packages must be addressed as follows:

Great Wolf Lodge
Attention: Emily McGuire (Event Sales Manager)
20500 Old Highway 99 SW
Centralia, WA 98531
Hold for: Joint Annual Wildlife Meeting
Event Start Date: April 24, 2023

Any boxes or packages left without shipping instructions for more than 3 days after the event conclusion will be discarded by Great Wolf Lodge.

Sponsors

JAM23 could not happen without financial support from at least 17 sponsors who have generously donated to ensure that this forum will be effective and economical for participants. Sponsor support helped keep registration fees modest and provided incentives for student participation. All sponsor contributions go directly and completely to defray costs of conducting the Joint Annual Meeting. You will see Sponsor acknowledgments displayed throughout JAM23. Please thank them in coming months as you work with them.

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