



WVEC Annual Meeting 2024

Tygart Lake State Park | September 13-15, 2024

Celebrating 35 Years of Success, 1989-2024!!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Arrive and check-in, have dinner on your own at The Lodge Restaurant, open until 8 pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Enjoy breakfast on your own at The Lodge Restaurant, open at 8 am, before exploring Tygart Lake State Park. Learn about the park at wvstateparks.com/park/tygart-lake-state-park or download a trail map at <https://wvstateparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/TygartLakeStateParkMap.pdf>

- 9:30 am** **Registration.** Light continental breakfast available in meeting room
- 10:00 am** **Introductions/Meeting Kick-off**
Welcome and WVEC Overview: WVEC Board President Sandra Fallon
Today's Goals, Announcements, Agenda: WVEC Vice-President Quenton King
- 10:15 am** **Partner Updates and New Partner Introductions | *We All Live On a Dot***
- 11:00 am** **Protecting Our Public Lands |** Mike Jones, West Virginians for Public Lands
Luanne McGovern, West Virginia Highlands Conservancy
- 11:30 am** **Advancing Environmental Justice through the Law, Permit Fights, and more.**
Andrew Earley, West Virginia Staff Attorney, Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services
- 11:50 am** ***What is an Environmentalist?***
- 12:10 pm** **Community Solar |** Leah Turgeon and Cory Chase, Solar United Neighbors
- 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm** **Community Air Monitoring Projects and Policy in West Virginia**
Morgan King, EMPOWER WV (Citizen Action Group-affiliated)
- 1:50 pm** **Public Service Commission Lawsuit and Other Important Things**
Jim Kotcon, WV Chapter of the Sierra Club
- 2:20 pm** **Blackwater Falls and Corridor H updates |** Judy Rodd, Friends of Blackwater
- 2:40 pm** **Lessons from Climate and Environment Polling in West Virginia**
David Lillard, Conservation West Virginia
- 3:00 pm** **Water Quality Standards |** Than Hitt, West Virginia Rivers Coalition
- 3:15 pm** **Break for snacks and drinks**
- 3:30 pm-5:00pm** **Overview & Selection of WVEC's 2025 Legislative Priorities and Advocacy Strategies Moving Forward**
Lucia Valentine, Quenton King, WV Environmental Council
- 5:30 pm-6:15pm** **Guided Hike and Naturalist Lecture**
Hike & learn about local flora, fauna & the Tygart Lake Dam with Jacob Jackson
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner*** and an evening of film, music and a **campfire at ~9:00 pm!**
- ~7:30-9:00 pm** Film Screening: "Running for the Mountains," a new award-winning feature documentary that digs into West Virginia's history of "patriotic sacrifice," unearthing veins of dark money and dirty politics. By filmmakers Julie Eisenberg and Babette Hogan. *Screening Location To Be Announced.* Thanks to Board Member Greg Carroll for making this screening possible!

Film Trailer and Website: <https://www.runningforthemountains.com/>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

At 8:30 am, enjoy breakfast* followed by the **WVEC Board of Directors meeting at 10 am**, we'll adjourn at Noon! The BOD meeting is open to folks who are interested and still around.

*Meals can be purchased when you register.