

SOUTHWESTERN AREA CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A.



# *Great Suffering*

&

# Great Love

July 2-5, 2026 · Colorado Springs, Colorado

*We're here. Welcome home.*

SKIP TO THE PROGRAM



XII

THE STORY BEHIND THE MASKS

## Great Suffering. Great Love.

At the center of our emblem are two faces.

One laughs. One weeps.

They are the old masks of comedy and tragedy, but for us, they are not just theatre. They are memory.

They are survival. They are the faces many of us wore before we ever found a meeting. The one that kept the joke going. The one that could not keep pretending. The one that made everyone think we were fine. The one that knew we were not.

**Most of us have worn both.**

Behind them are columbines, the official state flower of Colorado. They grow in high country, in thin air, hard weather, and broken rock. They bloom where almost nothing should be able to take root.

**That is not just Colorado symbolism. That is sobriety. That is SWACYPAAX XII.**

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*So we of A.A. do obey spiritual principles, first because we must, and*

*ultimately because we love the kind of  
life such obedience brings. Great  
suffering and great love are A.A.'s  
disciplinarians; we need no others.*

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, TRADITION  
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We are thrilled to have you here as we come together under the theme, "Great Suffering and Great Love," a reminder from the Twelve and Twelve that the deepest lessons of recovery are often born from the places we never wanted to go. This weekend, you will find exactly what the Big Book promises: a vast amount of fun about it all.

There will be laughter, fellowship, late night conversations, and memories that will stay with us long after we leave. We gather not only to celebrate our sobriety, but to honor the suffering that brought us here, the love that keeps us here, and the responsibility we share to carry this message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Whether this is your first conference or your fiftieth, welcome home. We hope you can feel how deeply we love one another and how seriously we take Alcoholics Anonymous in Colorado. We are glad you are here.

**This is the full program for SWACYPA A XII.**

Save it. Screenshot it. Send it to the person you are  
trying to talk into coming.

You do not have to have it all together to be here.  
You just have to show up.

Tap any day up top to jump straight to the schedule.  
Once you are here, if you get turned around, look  
for the light purple lanyards. That is us. Come find  
us.

*This is going to be good.*

*With love,  
Your SWACYPAA XII Host Committee*

BEFORE YOU WALK IN

# Good to know

## Look for the purple lanyards

The host committee is wearing light purple lanyards and badges all weekend. Anything you need, even just not wanting to walk into a room alone, flag one of us down. We are here for you.

## New or nervous? Start at registration

Rockrimmon 1 and 2. Walk up, grab a badge, and you are one of us. Nobody here has it all figured out, that is sort of the point. Open Thursday 3 to 6 PM, Friday 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM and again 4 to 6 PM, and closed Sunday.

## Make this program yours

All four days are below. Filter the schedule by what you are looking for, or use the bar up top to jump straight to a day. The room and the time are on every single event.

### SAFETY & ANONYMITY

## Keeping the room safe

### SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

**Tradition Five:** Each group has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Anyone seeking help with a drinking problem is welcome here. No A.A. entity decides who is or isn't a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is the conscience of this conference that if any person endangers another or

disrupts our efforts to carry A.A.'s message, the group may ask that person to leave.

We work hard to protect the anonymity of everyone here. But anonymity is not a cloak for unsafe or illegal behavior. Addressing such behavior, and contacting the proper authorities when appropriate, does not go against any A.A. Tradition. It is how we keep everyone safe.

**Tradition One, short form:** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity. We want a room where alcoholics can focus on getting and staying sober.

#### THE PROGRAM

## Four days, start to finish

Everything happening across the conference. Filter by track, or jump straight to a day.

JUMP TO

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

FILTER BY TRACK

● EVERYTHING

● MAIN

● PANELS

● WELLNESS

● SOCIAL

● BIDS

## Thursday

JULY 2

DAY ONE

3:00 PM

## Registration Opens

⦿ Rockrimmon 1+2

4:00 PM

## Step 1 Panel

5:00

⦿ Salon A+B

5:00 PM

## Steps 2 & 3 Panel

6:00

⦿ Salon A+B

6:30 PM

## HYPE

7:00

⦿ Main Ballroom

7:00 PM

## Main Meeting

10:00

⦿ Main Ballroom

Kai B. · Baleigh M.

