



2026 Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

1:00pm - 7:00pm

Committee Members and Attendees Arrive / Early Registration

Stop first at the Ranch House to sign the ranch waiver and pick-up your cabin key. A map showing your cabin location will be available with your key.

CAOS program committee members and scholarship winners will be available around the ranch to help welcome attendees as they arrive to provide conference information.

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Dinner at Ranch House

Enjoy delicious home cooking throughout the conference. Meals, unless noted otherwise located in the Ranch House. You will not leave this conference hungry that is for sure.

8:00pm

Bowling and Social

Break the ice by joining us for some casual bowling at a local bowling alley. Attendees will be shuttled from the Ranch to bowling.

After bowling, stop by the Trading Post, a saloon, located in the heart of the Woodside Ranch will be open with a variety of beverage options, a game room, and late-night food options available including Wisconsin Cheese Curds.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:30am - 8:30am

Breakfast at Ranch House

9:00am - 12:00pm

Pre-Conference Activities

***Pre-Registration required via Travel Form / activities subject to change**

Elusive Escape Room

Don't want to leave the Ranch? Take part in fishing, canoeing, or enjoy the Wisconsin summer poolside at the Woodside Ranch.

8:00am - 11:00pm

Registration

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12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch at Ranch House

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1:45pm – 2:00pm

#CAOS26 Conference Welcome and Introduction

Everyone will meet as a group in the theater as an official welcome to the conference. A great opportunity to learn where fellow attendees are from and backgrounds, ask questions about the Woodside Ranch, and a review of the schedule will cap off the welcome. Please come dressed in athletic gear and prepared to play everyone's favorite schoolyard pastime, kickball, following the welcome.

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Strong Foundations: Becoming a Leader and Building Your Career

Michael Kelly: President of the Naval Academy Athletic Association & Director of Athletics at the Naval Academy

Michael Kelly was named President of the Naval Academy Athletic Association and Director of Athletics at the Naval Academy in June of 2025. Kelly comes to the Naval Academy from the University of South Florida where he was the VP for Athletics. During his time there he doubled the Department's budget to \$100 million and secured more than \$100 million in philanthropic gifts, while also overseeing major facility projects, sport expansions, and USF being inaugurated into the "Best College Athletic Departments" list. Earlier in his career, Kelly worked for the CFP, ACC, Super Bowl Host Committee and Wake Forest.

Introduction: Matt Friel

Location: Theatre

4:15pm – 6:15pm

World Games Introduction: The Eco-Fit Kickball Tournament (5 points per win)

At the Woodside (Dells) Sports Complex, about a 20-minute ride from the ranch, CAOS conference attendees will be split into their World Games teams. The World Games chair will explain the rules of the games and the different ways to achieve points. World Games will be sure to bring out the competitive side of you while working on teamwork and communication, two imperative qualities within the Collegiate Athletic field. Team with the most overall scored runs after all games will receive an extra 5 points!

Meet outside the Ranch House for transportation to Sports Complex starting at 4:15pm. Transportation to Old Towne, following kickball will be at 6:30p

Organizer: Bryan Spraggins

Location: Woodside Sports Complex

6:30pm

Dinner at Old Towne

7:45pm

Social

Location: Trading Post

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

6:45am - 8:45am

Breakfast Ride

One of the most unique parts of the conference is enjoying an early morning horseback ride before sitting down to a hot breakfast served on an outdoor wood fired griddle. The ride starts promptly at 7:00am, conference attendees should be across the street (look both ways) at the stables by 6:45am to have enough time to select a horse to ride. In the event of rain delay, the ride will be moved to Saturday morning.

9:30am - 10:30am

Building through the Buzz: Managing Event Operations During the Memorial Stadium Renovation

Kortne Gosha: Senior Associate AD of Capital Planning – University of Nebraska

Kortne Gosha serves in a leadership role within University of Nebraska Athletics overseeing event operations and facility management for Memorial Stadium and other athletic venues. With extensive experience coordinating large-scale athletic events and operational logistics, Kortne has played a key role in navigating day-to-day operations throughout Nebraska's ongoing Memorial Stadium renovation project. His work includes managing event logistics during construction, coordinating stakeholder communication, enhancing the fan experience, and balancing operational needs during one of the largest capital projects in collegiate athletics.

Introduction: Alexis Sigler

Location: Theatre

10:45am – 12:15pm

Beyond the Court: Creating Facility Schematics for Optimal Experience and Safety at the Final Four

Marc Kline: Populus

Marc Kline the planning and execution of one of college basketball's most prestigious postseason events, managing facility schematics to optimize student athlete/guest experience, logistical flows, and stakeholder coordination at the Final Four Sites. With a career rooted in major event operations, he brings extensive experience in creating an experience around and off the court – where most members of the public can't see. This presentation will explain their overlays and facility schematics, as well as how they work with host facilities and security to ensure all event needs are met.

