

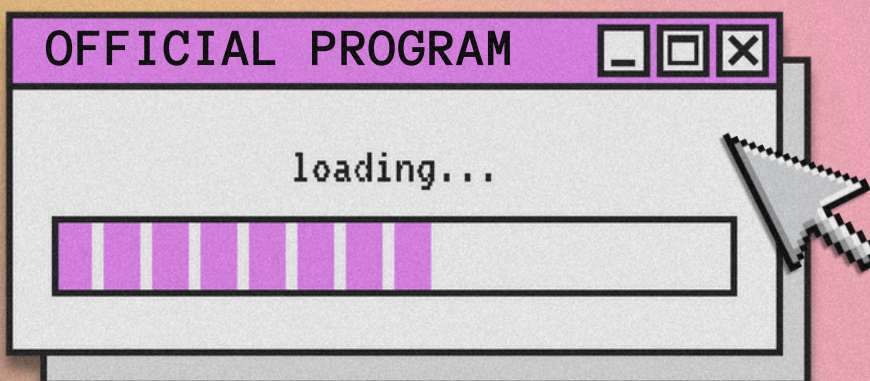
WESTERN AREA CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

WACYPARA XXVI

-PRESENTS-

RADICAL CHANGE

JANUARY 2-5 2025



THEME

From AA's 12x12, page 92-93:

Finally, we begin to see that all people, including ourselves, are to some extent emotionally ill as well as frequently wrong, and then we approach true tolerance and see what real love for our fellows actually means. It will become more and more evident as we go forward that it is pointless to become angry, or to get hurt by people who, like us, are suffering from the pains of growing up.

Such a **radical change** in our outlook will take time, maybe a lot of time. Not many people can truthfully assert that they love everybody. Most of us must admit that we have loved but a few; that we have been quite indifferent to the many so long as none of them gave us trouble; and as for the remainder—well, we have really disliked or hated them. Although these attitudes are common enough, we A.A.'s find we need something much better in order to keep our balance. We can't stand it if we hate deeply. The idea that we can be possessively loving of a few, can ignore the many, and can continue to fear or hate anybody, has to be abandoned, if only a little at a time

WELCOME

TO THE 26TH WESTERN AREA CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

On behalf of the host committee, we are thrilled to welcome you to a weekend filled with fun, friends, and fellowship that will create memories to last a lifetime. WACYPAA XXVI would like to extend a special welcome to those who traveled from out of town to join us in the vibrant Mile High City—Denver, Colorado.

If you have any questions or need assistance during the weekend, please don't hesitate to ask someone wearing a white & black "WACYPAA HOST" shirt—we're here to help!

As we enjoy this incredible event together, please remember to respect the hotel guests who may not be part of the conference. This hotel has graciously opened its doors to host WACYPAA XXVI, so let's show our gratitude by treating the facility with care. Please refrain from smoking or vaping indoors and be mindful of our shared space.

Finally, remember that as attendees of WACYPAA, we are representing AA as a whole. Let's uphold the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous and embrace the spirit of unity, service, and recovery throughout the weekend.

Welcome to Denver, and let the journey begin!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SAFETY STATEMENT

On behalf of the WACYPAA XXVI host committee, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for joining us this weekend to celebrate recovery, fellowship, and fun. It is truly an honor to share this space with so many individuals committed to the transformative power of Alcoholics Anonymous. The topic of safety is paramount at WACYPAA. As members of this community, we are all responsible. Many of us come to WACYPAA to reconnect with old friends, forge new bonds, and most importantly, carry the message of recovery to the newcomer who may be experiencing this for the very first time.

Please be mindful of what is happening around you. If at any point you feel unsafe—whether physically, emotionally, sexually, or spiritually—please reach out to someone wearing a host committee shirt. We are here to listen and promise to handle any situation with compassion, respect, and complete discretion.

This is a direct quote from the SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS:

“This group strives to safeguard the anonymity of A.A. members and attendees; however, keep in mind that anonymity in A.A. is not a cloak for unsafe and illegal behavior. Addressing such behavior and/or contacting the proper authorities when appropriate, does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is meant to ensure the safety of all in attendance.”

