

2026 Summer Convention Agenda

Wednesday June 17, 2026

State casual attire expected

3:00 – 5:00 WSEA Executive Board Closed Meeting **Bronze**

- Executive Board, State Sponsor PGER, Advisor, visiting GER & PGER's

Thursday June 18, 2026

Please wear State Uniform shirt/tie/jacket for sessions. Business Casual for others.

7:30 – 5:00 WSEA Registration – **Olympic Foyer**

8:00 – 10:30 WSEA, WECT, & WETP Corporation Board Open meetings **Bronze**

- Regular corporation meetings of the 3 entities, WSEA, WECT, WETP – general financial positions of each, Secretary & manager reports, committee reports, upcoming items of note, etc.
 - Report from WECT Fundraising Committee – Jill Anderson & Mike Dahl
 - Report from WECT Grants – Lana Davick & Ben Braden

9:30 – 11:30 *Handgun Trophy Shoot **Off-Site**

- Only for those Officers & Committee members w/no other commitments
- Shooters may participate in either morning or afternoon sessions, not both. Executive Committee can only participate after the 3:00p meetings conclude.

10:30 – 11:30 Therapy Action Committee meeting..... **Bronze**

- Incoming Committee Chair John Fry & Outgoing Committee Chair Lee Frankie.

- Run through new manual and appendixes to ensure everyone is on the same page with the expectations of the executive board on the focus and duties of the Therapy Action Committee.
- Finish with the Therapy Action Committee chair talking specifics about upcoming Golf, Bowling, Dinners, and other fundraising that requires Therapy Action Committee oversight, help, motivation and guidance.
- **All Therapy Action Committee members are expected to attend.**

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch **On Your Own**

12:30 – 1:00 Financial Trustee Meeting - Chair Richard Seeder **Bronze**

- General Financial Trustee Meeting incorporating any budget adjustments

12:30 – 3:00 Secretary Training - Gary Washburn, ASEA **TBD**

- Developed by incoming State Sponsor Mike Luhr to benefit secretaries of every level of knowledge.

1:00 – 2:00 State Committee Chair Meeting – WSEA Executive Board..... **Bronze**

- Meet with the state committee chairs to share the Program Guide with an overview discussion, the general expectations of the committees Liaison and the Liaison committee – Quarterly reports, newsletter articles, vouchers, recording expenditures, etc.
- Break out into groups by Liaison and go over particular items to that connection.
- **All 2026-2027 committee chairs expected to attend**

1:30 – 4:30 *Handgun Trophy Shoot **Off-Site**

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2:00 – 3:00 Convention Presenter Training – Officer Training Chair Jim Henry	Bronze
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Elks doing presentations at Summer Convention to attend this meeting covering meeting room mechanics, expectation of speakers and getting feedback to improve. • Discuss general presentation techniques to increase likelihood topics are retained and calls to action. Ideas on how to keep attendees engaged and how you as a speaker can more effectively pay attention to your audience. 	
3:00 – 4:00 Membership +1 Reception – by invitation	Olympic
4:30 – 11:00 Hospitality rooms open	Courtyard
5:30 -10:55 Entertainment provided by Davey Barber	Courtyard
6:00 -9:00 Past State Presidents Reception	Harvest Room
11:00 Eleven O'clock Toast –	Courtyard

Important note: Exalted Rulers, to assist your Lodge, make plans ahead of the Friday training sessions, assign each person a specific session to attend so that your lodge gets all the important information.

Friday June 19, 2026

Red Shirt Friday in Honor of our Deployed Service Men and Women,

Shirts and Ties for Sessions, Installation of Officers and Dinner. Casual After in Courtyard

7:30 – 5:00 WSEA Registration open

Olympic Foyer

8:00 – 9:00 District Caucuses – (See below for rooms)

North - Bin 20

South - Spruce

East - Pine/Oak

West – Project (Workshop 1)

Central – Design (Workshop 2)

9:10 – 10:40 Membership, Events, Charitable Reporting & Marketing

Bronze/Silver

Membership - Wendy Cook, Lodge Activities – Tasha McMullin,

Government Relations - Julie Seeder, Marketing – Greg Heimgartner

- Do a hands-on walkthrough on creating the events, building the engagement and then finding the information needed to create letters and marketing that encourages new members to join, reinforces current members about their dues expense and convinces unpaid members to renew while enlightening your community. A collaboration between membership, lodge activities, government relations & marketing committees. All Exalted Rulers, Knights, Trustees & House committee members are expected to attend.

10:50 – 11:30 Profit & Loss 201 – Business Practices Ernie Bodoh

Spruce

- The next in a series of courses to help you keep your lodge solvent. You learned about budget development at Winter Convention and the basics of evaluating lodge Bar, Kitchen & Gambling performance at spring officer training. This course advances those concepts and adds evaluation of your Financial Reporting System report and how to identify issues with examples and develop corrective actions to bring actuals in line with the budget.

10:50 – 11:30 Past Exalted Ruler Collaboration session – Vice President’s

Design

- Learn techniques for Exalted Rulers to transition from being the lodge CEO/President to valued advisor and support person. Cover opportunities available to help WSEA if you are interested in next steps.

