



**The Northwest Avalanche Center
Call for Breakout Session Proposals
Northwest Snow & Avalanche Workshop (NSAW)**



Join the Northwest Avalanche Center in the 20th annual Northwest Snow and Avalanche Workshop (NSAW). NSAW is the region's largest gathering of snow and avalanche professionals and backcountry recreationists who work and travel in avalanche terrain.

When and Where

Venue: Cascadia College, Bothell, WA

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Event Format

NSAW will feature a blend of large group presentations and smaller group breakout sessions. Attendees (~450) will start and end the day together in the main hall. For the middle part of the day, participants will choose from a series of breakout sessions that best match their interests and experience level. Breakout sessions are 45 minutes long. Speakers will give the same presentation 4 times in a row to different audiences, with a lunch break between sessions 2 and 3.

Details

NWAC welcomes proposals for breakout sessions in the following categories: skills and tools for backcountry travelers, local/regional topics, citizen science opportunities, and research presentations. Speakers are encouraged to make these small groups (20-50 participants) as interactive as possible to engage attendees.

- Talks can be geared towards beginner, novice, or expert users
- Speakers should have extensive first-hand experience with their chosen topic
- Speakers should note that NSAW attendees include skiers, splitboarders, winter climbers, snowshoers, and snowmobilers. If your proposal is geared towards a particular user group, please note that in your submission.
- Speakers should be able to convey ideas with clarity and concision - breakout sessions are 45 minutes in length, including presentation content and questions

[Reference last year's breakout presentations here.](#)

Please submit your breakout session proposal by [filling out this Google Form](#).

Submission deadline: June 14, 2026

For additional information, please email devon@nwac.us

Selected speakers will receive a speaker stipend and travel reimbursement.