10:00 PM

## Open Mic & Comedy Night

12:00

⦿ Main Ballroom

10:00 PM

## Games

late

⦿ Eagles Nest

# Friday

JULY 3

DAY TWO

7:00 AM

## Guided Meditation

8:00

⦿ Courtyard Lawn

Host Nick S · weather permitting

7:30 AM

## Queer Panel

8:30

◎ Salon A+B

9:00 AM

### Traditions Panel

10:00

◎ Salon A+B

9:00 AM

### Yoga on the Lawn

10:00

◎ Courtyard Lawn

Kaylee S.

11:00 AM

### Steps 8 & 9 Panel

12:00

◎ Salon A+B

1:00 PM

### Photo Booth

◎ Hallway, outside Main Ballroom

with Josh

1:00 PM

### Never Had a Legal Drink

2:00

◎ Salon A+B

1:00 PM

### Speed Fellowship

3:00

◎ Aspen Leaf

Hosts Lauren & Zach

1:00 PM

### SWACYPAA Jeopardy

2:30

◎ Eagles Nest

Host Bryson F.

2:30 PM

### Sex & Love in Sobriety

3:30

◎ Salon A+B

4:00 PM

### Steps 10 & 11 Panel

5:00

◎ Salon A+B

4:00 PM  
6:00

### Bid Cities Q&A

⦿ Aspen Leaf

4:00 PM  
5:00

### Sound Bath

⦿ Eagles Nest

with Calista

6:30 PM  
7:00

### HYPE

⦿ Main Ballroom

7:00 PM  
10:00

### Main Meeting

⦿ Main Ballroom

Herman T. · Kristen H.

10:30 PM  
12:00

### Bingo with a Twist

⦿ Aspen Leaf

10:30 PM  
12:00

### Bid Cities Round Robin

⦿ Salon A+B

10:00 PM  
late

### Games

⦿ Eagles Nest

## Saturday

JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

7:00 AM  
8:00

### Guided Meditation

⦿ Courtyard Lawn

weather permitting

8:00 AM  
11:00

## Bid Skits

● Main Ballroom

9:00 AM  
11:00

## 4th & 5th Step Workshop

● Salon A+B

Host Martha M

11:30 AM  
12:30

## Steps 6 & 7 Panel

● Salon A+B

1:00 PM  
3:00

## 4th of July Pool Party

● Pool · Courtyard · Aspen Leaf

2:30 PM  
3:00

## Hot Dog Eating Contest

● Courtyard

3:30 PM  
4:30

## Relapsing in Sobriety

● Salon A+B

4:00 PM  
5:00

## Great Love/Great Suffering Story Circle

● Eagles Nest

Host Nik W.

5:00 PM  
6:00

## Step 12 Panel

● Salon A+B

6:30 PM  
7:00

## HYPE

● Main Ballroom

7:00 PM  
10:00

## Main Meeting

● Main Ballroom

Josh H. · Tomas M.

10:00 PM  
12:00

### Bid Cities

© Salon A+B

11:00 PM  
1:00

### Masquerade Ball

© Aspen Leaf

BRING YOUR MASK

## Sunday

JULY 5

CLOSING

7:00 AM  
10:00

### Decompression Session

© Main Ballroom

in place of the main meeting

10:00 AM

### Conference Clean-Up & Move-Out

© Whole venue

TIME APPROXIMATE

OPEN ALL NIGHT

## Around the clock

A few rooms stay open through the night. If it's 3 a.m. and you need a meeting, a coffee, or a card game, here's where to go.

Every

**hour**

## Marathon Meetings

A meeting on the hour in Salon C, running through the night from Thursday to Sunday. The only pause is during the nightly main meeting, when the whole conference is in one room together.

Ⓞ Salon C

Room

## 719

## Hospitality

Coffee, snacks, company, and somewhere soft to land between everything else. Open all conference long, pausing only for the nightly main meeting.

