

America's State Parks Western Conference

Girdwood, Alaska~ May 4-8, 2026

Alyeska Resort 401 E 6th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

Monday, May 4

8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Pre-conference activities
12:00 noon	Vendor set up begins
4:00-	Check-in and Registration begins
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Director's Meeting
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Vendor Reception open- Drinks and Appetizers

Tuesday, May 5

7:00 am to 9:00 am	Conference Registration and Breakfast – Alyeska
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Welcome- Native Alaskan leader welcome, Commissioner, NASPD leadership Thank you to our sponsors, housekeeping, MC: Matt Wedeking, Ian Thomas
9:00 to 9:45 am	Keynote- Jen Cureton, Canadian Parks Council: Philanthropy in Parks: Meaningful Connections & Powerful Partnerships
9:45 am to 10:30 am	Coffee Break- vendor meet and greet -Sponsor intro
10:30 am to 11:15 am	ANCSA / ANILCA: Unique Partnership Opportunities in Alaskan Land Management –Jim Walker
11:30 to 12:45	LUNCH: Alaska Regional Highlights SPONSOR- TYLER TECH – Superintendents (Regional Managers) talk about their region for 10 minutes each
1:00 pm	Motor-coaches depart to Eklutna
2:30 pm	Arrive at Eklutna (Chugach State Park) / Eagle River Campground (Swap ½ group at a time) Possible speakers: Eklutna Tribal Leader ; Pete Panarese (former Parks employee); Water partnership with Muni; North Anchorage Land agreement (Justin and Matt coordinate)
4:15 pm	Transport to Williwaw
5:00 pm	Williwaw: Dinner at Williwaw meet ASP Staff, presentation by Sponsor- BRANDT The Power of Partnerships to Accomplish Objectives (Jen from CPC-Host)

Share overview of Chugach Park Fund and benefit of a variety of unique partnerships; Panel with ASP trail, funding, and land manager partners.

7:00 pm

Motor-coaches depart for Hotel via- **BORETIDE?**

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 am to 8:30 am

Breakfast at Alyeska Resort

8:00 am to 9:00 am

Youth Engagement: Raising responsible park users- best practices across the nation- potential speaker partner Ky Harkey -Junior Ranger Journal

9:00 am to 9:30 am

Coffee and Vendor break

9:30 am to 10:30 am

Staff Engagement: Hiring, Recruiting and Maintaining quality staff – Matt (career ladder plan, leadership training, certifications)

10:30 am to 11:00

Break

11:00 to 12 noon

Public Outreach & Engagement: How to “train” the public to help care for our parks, budget education, why we charge fees and where they go.

12:30 pm

Depart for Wildlife Center

1:00 pm

Lunch at Wildlife Center- begins with presentation by **SPONSOR: Kaizen**

Generating Revenue and /or crucial work accomplishment through Creative Partnerships

Peppercini's

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Walk around Wildlife Center**Time with bear feeding schedule

4:30 pm

Motor-coaches depart for Girdwood VISIT Portage? -Stop at Girdwood Brewing

6:00 pm

Dinner on own at Girdwood Brewing Company (food truck options)

8:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Coaches to Alyeska Resort

Thursday, May 7

7:00 am to 8:30 am

Breakfast at Alyeska Resort

8:00 am to 9:00 am

Building Standards utilizing our SCORP as a guide: how states are doing this (RICKY)

9:00 am to 10:15 am

SCORP and LWCF Data: what mobility data are we using (RICKY)

10:15 am to 10:45 am

Break (coffee service)

11:00 am

SESSION- SCORP Workshop

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Lunch at Alyeska Sponsor CAMIS

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

SESSION- SCORP Workshop Continued

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Free time

4:00 pm

Reception – sponsor ??

5:30 pm

Closing Awards Dinner at Alyeska - Sponsor OPEN

8:00 pm Hosted Drinks

Friday, May 8

SAFE TRAVEL HOME!