Remember, we are all in this together. For some, we might be the only Big Book they ever see. Let’s carry the message of recovery with open hearts and live by the Twelfth Step, practicing these principles in all our affairs. Thank you for being part of this incredible weekend!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INFO & HOURS

WACYPAA host committee strongly suggests that lanyards and name badges be worn at all times during the conference. Please pick up your lanyard and name badge at the registration tables located in the main lobby outside the Grand Ballroom.

Registration Hours:

Thursday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM; 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM; 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Registration will be ***closed during main meetings.***

MERCH INFO AND HOURS

Come get some sweet home made WACY merch, designed and printed by yours truly.

Merch Hours:

Friday: 9 AM – 11 PM

Saturday: 9 AM – 11 PM

Sunday: 9 AM – 2 PM

The merch table will be ***closed during main meetings.***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER INFO & HOURS

Want to be of service at WACY PAA XXVI? Have a sponsee that needs to be put to work? Never fear! There are tons of ways that you can be of service at WACY PAA! Please visit the Registration Table right outside of the Grand Ballroom to sign up! For any questions about volunteering at WACY PAA XXVI please contact Ezra M. (208) 863-7835, or ask someone with a host shirt.

Volunteer Hours:

Thursday: 2 PM – 11 PM

Friday: 8 AM – 11 PM

Saturday: 8 AM – 11 PM

The table will be closed during main meetings.

ARCHIVE INFO & HOURS

Be a part of WACY PAA's history by adding your representing state on a map! View digital and physical items at our display located next to registration!

Archives Hours:

Friday & Saturday 9 AM – 4 PM

SCHEDULE

MAIN MEETINGS

THURSDAY

HYPE @ 6:30 PM

BID CITY ROLL CALL &
MEETING @ 7 PM

BRIAN C – SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
HOLLAND – SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FRIDAY

HYPE @ 6:30 PM

STATE/ COUNTRY ROLL CALL &
MEETING @ 7 PM

BETH P – COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
ASHLEE M – COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

SATURDAY

HYPE @ 6:30 PM

SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN &
MEETING @ 7 PM

MB L – MIAMI, FLORIDA
JAMES H – ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SUNDAY