Introduction: Carl Reed

Location: Classroom

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch at Ranch House



1:45pm – 2:45pm

Implementing Effective Security: Best practices on hosting an international sporting event
Mark Camillo: Senior Advisor – Contemporary Services Corporation

Mr. Camillo is a well-known and respected subject matter expert in critical infrastructure protection and emergency preparedness, with consulting clients to include Contemporary Services Corporation.

With over two decades of experience as a Special Agent in the U.S. Secret Service, including leadership roles in White House security and as the Olympic Coordinator for the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics, Camillo brings unparalleled expertise to the field. His work has been instrumental in shaping national security protocols for major events, and he continues to influence best practices in venue safety and infrastructure protection.

Introduction: Bryan Spraggins

Organizer: Brooks Imhoff

Location: Theatre

3:00pm – 3:45pm

CEIA Presentation
TBD

CEIA will be presenting their newest technology: Opengate, while exploring line cuing, and effective entry procedures.

Introduction: Tyler Pasek

Location: Theatre

4:00pm – 4:30pm

World Games: Minute to Win It!
Location: TBD

4:45pm – 5:00pm

Sponsor Introductions and Thank You's
Location: Classroom

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Dinner at Ranch House

6:45pm – 7:45pm

World Games: Basketball Relay Race/Knockout
Organizer: Bryan Spraggins
Location: Barnasium

8:00pm

Social
Location: Trading Post

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7:30am - 8:30am

Breakfast at Ranch House

9:00am – 10:30am

Heat, Cold, and Everything In-Between: An Interactive Weather Operations Workshop
Tom Bedard: Meteorologist & Weather Decision Support Expert

Tom is a meteorologist and emergency manager for a large retailer in Bentonville, Arkansas. In his role, Tom manages an emergency operations center, supports live events, and provides weather support for national disaster response operations. He previously worked for AccuWeather for Business and the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center. Weather can be one of the most unpredictable and challenging factors in collegiate event operations. Even if the forecast is perfect, gametime decision-making is complex and stressful. This session's objective is to address and exercise the essential skills in interpreting weather.

Bring a fresh cup of coffee with you, because in this highly interactive session you will: Exercise your weather radar interpretation skills, test your knowledge of weather science and myths, and share your practices for managing unmanageable weather conditions, including extreme temperatures.

Introduction: Tyler Pasek

Location: Classroom

10:45am – 12:00pm

Call the Cops! – How to Build Relationships and Collaborate with Your Local/Institutional Law Enforcement for Event Planning and Execution

August Washington: Chief of Police (Retired) / Senior Advisor to the Chancellor of Administration (Current)– Vanderbilt University

John Thomas: Former Chief of Police – UCLA, Former Chief of Dept. of Public Safety – USC

Charles Prescott II: Chief of Police – Morehouse College

Lt. Harry Standberry: Police Department - UCLA

This panel of safety experts will talk through relationship building between public safety and institutions for successful and safe event planning, as well as emergency planning and handling free speech at an event.

Introduction: Jim Granger

Location: Theatre

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch at Ranch House

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Conference Picture

Be a part of CAOS History... Each year a picture is taken for the record books! Please be sure to wear your CAOS gear to the picture.

Organizer: Jim Granger

Location: Horse Corral

2:15pm – 3:15pm

How Would You Handle It: A Roundtable on Managing an Emergency Panelists from Call the Cops!

During this session, panelists from the previous public safety presentation will lead groups through an emergency at an event. This activity will focus on sharing ideas amongst your small group, talking through how you would handle it and sharing with the larger group before learning about the next phase of the emergency.

This interactive event will dive deep into emergency management, crisis communication and lean on event manager + public safety relationship points discussed earlier in the day.

Introduction: Jim Granger

Location: Classroom

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Inside Operations: A Strategic Roundtable on Event Planning and Facility Management

This session brings together event operations professionals for a strategic, small-group roundtable focused on real-world challenges in college athletics. Participants will dive into topics like visiting team coordination, student staffing, special event execution, facility turnover, and budgeting in the NIL era. Groups will be paired intentionally to encourage meaningful discussion, idea-sharing, and problem-solving across different types of institutions.

Introduction: Bryan Spraggins

Location: Classroom

5:00pm – 5:30pm

World Games Finale – Obstacle Course

Organizer: Bryan Spraggins

Location: Sand Volleyball Courts

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Cookout Dinner

Enjoy an excellent cookout with your fellow conference attendees in the woods of Woodside Ranch.

Location: Picnic Shelter between Tennis and Sand Volleyball Courts

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7:00pm - 8:00pm

“SWAG” Presentation & Awards

Raid the marketing and equipment closets before you come! Bring t-shirts, hats, polos, marketing giveaways, or whatever you want that is branded for your school or organization. At this time, we will have a SWAG grab based on the final standings of the World Games.

Location: Theatre

8:00pm

Social

Location: Trading Post

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

6:00am – 4:00pm

Depart Woodside Ranch

7:30am - 8:30am

Breakfast at Ranch House

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch at Ranch House

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