

## TL:DR

Schedule, at the bottom of this memo, login below. This year we will start with breakfast on Friday January 16 at 0730 Mountain Time (UTC - 7). We will have breakfast sandwiches and hot drinks available in the Highlands Room of the Conference center, where we will meet, we may dine at Daly Diner. We suggest you save the [Daly Diner](#), where we will have some meals, and the [Conference Center](#) locations on your mapping software. Wi-Fi SSID: *CONF Center*, Password: *Snowmass*. Be in place, on time; Zoomers be logged on 30 minutes early. Speakers please [add your talks to the Dropbox folder](#); we will have memory sticks if you forget.

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## Process

**The first event for 2026 will be 0730 breakfast on January 16 in the Highlands Room of the [Conference Center](#). Meeting will follow in the same room. Subsequent meals by decision of the attendees.**

## Food

We will have a signup for burritos and the like that will be delivered to the meeting room. **Order breakfast the night before on the form [here](#)**. The form has dropdowns; sandwich and burrito with three choices each. If those don't work, say what you want in the notes and we'll try. We will have coffee, tea, and munchies. Dinner Fri Sat at [Daly Diner](#), tell us in session. Dinner Sunday at [Il Poggio](#), also tell us in session.

## Venue

[Base Village](#) Conference Center Highlands room, 110 Carriage Way, Snowmass Village CO 81615. Google [110 Carriage Way](#). WiFi SSID: *CONF Center*, Password: *Snowmass*.

From lower vehicle level dropoff, Carriage Way AKA "Snowmelt Road"

Dropoff only. Sign saying *Dropoff, Treehouse* on the east side of Snowmelt Rd. Enter the building (AKA Capitol Peak A) to the LEFT (downhill) side of the [Treehouse](#); there is a sign outside saying *Snowmass Conference and Events Center*. Meeting is in the *Highlands* conference room to the RIGHT on this level. This is the way to come if you wish to avoid stairs – handicapped accessible, as they say. Google gives correct, efficient directions if you enter [Snowmass Base Village Development](#). We will place a flag outdoors. There will be a standup display in the hall.

From Snowmass Village or RFTA bus stops

Exit at Base Village Stop inside the parking structure, take the P3 elevator to pedestrian mall level and enter the upper level as for the pedestrian plaza (below).

If the [Snowmass Village shuttle](#) drops you on Carriage Way/Snowmelt Rd., proceed across the street toward

the ski slope to the auto dropoff near the [Treehouse](#) and follow lower level directions (above) into 110 Carriage Way (sign: *Snowmass Conference and Events Center*) and then to the RIGHT to the *Highlands* room. Google gives correct, efficient directions if you enter [Snowmass Base Village Development](#). Look for the flag by the door, standup display in the hall.

From upper level pedestrian plaza/ski lifts

(e.g., from the upper village via “skittle” shuttle lift, or from skiing). Enter 110 Carriage Way opposite and slightly downhill from [A Slice of Italy](#) pizzeria and the Aura office. Sign on the right of the 110 door will say: *Snowmass Conference and Events Center*. Elevator is not generally available (keycard system); otherwise take stairs to the RIGHT of the elevator down one flight (stairwell exterior door will say *Snowmass Conference and Events Center*) and, one flight down, proceed LEFT (you’re pointing the other way when you come from upper vs. lower) all the way around past the entrance to the *Highlands* room. We will have a standup display in the hall.

From Base Village indoor parking lot

Base Village indoor lot is paid hourly parking, but convenient and does not require a parking permit. Enter off [Wood Road just uphill of the Carriage Way traffic circle](#), 100 yds/m from Brush Creek Road, the Conoco gas station and the turn to the Town of Snowmass Village building and the Snowmass Center. Sign to the left of One Snowmass reads: *Public Parking Limelight Parking*. Enter the building and take a ticket. Once you park, ideally on the top P1 or Blue level, go up to the first level above parking via Stair 1 or Stair 2 in Capitol Peak A, toward the uphill side of the parking and, once up the stairs, to the *Highlands* room on the conference level, look for standup display in the hall. Otherwise take the P3 Village Entrance elevator to pedestrian mall level and enter upper level as above and descend one level to the Conference Center, look for standup display in the hall. Capitol Peak A Resident elevator, which would otherwise be preferred, requires a keycard. We do not validate Base Village parking, you’re on your own.

