

Joint Rendezvous of the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Association and Wyoming Archaeological Society

RMAC 2024

The University of Wyoming conference center at the Hilton Garden Inn will host a joint meeting between the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Association and Wyoming Archaeological Society on May 2nd through the 5th, 2024 in Laramie. Biennially since 1993, the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Association has brought together anthropologists and researchers in allied fields whose work focuses on the Rocky Mountains of North America in the United States and Canada. The purpose of these gatherings is to provide attendees a forum for discussing common issues and problems, comparing data, and sharing information and insights about this vast, varied, and fascinating region. This year, RMAC will be joined by the Wyoming Archaeological Society (WAS) spring meeting. WAS has held a spring meeting almost every year since 1988 where business of the Society is conducted and archaeologists from across the state have a chance to showcase their research. Located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, Laramie is the perfect place to combine these long-standing meetings.

Registration will provide attendees access to both conferences. Our goal is to make the conference registration as cost-effective as possible, especially for student attendees, while maximizing the conference activities and amenities.

Conference registration

Registration is online through the jotform platform. See link below.

<https://submit.jotform.com/rockymountainanthro/rmac2024>

Conference lodging

The UW conference center is located in the Hilton Garden Inn and within a short walking distance of the Holiday Inn and Suites. We are in the process of reserving room blocks at these hotels for the meeting and there are many other options in Laramie. Check back for details.

Preliminary schedule

Thursday, May 2nd

Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists meeting

Registration

Early bird party and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the UW conference center

Friday, May 3rd

Morning WAS business meeting

RMAC paper and poster presentations, vendors, and bookroom

WAS silent auction begins

Afternoon RMAC business meeting

Evening social at the George C. Frison anthropology building

Saturday, May 4th

RMAC paper and poster presentations, vendors, and bookroom

WAS symposium and student paper competition

WAS silent auction ends

Evening banquet, awards, and keynote sponsored by WAS

Sunday, May

Half day field trip to Laramie Valley Union Pacific and precontact sites

Abstract submission

Symposium, paper, and poster abstracts are now being accepted with a deadline of April 12th. Papers will be allotted 20 minutes of speaking time and abstracts should not exceed 250 words. All abstract submissions should include a title, author, affiliation, and 3 to 5 keywords describing the abstract's theme. Symposia packets should include a summary description of the symposium theme and abstracts for each presenter. If you intend to enter a student paper or poster award, please indicate which organization (RMAC or WAS) and in which category in your submission. Please submit abstracts in Word format to Spencer Pelton (spencer.pelton@wyo.gov). For more information contact Spencer Pelton at the email listed above.

Vendors

We have a secure conference room set aside for vendors to display items on Friday and Saturday. We welcome book publishers, cultural resource management companies, Universities, or others interested in marketing their business. We are offering vendors a table for a flat \$100. Please reach out to Spencer Pelton (spencer.pelton@wyo.gov) to reserve a space.