



COSA Pre-Conference Information Renew, Recharge, Reconnect

**Elevation Hotel and Spa, Crested Butte, Colorado
September 19 – 21, 2022**

The COSA Steering Committee and staff of the Elevation Hotel and Spa eagerly await your arrival in Crested Butte. We are excited to return to Crested Butte and thankful to our local sponsors and supporters. A very special welcome to first-time conference attendees, sponsors, and guests. Below is a brief overview of important conference information. Conference logistics will be updated frequently on Eventzilla. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the COSA steering committee.

Conference Information Provided on Eventzilla

Your registration information, session selections, and conference schedule are available in the Eventzilla app. Please download Eventzilla prior to your arrival in Crested Butte and ensure that you have signed the required liability waiver. Changes to the conference agenda, sessions, and door prize winners will be announced on Eventzilla. To download the app to your smart phone or tablet, visit <https://www.eventzilla.net/mobile-event-app>.

Arrival and Parking at Elevation Hotel and Spa



Registration will open on Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Elevation Hotel and Spa in the lower lobby. Please ensure that you have signed your electronic liability waiver prior to your arrival in Crested Butte. Registration will be open throughout the conference.

Upon your arrival and check-in, hotel staff will provide you with parking permits for the hotel parking garage and adjacent parking areas. Overnight parking is not allowed in public parking areas without a hotel permit. EV charging stations are available a short walk north of the hotel.

COVID Protocols

The COSA conference is a mask-friendly event. Participants are encouraged to wear masks in accordance to their personal health and safety needs and the requirements of their agency or organization. Conference and hotel staff will work diligently to ensure that common areas are cleaned regularly, and that hand sanitizer and masks are available.

All participants are highly encouraged to have COVID vaccinations and boosters per CDC guidelines. Participants exposed to or who test positive for COVID prior to the conference and those experiencing COVID symptoms such as fever, chills, fatigue, sore throat, muscle or body aches, congestion, runny nose, nausea, and/or diarrhea should refrain from traveling to Crested Butte for the conference. If you have any additional questions about COVID and community events, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>.

Conference Meals

The COSA Steering Committee has selected a menu that accommodates many dietary preferences. Meals will be served buffet-style and have vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free selections. The 9380 Tavern and José at Elevation will be open during the conference to accommodate other food and beverage needs. Please plan to bring a refillable water bottle and utilize recycling stations in the hotel lobby.

Light appetizers will be provided at the networking happy hour on Monday evening on the patio of 9380 Tavern and José at Elevation. Irwin Brewing Co. beverages are available at no cost to conference attendees 21 years of age or older wearing their name badge. A cash bar for nonalcoholic drinks, wine, and cocktails will be provided by hotel staff.

The annual COSA networking dinner will be hosted on Tuesday at Tully's in CB South. Tickets (located on your name badge) are required for this event. Please dress warmly as indoor dining space is limited. A cash bar will be available for libations. Shuttles for Tully's depart from the hotel following field trips. Departures times and locations will be posted in Eventzilla.



Field Trips



Steering committee members will be available in the lower lobby on Tuesday to assist you with field trip directions and box lunches. Most conference field trips are accessible via local transportation. For field trips requiring personal transportation, carpooling is highly encouraged. For some field trips, agency vans and drivers will be provided. Please prepare and dress appropriately for your fieldtrip. Unless otherwise noted, participants should plan to provide their own outdoor gear, such as mountain bikes, for field trips.

Sponsors

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