Meeting

Daily

Schedule is on the web page, we start at 0730 for breakfast each morning in the Highlands Room of the [Base Village Conference Center](#). Wi-Fi SSID CONF Center Password *Snowmass*). Talks will mostly be about 30 minutes, 25 to talk and 5 for questions. Coffee, hot water/tea, and breakfast sandwiches (sandwiches/burritos TBD, working on a signup sheet) will be available. There is a bathroom down the hall. You may (are encouraged to) attend in ski clothes and the lifts are immediately adjacent. Dinner Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Speakers please upload your talks to the [Dropbox linked here](#) -- be careful, you are an editor. We will also have flash drives for file transfer at the meeting. There will be Zoom links below, and on the schedule posted on the web page. **Please be immediately available 30 minutes before your talk.** We operate under Chatham House rules: you may refer to the information from talks generally but not identify the speaker nor their affiliation; you may add the talk to your CV and we will vouch for you. Meeting should count as an invited international participation/talk, and presenting here should not preclude subsequent presentation/publication. Dr. Kelly will answer questions about CME from the U. Mass School of Medicine.

Conflicts

Disclose on the second slide and verbally if you or your talk have any commercial entanglements. More details [here](#).

Transport

We are high in the mountains (8,600'/2,600m) and travel can be challenging.

## Auto

### *Driving*

Interstate 70 to exit 116, Glenwood Springs and then CO-82 35 miles (55 km, watch speed limit) to Brush Creek Road, then follow the signs. INDEPENDENCE PASS FROM LEADVILLE, BUENA VISTA, AND TWIN LAKES IS CLOSED IN THE WINTER. [Glenwood Canyon can be subject to slides](#) and [detours](#) take hours. Do not attempt Cottonwood Pass between Eagle/Gypsum and Basalt/El Jebel. Colorado has a [chain law](#). Colorado Department of Transportation [cotrip.org](#) is a good source of road information; the county sheriff's offices often are not, surprisingly.

## *Parking*

[Parking permits are required](#) in Snowmass. [Parking](#) is available in the Base Village lot, same building as the Conference Center, by the hour, without the permit. Parking for sessions (with permit, keep reading) in outdoor lots across from [Stonebridge Inn](#), from which a 5 min walk 0.2 mi/300 m down Carriage Way/Snowmelt Road to the facility which will be on your RIGHT. Parking requires a Town of Snowmass [permit](#), available from your lodge or for purchase at the [Rodeo](#) lot as you enter Snowmass Village, except in the Base Village parking structure underneath the conference facility (pay by the hour, see above for location). Free parking without permit at the Rodeo lot (15 min by town shuttle or RFTA local bus, near the Brush Creek and Highline Road traffic circle, check schedule, or just hop on the first bus and tell them you want to go to Base Village; they will help you) or [Intercept](#) (20 min by RFTA bus, at the intersection of Brush Creek Road and Highway 82) lots and then free Snowmass Village or RFTA bus to Base Village. Street parking in Aspen generally requires paying via an [app](#); read the signs.

## Bus

Town of Snowmass Village operates a convenient, frequent, free and relatively comprehensive [local shuttle bus system](#) (Snowmass or town bus, blue and white livery, generally a large van, says Snowmass Village on the side, tell the driver where you want to go [e.g., "Base Village near the Treehouse, 110 Carriage Way"] and they will generally be quite helpful). Within Pitkin County and along the Highway 82 corridor to Basalt in Eagle County and Glenwood Springs in Garfield County, take the full-sized [RFTA bus](#) (blue over white or blue over blue/green, tell the driver "Base Village") sometimes known as the county bus, although RFTA serves Eagle and Garfield counties as well. Between Aspen and Snowmass Village, including the airport, RFTA bus is paid for by taxes and there is no fare above Old Snowmass/Basalt, runs every 15 minutes. RFTA service to the airport is reliable and prompt -- can be a chore with skis but it is done. There is a [Transit App](#) which gives routes and schedules for Town of Snowmass and RFTA buses. Google maps times are generally accurate. Longer RFTA runs such as Basalt and Glenwood require a [fare card](#) purchased from a machine before boarding or use [the RFTA ticket app](#), which is generally easier than the card. Long haul bus service to Glenwood Springs from [Greyhound](#) (Grand Jct., Denver) and [Bustang](#) (Denver). Travel toward Snowmass Village and Aspen from Glenwood Springs by [RFTA bus](#), taxi (\$120?), or rent a car. Google generally gives good info including timings, if you enter [Snowmass Base Village Development](#).