MEETING @ 10 AM

KRYLON – SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

SCHEDULE PANELS

FRIDAY

9 AM

12 STEPS OF ALANON/ TOWER COURT D
RILEY S, EMMA A

10 AM

STEPS 1-3/ WINDOWS ROOM
ERIC F, SETH E, GAB L

10 AM

SPONSORSHIP/ TOWER COURT D
HAILEY P, NOAH G, ADAM L

11 AM

VETERANS/ WINDOWS ROOM
JOEL H, JOE, PATRICK M

11 AM

TRADITIONS/ TOWER COURT D
JOSH P, SLOAN B

12 PM

STEPS 4-5/ WINDOWS ROOM
BRENDAN L, OSHA H, ALEX X

12 PM

STEPS 8-9/ TOWER COURT D
JOHN C, DEVIN B, ZAC M

1 PM

LGBTQIA+ SPONSORSHIP/ WINDOWS ROOM
DAN K, LISA C, NAT B

1 PM

RELAPSED WITH TIME/ TOWER COURT D
KATIE E, KATIE T

2 PM

STEPS 6-7/ WINDOWS ROOM
WILLOW W, JARED H

3 PM

STEPS 10-11/ WINDOWS ROOM
JAMES, DELIA S, JOSHUA W

3 PM

FIRST NATIONS/ TOWER COURT D
SEAN N, CLARA H, ARIEL

4 PM

MENTAL HEALTH IN SOBRIETY/ WINDOWS ROOM
WILLIAM S, NICOLE M

4 PM

LET IT BEGIN WITH ME ALANON/ TOWER COURT D
MOLLY D, KAT K, NICK N

SCHEDULE PANELS

SATURDAY

| | |
|-------|--|
| 9 AM | DO I QUALIFY FOR ALANON/ TOWER COURT D HEATHER J, GAVIN A, SAM A |
| 10 AM | HOW TO GET CONNECTED/ WINDOWS ROOM GARRISON M, ALYSSA M, MARY S |
| 10 AM | MOVING IN SOBRIETY/ TOWER COURT D TIM, CHELSEA F, CAM L |
| 11 AM | SOBRIETY IN THE MILITARY/ TOWER COURT D SAM E, ALEX S, DAVID H |
| 11 AM | WHAT TO DO WHEN EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY FAILS?/ WINDOWS ROOM ANNIE H, BETH, BROOKE G |
| 12 PM | WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE?/ TOWER COURT D LYDIA S, DRE T, ELIZABETH W |
| 1 PM | LGBTQIA+ EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, & HOPE/ WINDOWS ROOM ARTURO H, KYLE T, JENA S |
| 1 PM | YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THE DEEPEST BOTTOM/ BUT AM I ACTUALLY AN ALCOHOLIC?/ TOWER COURT D STEVE M, ALANA G, JEN H |
| 2 PM | HOT ONES PANEL/ WINDOWS ROOM NIK M, LUKE T, KALEIGH W |
| 2 PM | RELATIONSHIPS/ TOWER COURT D LUKE S, AMANDA T, PAIGE B |
| 3 PM | RELAPSE/ WINDOWS ROOM TONY F, KC T, JAKE P |
| 3 PM | SOBER IN COLLEGE/ TOWER COURT D NATASHA H, CHRISTIAN L M, TOTS |
| 4 PM | BIPOC/ WINDOWS ROOM DEVON C, MALIKA J, ELDIN V |
| 4 PM | YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALANON/ TOWER COURT D JOEY H, HANNAH |
| 5 PM | NEVER HAD A LEGAL DRINK/ WINDOWS ROOM SIERRA J, LIZ B, MAX P |

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT



**PRE-CON
SCAVENGER
HUNT**

2 PM – 6 PM
Downtown Denver



MARIO KART

3 PM – 5 PM
Tower Court A



**game
room**

All weekend 24/7
Silver Room
Mafia 10 PM+



KARAOKE

10 PM – 12 AM
Grand Ballroom



SPOONS

10 PM – 12 AM
Windows Room



12:30 AM – 2 AM
Zen Room

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT



8:30 - 9:30 AM
Tower Court C



10 AM - 12 PM
Grand Ballroom



1 PM - 3 PM
Silver Room



All weekend 24/7
Silver Room
Mafia 10 PM+



10 PM - 12 AM
Windows Room



10 PM - 12 AM
Rooftop Pool

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT



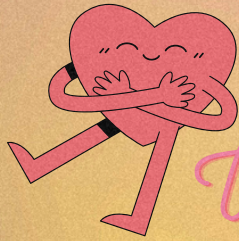
7:30 AM
Hotel Lobby
Meetup



8:30 - 9:30 AM
Tower Court C



12 PM - 1 PM
Silver



*Hugs
Workshop*

2 PM - 4 PM
Grand Ballroom

Sound

BATH

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Tower Court C

COMEDY SHOW



10 PM - 12 AM
Windows



10:30 PM - 12 AM
Grand Ballroom

SCHEDULE

MARATHON MEETINGS

THURS

10 PM – 11 PM

11 PM – 12 AM

FRIDAY

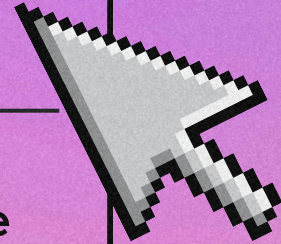
Every hour on the hour except for main meetings.

SATURDAY

Every hour on the hour except for main meetings.

SUN

Last meeting starts at 8 AM.



Interested in chairing a marathon meeting?
See our volunteer table to sign up!

SCHEDULE

HOSPITALITY

THURS

3PM - OPEN
7PM - 9PM - CLOSED FOR MAIN SPEAKER
10PM - BACYPAA HOST
11PM - CLOSE

FRIDAY

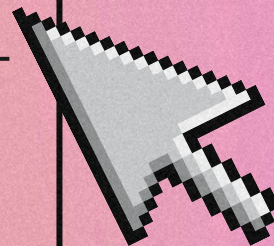
7AM - OPEN
11AM - RENVYPAA HOST
12PM - MNYPAA HOST
1PM - MNYPAA HOST
2PM - UCYPAA HOST
3PM - ACYPAA HOST
5PM - FCSYPAA HOST
7PM - 9PM - CLOSED FOR MAIN SPEAKER
10PM - ICYPAA HOST
11PM - CLOSE

