



### **Thursday, February 5, 2026**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Thursday Night Arrivals/ Pre-Symposium Session Registration Check-in at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly – *Blue Ridge Center Lobby*

6:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own in Nearby Black Mountain, Old Fort or Asheville, NC

Evening Free Time

### **Friday, February 6, 2026**

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Thursday Night Guests

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Pre-Symposium Session Registration Check-in at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly  
*Blue Ridge Center Lobby*

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pre-Symposium Session “Character Education and Outdoor Education” facilitated by Pete Allison, Penn State University – *Blue Ridge Robertson Room I*

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Symposium/Lodging Registration Check-in at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly –  
*Blue Ridge Center Lobby*

2:00 Welcome and Connections – *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*

2:40 Opening Session – *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*  
Welcome  
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Symposium Overview

3:00 Keynote Address: “Toward a Pedagogy of Rewilding: A neo-Aristotelian Interpretation of Outdoor Education” by Jamie Brunson - *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*

4:00 Research Presentation Session I - *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*

5:40 Poster Presenters Two-Minute Introduction - *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*

6:00 Dinner – *Blue Ridge Center Robertson Room*

7:00 Poster Session and Evening Social – *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*  
*The Friday Night Social will include desert, beer, wine and soda. Sponsored by:*

### **Saturday, February 7, 2026**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast – *Blue Ridge Center Robertson Room*

- 8:45 Research Presentation Session II – *Blue Ridge Center Region Room*
- 10:30 Refreshment Break – *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*
- 10:45 Research Presentation Session III – *Blue Ridge Center Region Room*
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Free Time – *Blue Ridge Center Robertson Room 2*  
*CEO Research Committee – meet in the Robertson Room-1*
- 1:55 Research Presentation Session IV– *Blue Ridge Center Region Room*
- 3:45 Group Photo – *Outside Blue Ridge Center*
- 4:00 Refreshment Break – *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*
- 4:15 Research Presentation Session V– *Blue Ridge Center Region Room*
- 6:00 Dinner – *Blue Ridge Center Robertson Room*
- 7:00 Symposium Wrap Up, Scholarship and Next Steps - *Blue Ridge Center Y Alumni Room*  
*Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership (JOREL) CEO Special Issue*
- 8:00 Evening Social – *Blue Ridge Center Lobby and Outdoor Campfires in Front of the Center*  
*The Saturday Night Social will include live music, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soda.*  
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**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – *Blue Ridge Center Lobby*

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