## Taxi

Aspen area is served by one cab firm, [High Mountain Taxi](#), which decades ago absorbed the old Mellow Yellow. They may be reached on (970) 925-2282 or (970) 925-TAXI -- you might get shunted to a call center in Vail; be clear about where you wish to go. We recommend speaking with a live operator. For important runs (e.g., airport, about \$45 on the meter) you may wish to call 48 hours in advance. Uber and Lyft are intermittently available and work fine IF YOU CAN SEE CARS ON THEIR MAPS -- the rest of the time, you're on your own. Ask your lodge or Google for shuttles/limos/hires, or [call Roaring Fork Express](#) for shared service to and from DEN. There are new services, (e.g.,) Blacklane, Mountain Shuttle, which offer charter vans, to the best of our knowledge, the whole thing is yours.

## Air

[Aspen/Pitkin County/Sardy Field \(ASE\)](#) (15/33, 8,000'/2,440 m, 7,800'/2,340 m ASL)

is conveniently located. It is a mountain airport and [flights](#) are subject to cancellations and delays; plan accordingly. Note that as a “non-hub primary commercial service facility,” with extensive general aviation traffic (over [5,000 monthly takeoffs and landings](#), the vast majority of which are private jets) [ASE does not have slot control nor FAA schedule review](#) and so private aircraft flying VFR can and during busy periods do create delays lasting hours; airlines have been known to maintain, against evidence, that these delays are weather-related. Largest number of flights from United (UA -- Star Alliance) to Denver International (DEN); these regional jets often fly back and forth on the same route with obvious implications for cascading delays. United also serves Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Houston Intercontinental (IAH), Los Angeles International (LAX), and San Francisco International (SFO). American (AA -- Oneworld) serves Austin (AUS), Charlotte (CLT), Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Dallas Ft. Worth (DFW), Los Angeles International (LAX) and Phoenix Sky Harbor (PHX). Delta (DL -- SkyTeam) serves Atlanta Hartsfield (ATL) and Los Angeles International (LAX). Airline networks are subject to change. From the airport a [cab](#), free [RTFA bus](#), or [rent a car](#). If you are travelling by tail number you may wish to contact [Atlantic Aviation](#), the FBO. Alternate/bailouts in Eagle (EGE, v.i.), [Rifle](#) (RIL, 7,000'/2130 m runway), both have FBO's. Similarly, if you are planning such a move, your pilots (you should have two) should be familiar with the [airport](#), the [approaches](#), [special procedures](#), [equipment](#) and [weather](#).

[Eagle County/Vail \(EGE\)](#) (7/25, 9,000'/2,700 m, 6,550'/2,000 m ASL)

is 70 miles/112 km, 90 minutes, passing through [Glenwood Canyon](#). Bigger, more-equipped airport with larger planes (e.g., Boeing 757) and fewer cancellations than Aspen. Above destinations/airlines plus [Miami \(MIA\)](#), [Minneapolis \(MSP\)](#), [New York \(LGA, JFK, EWR\)](#), [Phoenix \(PHX\)](#), [Seattle \(SEA\)](#), [Shuttle](#), now more of a limo service, call to see if they can help you, or [rent a car](#). [FBO](#).

[Grand Junction \(GJT\)](#) (11/29, 10,500'/3,200 m, 4,860'/1,480 m ASL)

is on the edge of the desert, and rarely has weather issues, although the number of departures and destinations is smaller. Close and generally reliable [if you can get a flight](#), 130 miles/210 km, easy 2-hour drive. United (UA) to Denver (DEN). American (AA) to Dallas (DFW) and Phoenix (PHX). [Rent a car](#).

[Denver International \(DEN\)](#) (16/34, 16,000'/4,880 m, 5,430'/1,655 m ASL)

