

2025 Conference Offsites

NEW for 2025! Some of the Offsites will be longer and include a fee for lunch. As always, space is limited on these Offsites, so please sign up early. You must be registered for that day of the conference (or the full conference) in addition to the offsite fee.

10/14 Community Center Offsite 8:00AM – 1:00PM

Come prepared to move and learn. We will be visiting

- VO Dobbins Community Center in Kingsport
- Memorial Park Community Center in Johnson City
- Tetrick Community Center in Elizabethton

We will learn on the buses between locations as well as onsite. Lunch will be provided. Fee \$20

V.O. Dobbins, Sr. Complex is a multi-purpose facility adjacent to a neighborhood park. The facility was originally Douglass High School and the school mascot was a tiger.

Park Amenities:

- Two climate controlled, high school regulation size gymnasiums with hardwood floors. Each gym is suitable for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball.
- Rental Features: meeting spaces, a small kitchen/meeting area, lease space, game tables, a climbing wall, a computer room, public art pieces, community gardens and an outdoor courtyard are also available at the facility. An outdoor asphalt basketball court is also available in the adjacent Riverview Park.
- Adjacent lighted greenspace, 2 lighted tennis courts and 2 picnic shelters are available for rental.
- Water Fountains
- Public Art: V.O. Dobbins, Sr. Complex features several art pieces and murals in partnership with Kingsport Cultural Arts
- Children's playgrounds, a splash pad and a community garden are also located near the facility at the adjacent Riverview Park.
- Community Non-profit Office Space

Memorial Park Community Center Constructed in 2012, the \$15 million, 67,000-square-foot Memorial Park Community Center (MPCC) features a blend of indoor and outdoor activities for multi-generational use. The center is equipped with a 25-yard, six-lane lap pool, therapy pool, and teaching pool, featuring daily lap swim, open swim and a wide variety of water-based classes. The gymnasium is equipped with two full basketball courts that allow for open gym time each day along with other activities. Exercise areas, activity rooms, educational and performing arts classes, and a media center are just few of the components that make this center a great place for all ages.

The Senior Services entrance, which is accessible via a large set of double doors leading from a pick-up/drop-off area, features an information/welcome center surrounded by two, floor-to-ceiling gas log fireplaces, sitting area, coffee machine, and posted information about available senior and recreation classes. Outdoor features include healing gardens, tennis courts, an amphitheater, and a plaza honoring veterans with the famous Doughboy monument, as well as concrete walkways and other amenities.

The Tetrick Community Center, formerly the Franklin Fitness Center. The Center offers an indoor walking track that is free and open to the public as well as the Pine Room, a large open event space, that is available for private rentals.

10/15 Skate Park & Pump Track Offsite 12:15 – 5:00PM

Come prepared to be outside and active as we will be out and about visiting and learning about

- Scott Adams Memorial Skate Park in Kingsport
- Tannery Knobs Mountain Bike Park in Johnson City
- Johnson City Skate Park in Johnson City
- Rooster Front Park in Bristol

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Scott Adams Memorial Skatepark is an approximately 10,000 sq ft concrete park. Helmets, elbow/knee/wrist pads and other safety equipment are strongly encouraged. Children should be accompanied by an adult. The facility is unsupervised and users assume their own risk. Admission is free. The park is open to bikers and skateboarders. Playground equipment and shelters are nearby.

Park Amenities include:

- Stamped concrete access areas
- Two bowls (backyard bowl and flow bowl)
- A four-stair set with up-down rails
- Two quarter pipes
- An up-down hubba ledge
- A five-stair with a down rail and a pyramid
- Adjacent parking
- Restrooms and/or port-o-lets
- A water fountain
- Bike rack
- Picnic tables

Rules and Regulations: No food or drink inside the skating area. Stickers, tags and graffiti paint are not allowed on the park equipment/spaces. Personal equipment (i.e. ramps, rails, etc.) is not allowed. Animals (other than service animals) are not allowed inside the skating area. No foul language and/or disruptive behavior is allowed.

