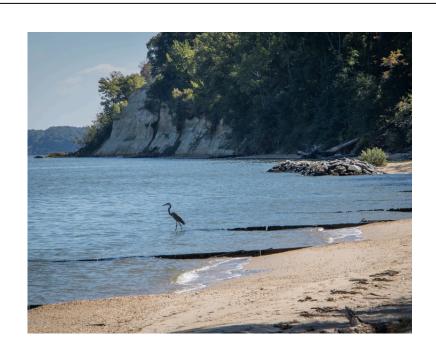




# 2024 Annual Conference

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PARKS



Westmoreland State Park
MAY 9-11, 2024







Time	Event	
	Thursday, May 9	
	VAFP members arrive	
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Welcome Appetizers*, Conviviality, & Fireside S'mores at Westmoreland's Murphy Hall	
	*Bring your favorite appetizer to share.	
Friday, May 10		
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast at Westmoreland's Murphy Hall	
9:30 AM	Leave Westmoreland for Guided Tour	
10:00 AM	Tour George Washington's Birthplace	
12:00 PM	Boxed Lunches from Art of Coffee at Ingleside Vineyards & Winery Tour	
1:30 PM	Visit Westmoreland Interpretive Station & Explore Fossil Beach	
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Break - OR - Tentative Guided Kayak Tour (optional)	
5:15 PM	Leave Westmoreland for Group Dinner	
6:00 PM	Group Buffet Dinner at NNK Brewing with Keynote Speakers	
	Matt Wells, Director, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	
	Dr. Melissa Baker, Director, Virginia State Parks	
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	After Dinner Conviviality at Westmoreland's Murphy Hall (optional)	







Time	Event
	Saturday, May 11
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast at Westmoreland's Murphy Hall
8:30 AM	Kick-off & Welcome
	Tim Kennell, President, Virginia Association for Parks
8:45 AM	VaLORS Celebration & Presentation of Legislator Award
9:00 AM	Law Enforcement in Virginia State Parks
	Scott Vantrease, Chief of Public Safety and Law Enforcement, Department of Conservation and Recreation
9:15 AM	Master Planning in Virginia State Parks
	Joshua Ellington, Chief of Resource Management, Virginia State Parks
9:45 AM	Presentation of Treasurer's and Seretary's Reports
	Mike McCarthy, Secretary & Diana Ramsey, Treasurer, Virginia Association for Parks
10:00 AM	Update on Virginia's National Parks
	Lynn Davis, National Parks Chair, Virginia Association for Parks
10:15 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM	Presentation of VAFP's Draft Strategic Plan & Solicitation of Member Input
	Tim Kennell, President & Melissa Tedila, Virginia Association for Parks
11:00 AM	VAFP Growth: Programs & Member Engagement
	Melissa Tedila, Virginia Association for Parks
11:15 AM	Election of VAFP Officers
11:30 AM	Pass the Hat for Virginia State Park Benevolance Fund
	Jim Klakowicz, State Parks Chair, Virginia Association for Parks
11:45 AM	Break to Grab Lunch & Sit Back Down:)
12:00 PM	Working Lunch with Friends Group Panel & Discussion on Best Practices*
	Owen Waltman, Director at Large, Virginia Association for Parks
	*Bring any ideas and resources from your Friends Group!
1:30 PM	Debrief & Wrap-up
2:00 PM	Meeting Adjourns



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