

# WERA 1012 Conference Agenda - 2009

## Managing and Utilizing Precipitation Observations from Volunteer Networks Conference

All Sessions held at the: Mt. Ypsilon Lodge Tower

### **Tuesday, May 19th**

5:00-6:30PM Registration Open -- Main Administration Building

### **Wednesday, May 20th**

Registration Open -- Mt. Ypsilon Lodge Tower

#### **Welcome -- Establishing a WERA Committee**

*Introduction of Participants*

**Session One: *History of Rain Gauge Networks -- A lot of Territory to Cover . . . with Volunteer Rain Gauges*** Nolan Doesken, Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins, CO and Joel Cline, NOAA/COOP, Silver Spring, MD

Coffee Break

**Session Two: *Rain Gauge Performance -- The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*** Matt Kelsch, UCAR/COMET Boulder, CO

Session Two Discussion

Lunch Break

**A Word from WERA** -- Lee Sommers, WERA 1012 Administrative Adviser Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins, CO

**Session Three: *Volunteer Recruiting/Retention -- How to Catch "Observation Fever"***

Mary Knapp, Kansas State University Manhattan, KS

Session Three Discussion

Coffee Break

**Session Four: *Metadata for 'unofficial' Networks*** William Angel, NOAA/NCDC Asheville, NC

Session Four Discussion

Sessions Conclude for the Day

Campfire Ring (bring your guitars)

**Thursday, May 21st**

**Session Five: *Volunteer Education -- Volunteer Observing as a method for extending***

***Climate and Environmental Literacy*** John McLaughlin, NOAA/Office of Education Washington, DC

Session Five Discussion

Coffee Break

***Session Six: Training Volunteers -- Best Practices . . . Developing Great Observers***

Steve Hilberg, Midwest Regional Climate Center Champaign, IL

Session Eight Discussion Lunch Break

***Session Seven: Volunteer Support -- Helping Volunteers Feel Needed and Supported***

*Melissa Griffin, Florida Climate Center, Tallahassee, FL and Laura Edwards, DRI, Reno, NV*

Session Seven Discussion

***Session Eight: Network Funding -- Garnering Support for Volunteer***

***Networks*** Henry Reges, CoCoRaHS/CSU, Fort Collins, CO and Adnan Akyuz, North Dakota State University Fargo, ND

Session Eight Discussion Sessions Conclude for the Day

Possible side trip/short hike Rocky Mountain National Park. Roller Skating, Disc and Miniature Golf, Swimming all available.

**Friday, May 22nd**

**Session Nine: Data Quality Control -- *Did you really measure seventy-two inches of rain in ten minutes?* Tim Kearns, NOAA/NWS - Central Region, Aberdeen, SD**

Session Nine Discussion

Coffee Break

**Session Ten: *Priorities for the Future - Going Forward***

Nolan Doesken and Henry Reges, Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins, CO

Session Ten Discussion

*The planning of our next meeting in 2010*

Conference Ends