

AREA BIENNIAL TRAINING FOR AQUATIC EDUCATORS

“SCULPTING THE FUTURE, BUILDING ON 25 YEARS OF AQUATIC EDUCATION”

September 25-29, 2022 Rapid City, South Dakota

VENUE The Outdoor Campus-West, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

4130 Adventure Trail

Rapid City, SD 57702

605.394.2310

TOCWest@state.sd.us

Website, <https://gfp.sd.gov/toc-west/>

Located along Sturgis Road, just past the Meadowood Bowling Alley.

The purpose of The Outdoor Campus-West in Rapid City is to provide hands-on experiences in hunting, fishing and other outdoor skills. Free educational classes for youth, adults and families are held throughout the year. Visitors can explore indoor exhibits showcasing a variety of western South Dakota habitats and wildlife, along with a 4,600-gallon freshwater aquarium. The Campus also boasts over 1.5 miles of nature trails for your everyday use.

FEES for 2020 TRAINING CONFERENCE

Early Fee / Regular Fee

Student/Retiree \$225/\$275

AREA Member \$350/\$400

AREA Non-member \$425/\$475

Daily Registration \$200 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday

Early reduced fee registration May 1, 2022 through Friday August 7, 2022

Regular registration fee August 8 through Friday September 24, 2022

NOTE: All registrations start online. Two-step process: Register, then pay.

Payment can be made with a charge or debit card online at checkout through the link '*Pay Online Now*' or later, through the link '*Invoice Me*.' If you are invoiced, you will receive your invoice to your email address. Forward it to your payment officer. Issue checks to Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA) and send by mail to: Sarah Chabaane, Aquatic Education Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29202.

AREA 2022 Refund Policy

75% refund through August 25, 2022

50% refund from August 26 through September 25, 2022

No refund beginning September 26, 2022

For payment questions, contact the Treasurer Sara Chabaane chabaanes@dnr.sc.gov

For registration and web questions, contact Carol Paterick at carolpaterick@gmail.com

LODGING

Rapid City, South Dakota AREA Group Rate Cut-off Date is Friday, September 9, 2022

Best Western Ramkota Hotel (lodging, hospitality room, onsite restaurant, bar and food service)

2111 N Lacrosse Street

Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Free Wi-Fi | Free parking | Free shuttle from airport to hotel | Indoor pool and hot tub

Rate: \$94 per night, plus 9% tax plus \$2.00 City Occupancy Tax.

Available 5 days before and 5 days following the AREA 2020 training event.

Reservations: You must telephone the hotel directly to make your room reservations, 605-343-8550.

State you are with the Aquatic Resources Education Association AREA group.

TRANSPORTATION

Free shuttle from Airport to Hotel

Hotel is 10.8 miles from the [Rapid City Regional Airport, https://www.rapairport.com/](https://www.rapairport.com/).

Free daily transportation for attendees from hotel to training venue

ABOUT AREA

The mission of AREA is dedicated to promoting, through sound educational practices, stewardship and responsible use of aquatic resources, fisheries and habitats to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.