Ⓞ Hospitality Suite · Room 719

Nightly

## late

## Games

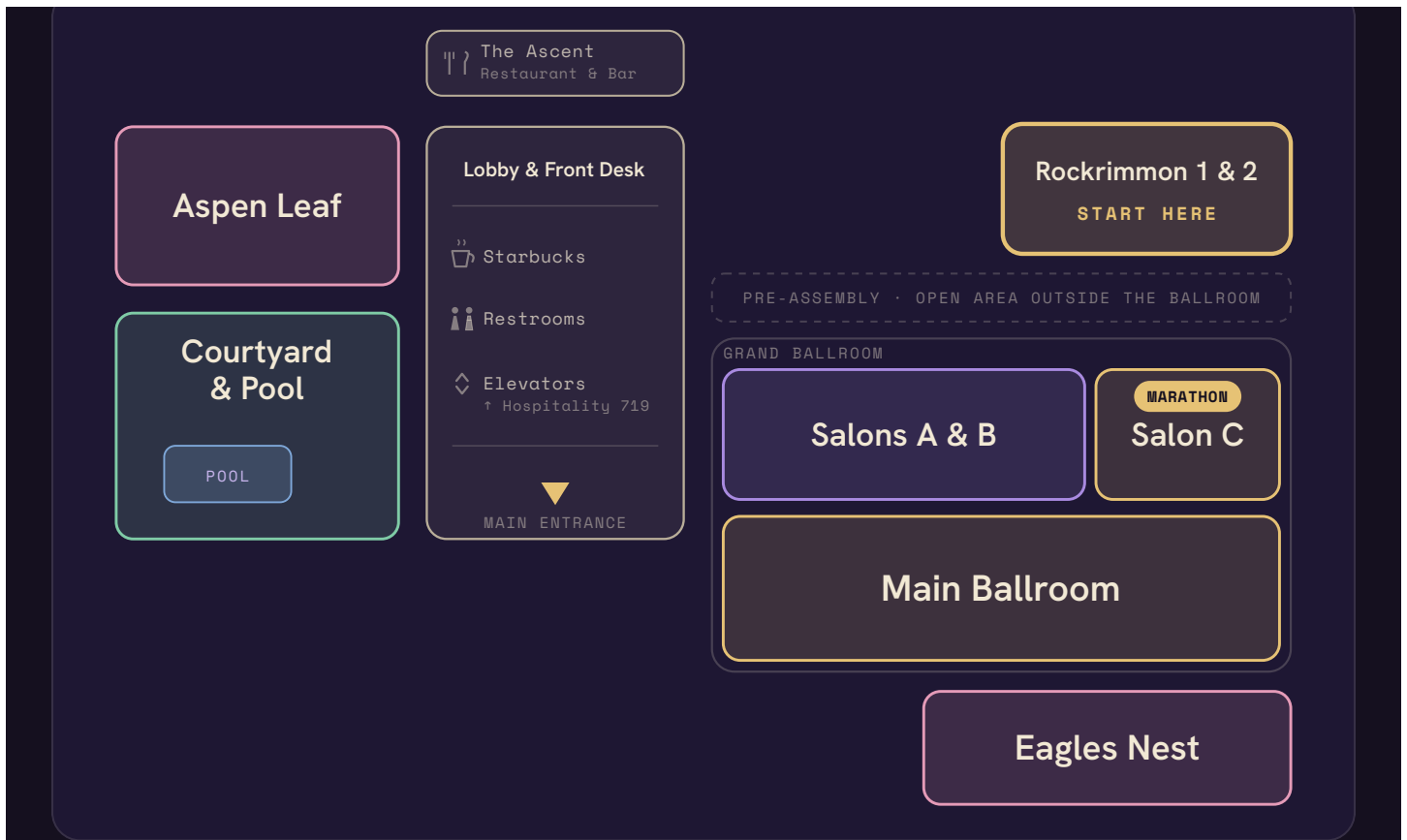
Running late into every night for anyone not ready to call it. Bring your competitive streak.

Ⓞ Eagles Nest

GETTING AROUND

## Where to find everything

A map of the whole hotel and exactly where each part of the conference happens, colored to match the schedule tracks. When in doubt, ask anyone with a badge.



● Registration ● Meetings & main events ● Panels ● Wellness ● Social

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SEE THE ACTUAL HOTEL FLOOR PLAN

● **Rockrimmon 1 & 2**

Registration and badges. Start here when you arrive. Hours are in the Good to Know section. Shown as Rockrimmon 1+2 in the schedule.

● **Main Ballroom**

HYPE, the nightly main meetings, comedy night, and the big bid events. This is the Rocky Mountain Grand Ballroom on the hotel plan.

