

Hello, Tucson Wildfire Workshop participants!

Our workshop is fast approaching, and we are excited that you will be attending!

Here are some last-minute reminders and tips for having a great experience:

1) Airport Shuttle Deadline: The deadline to sign up for the Radisson's airport shuttle service at the discounted group rate of \$12 roundtrip is this MONDAY, MARCH 2, at 5:00 p.m. If you need this service, please call the Radisson at (520) 721-7100, ask for the "bell desk," and provide all the information they request about your airline and flight times. Once the Radisson has received everyone's arrival times, they will set a schedule of when the shuttle will leave the baggage claim area. This may be only once an hour, but the weather should be nice, and the wait will give you a chance to meet your fellow workshop participants! We will try to get the schedule to you ahead of time so you'll know what to expect.

2) No Daylight Savings Time: Arizona does NOT observe Daylight Savings Time! On Sunday, March 8, most of the U.S. will "spring forward," but not Arizona. This means that Arizona will be on the equivalent of Pacific Time – one hour earlier than Mountain Time and three hours earlier than East Coast Time.

3) Registration Check-in: The check-in table outside the ballroom may be open on Monday evening and will open officially on Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m.

4) Food: The Radisson offers a substantial breakfast buffet free of charge to all guests beginning at 6:00 a.m. Lunches and snacks, plus a reception with food Tuesday evening, are included in your registration fee. A list of restaurants within easy walking distance will be available. A Trader Joe's grocery store is a block away, and the hotel suites have kitchenettes.

5) Poster Session: Because of hotel logistics, our "poster session" will not be a separate event but will consist of posters affixed to the walls of the ballroom where most of our sessions will be held. Morning and afternoon breaks of 30 minutes each should give people plenty of time to look at posters and interact with those who created them. Please put your contact information on your poster. We will have staff available to help hang posters, preferably early Monday evening or early Tuesday morning. If you plan to bring a poster, please let me know ahead of time at julierogers@pacific.net. If you need to ship a poster in advance, please send it to Julie Rogers, 10050 E. Rayann Place, Tucson, AZ 85749 (520) 909-0534.

6) Field Trip

a) Time Change: The field trip start time has been CHANGED: the bus will leave the Radisson at 8:00 a.m. instead of 8:30. Please arrive in the hotel lobby by 7:45 to check in for the field trip. The bus will return to the Radisson promptly at 2:30 p.m., and the airport shuttle will be waiting for those who need it. Those who must check out that morning may stash their luggage in the Radisson's office until 2:30.

b) Warm Clothes: The field trip will take us to an elevation of 9,100 feet. It may be cold and/or windy, and we will be outdoors part of the time. Please wear layers and be prepared

for a couple of hours of temperatures as low as the 40s. In Tucson itself the weather promises to be mild and sunny, typically in the 70s during the day and the 50s at night.

7) Freebies! Please save room in your suitcase! We will be giving you lots of “swag” (useful free stuff), including a book that weighs 5 pounds, lots of educational materials, and a small briefcase bag. We estimate the total weight to be 10 pounds. We don’t want you to miss out on any of these items, so please plan ahead.

The very latest version of the Program is attached.

We’re looking forward to your participation and an exciting learning and networking experience! If we have any more updates, we’ll send them next week.

With anticipation,

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