One of the premier mountain biking destinations in the region, Tannery Knobs offers an exhilarating outdoor experience for riders of all skill levels. Boasting over 40 acres of diverse terrain, this park is a haven for mountain biking enthusiasts seeking an adrenaline-fueled adventure.

Tanner Knobs Mountain Bike Park is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Johnson City, and provides the perfect escape for both locals and visitors alike. Situated within close proximity to the heart of the city, riders can easily access the park's trails and pump-track, making it an ideal destination for those seeking an outdoor retreat without venturing too far from urban conveniences. Whether you're a seasoned rider looking for a thrilling challenge or a beginner wanting to learn the ropes, this is the ultimate playground for mountain biking enthusiasts, offering a perfect blend of nature and accessibility.

Johnson City Skate Park Tucked into the landscape, this park feels like it was always meant to be here. It's surrounded by trees, trails, and urban hum—but just distant enough to feel like a little world of its own. You're close to downtown, but when you're in the park, you're not thinking about deadlines or traffic—you're thinking about landing that switch backside flip off the ledge you've stared at all week.

The sky opens wide above you, especially at golden hour. Whether you're hitting a trick or just lying on the concrete after a slam, it's a view that centers you.

Rooster Front Park in Bristol is 3.6 acres in size and is a very popular park year round. This park is built on land that is believed to have been the home of Colonel James King's first Iron Works (Circa 1784). This area later became the City's wastewater plant. The section known as Rooster Front Park was filled and leveled by longtime Public Works Superintendent, Charlie Robinette who believed this area should be a public park.

Activities in this park include a

- temporary skate park
 - 71 by 74-foot basketball court
 - 18 by 24-foot shelter with a 15-foot aluminum picnic table and a 15-foot handicapped accessible aluminum picnic table. This shelter also has water, power and lights
 - Trails that feature 360 linear feet of asphalt paved trail and 550 linear feet of gravel trail. These trails are the lead-ins for the hiking trails on this side of Steele Creek Park
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10/16 Nature Center Offsite 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Come prepared to be outside and active as we will be out and about visiting and learning about

- Bays Mountain Park in Kingsport
- Steele Creek Park Nature Center in Bristol

We will learn on the buses between locations as well as onsite. Lunch will be provided.
Fee \$20

Bays Mountain Park features a picturesque 44 acre lake, a Nature Center with a state-of-the-art Planetarium Theater and Animal Habitats featuring wolves, bobcats, raptors and reptiles.

Steele Creek Park Nature Center is a 2 story, 8,000 square foot educational facility which showcases the natural history and beauty of the Southern Appalachians! Inside you will find live animals and educational displays about the natural world inside Steele Creek Park.

Activities

- guided hikes and educational public programs year-round.
 - specialized programming to non-profit groups (schools, churches, scouts, home-school co-ops, etc.) free of charge! We can create or enhance almost any science curriculum for your group!
 - around the Center is also a wildflower garden and bird viewing area.
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10/17 Hands On Trail Building Offsite 9:00 AM – Noon

Come prepared to get your hands dirty while outside and active as we will be out participating in a trail build as we learn at Keefauver Farm Park. We will learn on the buses between locations as well as onsite. Fee included in registration.

The historic, pastoral 55-acre Keefauver farm was obtained by the city for use as a new recreation area with a number of possible uses. Johnson City has begun the process of developing a master plan and trails here.

10/17 Bristol Motor Speedway Offsite 9:00 AM – Noon

Do you have a need for speed? Learn about the Bristol Motor Speedway from their economic impact on the community to all the charities and activities they support. We will learn on the buses between locations as well as onsite. Fee included in registration.

Bristol Motor Speedway is a 0.533-mile oval short track. The track has held a variety of events since its opening in 1961, including NASCAR races, NCAA FBS college football

games, sprint car races, and this summer the MLB Speedway Classic. The speedway has a capacity of 146,000 as of 2021.