● **Salons A & B**

Every panel and workshop all weekend, plus the late bid round robin. Shown as Salon A+B

in the schedule.

### ● **Salon C** ALL NIGHT

Marathon meetings on the hour, through the night. Pauses only for the nightly main meeting.

### ● **Aspen Leaf**

Speed fellowship, Friday drag show bingo, and the Saturday Masquerade Ball.

### ● **Courtyard & Pool**

Morning meditation and yoga, the 4th of July pool party, and the hot dog contest. Shown as Courtyard or Courtyard Lawn in the schedule.

### ● **Eagles Nest**

Games running late every night, the afternoon sound baths, and Friday Jeopardy.

### ● **Hospitality Suite** ROOM 719

Coffee, company, and a place to land. On the guest floors, take the elevators up. Open all conference, pausing only for the nightly main meeting.

## THE REGION

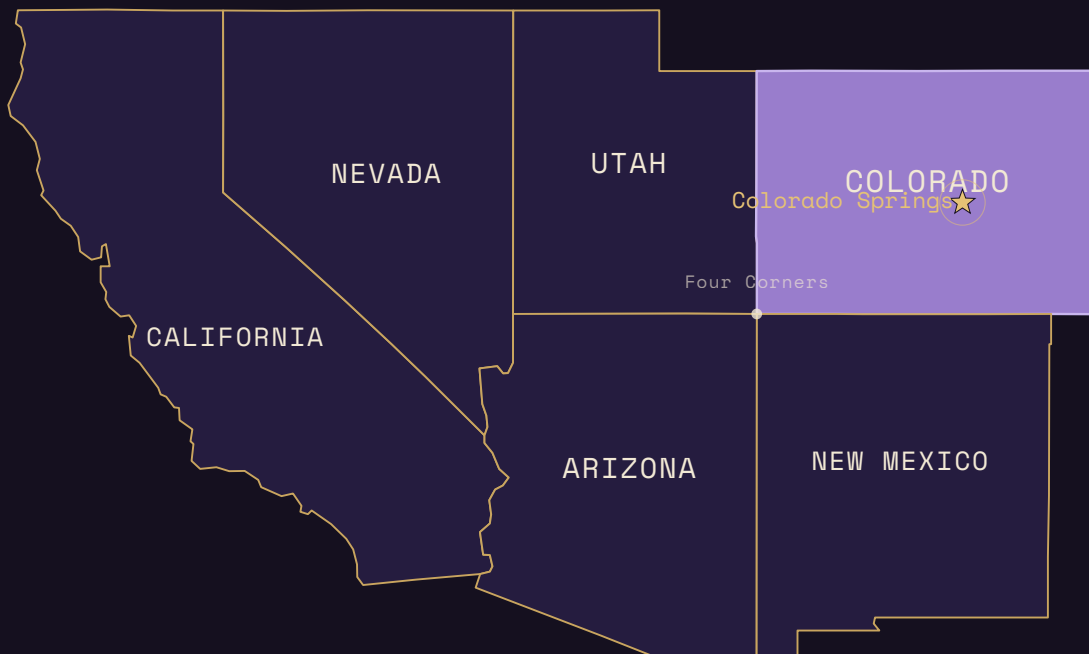
# How we got here

SWACYCAA exists because a handful of young people kept driving across state lines to other conferences and wishing they could bring that feeling home. Between 2006 and 2010 there was almost nowhere in the Southwest within a day's drive to do that.

The Four Corners Summit started in 2010 to fill part of the gap, a small

annual campout for young people in recovery. It stayed small on purpose, and so the idea grew for something larger. In 2013, with the blessing of the WACYCAA Advisory Council, young people from Utah, Colorado, Arizona and Nevada met at WACYCAA in Tucson and formed a council to make it real.

It's been an annual gathering ever since, built so smaller cities with growing communities can experience attending, bidding, and one day hosting a conference of their own.



Six states, one fellowship. SWACYCAA moves around the Southwestern region, and this year it lands in Colorado Springs.

### **What's all the bidding about?**

Some of the cities here are competing to host a future SWACYCAA. That's what the bid Q&As, round robins, and skits are for. If a city wins the bid, they carry the whole thing next year. Newcomers are welcome to watch it unfold.

# *Great Suffering & Great Love*

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*Who you see here, what you hear here, when you leave  
here, let it stay here.*