SATURDAY

7AM - OPEN
10AM - DENVER YOUNG PEOPLE HOST
11AM - BURQYPAA HOST
12PM - ASCYPAA HOST
1PM - SERCYPAA HOST
2PM - SALTYPAA HOST
3PM - SNOWYPAA WEST HOST
4PM - ABSOLUTELY INSIST HOST
7PM - 9PM - CLOSED FOR MAIN SPEAKER
10PM - NEITHER HERE NOR THERE HOST
11PM - CLOSE

SUN

7AM - OPEN
9AM - MNYPAA HOST
10AM - OPEN
11AM - 12PM - CLOSED FOR MAIN SPEAKER
1PM - SHUT ER DOWN.



SCHEDULE

BID CITIES

FRIDAY

Q & A with Advisory

3 PM - 5 PM

Grand Ballroom

Bid City Round Tables

10 PM - 12 AM

Tower Court D

SATURDAY

Bid Skits

8 AM - 1 PM

Grand Ballroom

Advisory Meeting with

Non-Awarded Bids

10 PM - 12 AM

Tower Court D

FACTS, AIMS, AND PURPOSE

WACYPAA was conceived at the 1996 ASCYPAA (Arizona State Conference of Young People in AA), and was later founded in Anaheim, California on September 8th, 1996 at the 39th ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) in a meeting of AA members from around the region to be served by WACYPAA. At that meeting the region was defined as the states of: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; as well as Baja California Norte, Baja California Sur, Chihuahua, Durango, Sinaloa, Sonora, and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and Alberta. Since that time, our region definition has been broadened to include Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas. Each year, the conference must be held within this region.

The purpose of WACYPAA is to build and strengthen unity in Young Peoples Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous in the western area of North America and Hawaii. The focus is especially to reach those areas which historically had little exposure to such conferences. The WACYPAA Advisory Council and the members of the Conference will encourage the participation from all states, provinces, and countries within the scope of the Conference. All bids will be given equal consideration regardless of size, population, or location. We recognize that not all AA members will find our conference necessary to their recovery from alcoholism, we seek only to provide it for those who find it desirable.

At the Anaheim meeting, the state of Arizona was tentatively chosen as the site for the first WACYPAA. The Arizona group was to present their bid in February 1997 at the All California Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous in San Francisco. Seven AA members volunteered to attend and serve as a temporary advisory council for the purpose of approving Arizona's bid, or to solicit further bids at a later date if the Arizona bid was not deemed to serve the best interests of the region. Once an initial site is chosen, a bid session will be held annually at each subsequent WACYPAA where a site will be chosen for the next year's conference. Any group of three or more AA members from within the region is welcome and encouraged to bid for a chance to host a WACYPAA in their local area.

Each year, AA conferences provide overwhelming evidence that large numbers of alcoholics are achieving a lasting and comfortable sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. These conferences offer an environment for celebration of our sobriety, as well as an opportunity to meet and share experience, strength, and hope with AA members who reside in areas other than their own.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Downtown Denver Sheraton

1 303-893-3333

1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202

FAQ:

What are the check-in and check-out times at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel?

The check-in time at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is 4:00 pm and the check-out time is 11:00 am.

Does Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel allow pets?

The pet policy at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is:

Pets are Welcome. Non-Refundable Pet Fee Per Stay: \$150.00.

What are the parking options at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel?

The parking options at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel are:

On-Site Parking:

Daily: \$54.00

Valet: \$64.00

Oversized Valet: \$74

Daily Valet:

0-3 hr \$37, 3-6 hr \$44, Self-Parking: 1 hr \$19, 2 hr \$27, 3 hr \$35, 4 hr \$43

What property amenities are available at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel?

The property amenities at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel are:

Restaurant, Fitness Center, Outdoor Pool, Meeting Space, Free Wifi, Gift Shop, Dry Cleaning Service, Room Service, Wake up Calls, Daily Housekeeping, Turndown Service, Mobile Key, Digital Check In, Service Request.

Does Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel have in-room Wi-Fi?

Yes, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel has in-room Wi-Fi available to hotel guests. Marriott Bonvoy members receive complimentary in-room Internet access when they book direct. Sign up for Marriott Bonvoy for free as you complete your Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel booking.



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