is the major hub for United (Star Alliance), and, by any measure, is one of the world's largest. 200 miles/320 km. Direct service, subject to change, to ([partial listing](#)) Dublin (DUB), Frankfurt (FRA), Istanbul (IST), London (LHR), Munich (MUC), Narita (NRT), Paris (CDG), Reykjavik (KEF), Rome (FCO) Zurich (ZRH), and all [major domestic destinations](#). The airport has redundant runways and weather affects operations less than you might expect, although crew and staff still have to get to and from the airport down a windswept highway. The passenger complex is large, each concourse is over a mile/1.6 km long, with subway connections between them and to the terminal. You should allow at least two hours outbound and 90 minutes inbound for your ground connections. Allow an hour for domestic air connections, two for international. If you are not connecting to ASE, EGE, or GJT, allow at least 4 hours for the drive (in addition to the 90 minutes) via I-70 and CO-82 in good weather; 90% of the time the drive is straightforward. [Eisenhower Tunnel](#) approach can be challenging, particularly eastbound, when snowy, as can [Vail Pass](#). Avoid [Loveland Pass](#) unless you know the road. See [Auto](#), above about Glenwood Canyon, detours, and avoiding Cottonwood Pass. Sometimes major weekend traffic snarls occur between Denver and Silverthorne, which can add several hours to your drive; Colorado Department of Transportation [has an app](#) and [web updates](#). Your car (rentals can be substantially cheaper a short [cab](#) ride away from the airport) should, if you can get them, have real winter (not “all season”) tires in the event of snow and ideally chains, which are [sometimes required, even for passenger cars](#). Four-wheel drive is nice but rarely necessary, although police will usually give you a pass on the chain

law if your car is so equipped. Route is at elevation and power can be helpful. There are shuttle services, such as a [new service, Colorado Airport Express](#), and charter options exist. Colorado Mountain Express no longer serves this area, although in a pinch you might be able to charter from them. There is a [bus from downtown Denver](#), have to take [light rail](#) or [cab](#) from the airport to connect, and later connect in Glenwood Springs to the paid [RFTA bus](#) (you will need to get a fare card at the bus stop), then change at Highway 82 Intercept Lot for Snowmass Village, or [rent a car](#) in Glenwood, or [cab](#) (\$120 from Glenwood?). You could take the [California Zephyr](#) train (v.i.) from Denver Union Station to Glenwood Springs, and the route is gorgeous, but doing so would be a project -- literally planes, trains, and automobiles. If, despite all this, you get stuck, there is a [hotel attached to the terminal](#), but laws of supply and demand apply to their room rates. [Other airport hotels](#) are a 10 minute shuttle ride away.

#### Train

[Amtrak California Zephyr](#) (originating at Chicago Union Station [CUS/CHI] or Emeryville, CA [EMY], near San Francisco) stops in Glenwood Springs (GSP). Contact Amtrak for details. Consider Pullman berth. From Glenwood, [rent a car](#) or take a [cab](#) to the paid [RFTA bus](#) terminal (buy [fare card](#) here or use [the app](#), look on mapping application or RFTA site for closest stop; if you can't figure it out, ask at train station or make for the RFTA [27th Street bus station](#)) for transfer service to Snowmass Village.

#### [Essentials](#)

##### Lodging

One bet is to contact [central reservations](#) and explain your timing, needs, location (Snowmass Base Village Conference Center), budget. [Hyatt](#) manages and/or provides reservation services for many of the short-stay condominiums, although their web page is not all that helpful. Many of the lodges/condos are on the slope. We do not have a rate. [Viceroy](#) is close if pricey. Moving uphill to the Mall, [Viewline](#) works with Marriott. Members in the past have stayed at the [Pokolodi](#), Snowmass Inn (no web page, 970 923-3900), [Mountain Chalet, Wildwood](#). There are any number of condos. Members report good luck with [AirBnB](#) and similar services, which can show hotel rooms at favorable rates.

##### Dining -- on your own

Wide array of [good options](#). [Taster's Pizza](#) and [Clark's Market](#) in the [Snowmass Center](#) deliver. Aspen (35 minutes on free bus with transfer from bus stop adjacent to conference center; runs every 15 minutes) has [remarkable offerings](#).

#### Activities

##### Skiing

Contact the [Aspen Skiing Company for tickets](#). Rental equipment from [Christy Sports](#), [Four Mountain Sports](#), [Gene Taylor](#), [Incline Sports](#) (partial listing). The SkiCo also operates the [ski school](#). We do not have a rate.

##### Attire

Casual and warm are recommended. Pack for weather in the mid-20's°F (-5°C), although temperature can swing 30°F ( $\pm 15^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), with frequent snow. Skiwear is fine by us, and you may stash (variously) your ski gear or street clothes in the meeting room.

