

Accessibility and Amenities at 2019 ACRL Washington/Oregon Joint Conference

The Conference is located at the [Pack Forest Conference Center](#), owned by the University of Washington, and located in Eatonville, Washington. This is a more rural retreat-like setting with attendees often sharing dorm housing with other attendees.

Childcare

At this time the conference does not have child-care facilities available, and the conference does not have overnight accommodations appropriate for children. Children are welcome at the conference during the day but your registration fee does not cover meals for children.

Food & Beverage Choices

Catering will have options for vegetarians, vegans, and other dietary allergy requests. If you will require any dietary accommodations, please let us know before the conference so we can communicate with the kitchen staff. Pack Forest does not currently offer Halal, Kosher or other religious dietary options.

Hearing Assistance

Many rooms do not have sound equipment for amplification. If you use a table microphone with a hearing device, we recommend bringing it along. The main hall will have a wireless microphone that presenters will be expected to use at all times.

Interpreters & Closed Captioning

Unless requested, there will not be interpretation or closed captioning at the conference. If you need an American Sign Language interpreter or Closed Captioning, please let us know at least two weeks prior to the start of the conference, and we will obtain these services.

Lactation Rooms

We will not have dedicated lactation rooms. We support Washington state law, which protects people breastfeeding in public spaces from discrimination. Attendees may also use housing rooms or classroom spaces.

Lounges & Quiet

During the day on Thursday, participants seeking quiet are welcome to use Pack Hall. During the social hour on Thursday, participants seeking quiet are welcome to use Scott Hall.

Pack Forest is located on open grounds with plenty of solitary outdoor spaces with chairs and tables.

Medical Emergency

Pack Forest Conference Center is located in Eatonville, WA. The closest medical facilities are approximately 45 minutes away, in the Tacoma area.

Meeting Room & Dorm Accessibility

All meeting rooms and public buildings have sidewalks and ramps for wheelchair and mobility access.

Dorm 155 and Cabin 8 are wheelchair accessible. If you will need accessible housing accommodations, please let us know on the form during registration.

Pronouns

Name badges include space to list your pronouns and participants are welcome and encouraged to include their pronouns.

Restrooms

Restrooms and showers at Pack Forest Conference Center are generally labelled "Women" and "Men," with the exception of some Dorms, Apartments and House facilities, which are single stall or not labelled with gendered designations.

Restrooms and showers for Cabins are shared and labelled “Men” and “Women.”

There will be a dedicated all gender restroom that is fully accessible with a shower located next to one of the Dorms. All conference attendees are welcome to use this. If you would like to be housed near the All Gender Restrooms, please let us know.

Do not comment on or question other attendees’ use of restrooms.

Scents

This is not officially a scent-free event, but we do ask attendees to be considerate when it comes to wearing scents and choose low scent or scent-free products if possible.

Service Animals

Service animals are welcome. Pets are not allowed in University of Washington buildings, and this includes Pack Forest.

Transportation

The conference is located at the University of Washington Pack Forest Conference Center, which is located south and west of Tacoma in Eatonville, Washington. The closest airport is SeaTac International, and the easiest way to arrive at Pack Forest is by driving a car. There are no public transportation options, however, once you register you will have access to an all-attendee carpooling document where you can share rides or find rides with others in your area.

Packing Tips & Suggestions

Dress casually and for comfort. No business attire at this conference! Bring out the jeans, fleece, sweaters, wool socks, down vests, and thermal layers. Bring warm clothes, wool socks, sturdy boots, rain coat, and an umbrella. It can be wet and muddy at the conference site.

If you are staying overnight, you may want an extra blanket or your own pillow. Pack Forest provides bedding but if you like to stay toasty bring a sleeping bag or extra blanket.

A flashlight or head torch is useful for getting around at night and finding things in your cabin when the lights are off. Earplugs are helpful for getting a restful night's sleep.

WiFi & Internet Connectivity

WiFi can be spotty and electrical outlets are few. Bring whatever you need to stay connected, including portable chargers.