- 10:50 – 11:30 Ritual – Carrie Massey **Oak/Pine**
- Demonstrate and discuss the importance of PRACTICE & performing the ritual well for lodge membership retention and increasing meeting attendance, no matter if lodge is reading or reciting from memory. Share impressionable ideas like scrolls – where to get them made and how much they cost
- 11:00 – 1:00 Spouses Lunch (Ticketed Event, Registration Required) **Bin 20**
- A lunch event intended for Non-Members and Members whose spouse or significant other is an Officer. Visiting Dignitaries and out of state Elks are welcome to join their spouses on this outing. Members and their spouses who are not officers or committee chairs can attend.
- 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch **On Your Own**
- 11:30 – 1:00 Private Past State Presidents Luncheon **Project**
- 1:00 – 2:00 Safety & Lodge Development - Accident Prevention Mike Campbell..... **Design**
- Our lodges are our homes, and our members are our family. Ensuring the safety of both is essential. Come learn how regular inspections provide opportunities to learn about your building needs, create future planning, and enhance your stewardship of the lodge ensuring maintained and well-founded lodges for future generations.
- 1:00 – 2:00 Cyber-Assistants and the Virtual Home Page – Online Presence Arnold Ross **Bronze/Silver**
- Focus on a hands-on presentation on how to do things and who can do them – encourage CLMS Cyber-Assistants to attend and bring your laptop with hotspot to get the most out of this session. Time will be spent on the Online Presence Contest scoring and who will be moved forward into the Grand Lodge Website contest.
- 1:00 – 2:00 All American Lodge Contest – Lodge Activities Tasha McMullin **Pine/Oak**
- This session builds on the All-American Lodge assignment from spring officer training. We will actively work on each lodge putting information into the sheet and go through what activities lead to points and where they can go on the form. We will cover dates of events and activities available (e.g. Ritual) to help your community Discover the Elks and to drive each lodge to higher levels of performance. We will have a discussion sharing easy things a lodge can do to increase lodge engagement & pride, while increasing points for the contest.
- 2:10 – 3:10 Therapy Program 101 – Therapy Action Committee **Bronze/Silver**
- Down to the Basics seminar about our impressive and expansive State Major Project. Every wonder how many therapists help how many families each year? Curious about the program’s budget, where its funding comes from and what it takes to be a therapist in the program? Want the ability to explain the program to your fellow members and friends? This is the seminar for you! Put on by the support and promotional committee of Therapy Program for Children so you hear firsthand from those who know the most and are the most excited about the program.
- 3:20 - 4:00 Grand Lodge Convention Information – Joe Basil & Benjamin Braden..... **Bronze/Silver**
- 4:30 – 11:00 Hospitality rooms open **Courtyard**
- 4:30 – 5:00 Installation of Officers **Bronze/Silver**
- 5:00 – 5:30 Cocktails & Table Seating (**Dinner Ticket Required**) **Olympic/Gold**
- 5:30 – 5:45 Presidents Farewell Speech (**Dinner Ticket Required**) **Olympic/Gold**
- 5:45/6:00 – 6:30 Dinner served (**Dinner Ticket Required**) **Olympic/Gold**
- **State uniform shirt/tie/jacket, Business Attire, or better, expected at the dinner and awards**

6:30 – 9:00 1st Place and State Awards Presentation w/ Bonus Celebration (open) **Olympic/Gold**
 9:00 -10:55 Courtyard Music Entertainment provided by Davey Barber**Courtyard**
 11:00 Eleven O'clock Toast – WSEA Baby Past State President**Courtyard**

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Please wear State Uniform shirt/tie/jacket for sessions. Business Casual for others.

7:30 – 12:00 WSEA Registration**Olympic Foyer**

8:00 – 10:00 Business Session Members only **Bronze/Silver**
 (Introduction of dignitaries, Roll call of lodges, Introduction of DD Teams, Voting for new Budget, etc.)

10:00 – 10:40 Open Meeting Veterans – Elizabeth Johnston..... **Bronze/Silver**

- All Registered Members and Guests to attend
- Learn more about the amazing things Washington Elks have done and are doing for Veterans with a focus on excited recognition of what lodges have done for Veteran’s around the state and how the Charitable Trust Grants helped do more for Veteran’s this past year

10:40 – 11:30 Open Meeting Therapy Program – John Fry & Lee Frankie **Bronze/Silver**

- All Registered Members & Guests to attend
- Enjoy all new promotional material pertaining to the Therapy Program with a focus on exciting recognition of what Lodges have done to support the program, golf, bowling, dinners, etc.

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch **On your Own**

11:40 – 12:45 Polly Garland Luncheon Ticket Required **Olympic/Gold**

1:00 – 1:30 Memorial Service - PSP’s **Bronze/Silver**

- All Registered Members and Guests are welcome to attend

1:45 – 4:00 Open Session – All Registered Members and Guests **Bronze/Silver**

- Promotional about our Charitable trust, it’s online fundraising efforts over the past year and what amazing things were done.
- Information about our State Celebration event to be held after the quarterly business meeting in Oak Harbor this coming October.
- The influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever. John Kristofzski is living that ideal on ridgelines in the west – learn about this amazing awareness and fundraising activity.
- Discover Elks promotional presented by founding Discover Elks Group member’s Past State President of Oregon, Blake Whitson and Past State President of Idaho, Sera White. Learn about the Cars Tour West and opportunities for Elks Nights at the track and within your lodge.
- Hear directly and personally from our Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt and how we each should be the difference that makes the Elks shine brightly.
- In our unique Washington State Elks style 3 different Past Grand Exalted Rulers will close out our convention – Roger True, Mike Luhr & Keith Mills.

4:00 – 11:00 **Hospitality rooms open****Courtyard**

5:30 -10:55 Courtyard Music Entertainment.....**Courtyard**

6:00 - 7:00 Barbecue Dinner **(Ticket Required)** **Olympic/Gold**

11:00 Eleven O'clock Toast - ER of the Year**Courtyard**