

Washington School Nutrition Association

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2019 Annual Conference

DoubleTree by Hilton, Spokane City Center

323 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, WA 99201

Conference Dates: July 29, 2019- July 31, 2019

2019 Conference Theme:

Shout It From The Rooftops; School Meals Matter

Background

The Washington School Nutrition Association (WSNA) is a statewide organization of school nutrition professionals committed to advancing the quality of child nutrition programs through professional development and advocacy.

Each year, WSNA holds an annual conference to assist our members in advancing our mission and to provide them with the necessary learning opportunities to meet the federally required industry professional standards. The WSNA Annual Conference offers several workshops and education sessions each day in an effort to meet our members training and development needs.

Call for Presenters

WSNA is currently accepting proposals for presentations related to its 2019 Annual Conference in Spokane, WA from July 29, 2019 - July 31, 2019.

Presentations must meet one of the professional standard areas listed below.

Key Area 1: Nutrition

Key Area 2: Operations

Key Area 3: Administration

Key Area 4: Communications and Marketing

The Program Chairs are specifically interested in receiving session proposals on the following topics:

- Merchandising School Meals: Design and Culinary Approaches
- USDA Commodity Culinary Ideas
- Managing Student Debt and Best Practices
- Advanced Leadership Training: Leading, not managing
- Tech Savvy: Hands-On instruction on utilizing the technology
- Build the Team while Training: Team Building & Staff Training
- Better for our Kids: Being the Best at Customer Service
- Learn by doing: Hands-On Food Safety Experiences
- Learn by doing: Cafeteria 101
- Self-Care & Wellness: Managing Stress and being your best self for our kids
- Building Solid Procurement Practices: Developing an effective purchasing program that focuses on quality while getting the best products.
- Creating Effective Presentations
- Conflict Resolution: Everyday Approaches to Dealing with Unpleasant Situations
- Creating a Motivating Environment for Children and Staff
- Trends in Food Service and Alternative Feeding Approaches: Food Trucks, BIC, Student Self Service
- Disabilities/Special Diets: How to Accommodate
- Grant Writing- Finding the Funds and Getting them!
- Manager Workshop: Using Tried and True Techniques to Managing Staff
- Waste Reduction and Sustainability
- Advocacy and Legislation: Get your voice heard!
- Creating a Student-Oriented Menu: How to build taste tests, plate waste studies, surveys and more
- Conducting Employee Time Study and Realizing Labor Efficiencies
- Maximizing Communication and Outreach
- Coping with Change - Positively!

Session Length

Education can be presented in many forms. Sessions must be a minimum of 60 min. and can be as long as 4 hours.

Submission forms is attached below.

Submission Forms should be sent to Pamela Milleon, Program Chair, pmilleon@wwps.org & Peggy Rieper, Executive Director, wsnaexec@comcast.net by March 1st, 2019.

Presentations must be educational.

Education Sessions are NOT to be used as a sales or promotional platform for any speaker's company, products or services. We appreciate your cooperation.

Experience has proven that participation in WSNA's Annual Conference programming has often provided exposure for speakers garnishing future speaking engagements with districts/local chapters throughout Washington.

1. Speakers agree to be available on any day which WSNA assigns the session.
2. Speakers do not need to be SNA members.
3. WSNA **Does Not** provide speaker fees or travel expense reimbursement for education session speakers.
4. Speakers are expected to make their own travel arrangements unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing.
5. Presentation and any other handout materials are subject to WSNA review and approval.
6. Speakers understand that WSNA does not permit hard copy handouts containing any promotional information to attendees.
7. WSNA offers industry members the opportunity to sponsor different components of conferences, including but not limited to education session tracks and general sessions. Be aware that your education session could be placed within a sponsored education session track, or covered in an executive summary sponsored by an industry member. Also understand that WSNA clearly communicates to all attendees that meeting sponsorships, products, services, or expressed ideas do not constitute endorsement or recommendation by WSNA.

Each Proposal will be reviewed and evaluated by the committee based on its content focus and meeting the needs of the conference attendees.

NOTES FOR COMMITTEE:

How many sessions at a time is too much? Business & Industry Partner affiliation?
ICN, OSPI, will be called directly.