##### Fun

Partial listing: [Alpine and nordic skiing](#). [Snowshoeing](#). [Snowmobiles](#). [Sled dogs](#). [Hiking](#). [Huts](#). [Climbing](#). [Fishing](#). [Gymnasiums](#). [Museums](#). [Learn to fly](#). [Aspen Institute](#). [Physics](#). [Colorado Mountain College](#).

[Restaurants](#). [Galleries](#). [Shopping](#). [Real estate](#). [Music venues](#). [The Aspen Idea](#). [Aspen Music Festival](#) in the summer.

Childcare

[The Treehouse](#) is right next to the meeting room. Hotels can help, as well.

### [Public Health](#)

Respiratory ailments, e.g., seasonal flu, RSV, and COVID-19 can be an issue given travel and mixing. Masks are not a bad idea, especially if you are at risk, vaccinate as per guidelines. Up-to-date information is available from the [county](#) and the [state](#). Meeting is at approx 8,400'/2,500m and lodging about 8,600'/2,600m. Hypoxia can be a challenge; most visitors acclimate in a couple days. Stay hydrated, watch exertion, and be careful with alcohol. Some use [acetazolamide](#).

[Aspen Valley Hospital](#) is essentially a critical access facility endowed by billionaires and staffed by dedicated staff. Orthopedics has traditionally been excellent and there is a group [based in Glenwood](#) and a branch of the [Steadman group](#). Imaging includes fluoro, CT, MRI but no formal IR. [Hybrid room in Glenwood](#), CBP. Serious cases are transferred to Denver ([St. Anthony](#), [Swedish](#), [Denver Health](#), [UC Denver](#)) or Grand Junction ([St. Mary's](#)). Ventilation or multi-system disease should mandate a transfer discussion, whether by ground or helicopter. Weather can preclude air transfer. There is a [clinic in Snowmass Village](#), near the Conference Center, on [Wood Road](#), yards from the Conference Center, which offers walk-in services and PT. Independent pharmacies in [Aspen](#) and [Basalt](#), as well as some grocery stores in Aspen and Basalt.

Disclaimer

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**Login, schedule follow, also on [rmcts.org/the-meeting/](#)**

### [Schedule](#)

We suggest you save the locations on your mapping app

[Daly Diner 16 Kearns Rd #103, Snowmass Village, CO 81615](#)

[Base Village Conference Center 110 Carriage Way, Snowmass Village, CO 81615](#)

[Il Poggio 57 Elbert Ln, Snowmass Village CO 81615](#)

### [Zoom](#)

<b>Zoom Login info</b>	0630-1230 MST (UTC-7) Jan 16-19 2026
<b>Long invite</b>	<a href="https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89603975451?pwd=LbznTXVHNFJDaHC5PdCcRRUGYYMiEY.1">https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89603975451?pwd=LbznTXVHNFJDaHC5PdCcRRUGYYMiEY.1</a>
<b>Short invite</b>	<a href="https://bit.ly/4ippEvl">https://bit.ly/4ippEvl</a>
<b>Meeting ID</b>	896 0397 5451
<b>Meeting Passcode</b>	850396

### [Full schedule next page](#)

We will try to keep web page updated <https://rmcts.org/the-meeting/>

Rocky Mountain Trauma 2026 Schedule			
Fri Jan 16 '26		Zoom link	<a href="https://bit.ly/4jppEvl">https://bit.ly/4jppEvl</a>
Time (MST)	Speaker	Affiliation	Subject
<b>07:00 - 07:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Daly Diner</b>	
07:45 - 08:15	Hobbs	Scheurer	Trauma that is Uncollegial
08:15 - 08:45	Williams, M	Cook County	Trauma Resuscitation: Int'l Caveats
08:45 - 09:15	Zammert	Lahey	Cardiogenic Shock
09:15 - 09:45	Bernis	Lahey	Normothermic Regional Perfusion
09:45 - 10:45	Simpkins	UMKC	Ending the Albumin vs. Crystalloid Debate
10:45 - 11:15	Carpenter	UMKC	Development of Phospholipid Nanoparticles
11:15 - 11:45	Scantling	Boston City	Trauma Systems and Access
<b>18:00 - TBD</b>		<b>Daly Diner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
Sat Jan 17 '26		Zoom link	<a href="https://bit.ly/4jppEvl">https://bit.ly/4jppEvl</a>
Time (MST)	Speaker	Affiliation	Subject
<b>07:00 - 07:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Daly Diner</b>	
07:45 - 08:15	Prabhu	W India	Reconstruction
08:15 - 08:45	Silver, D	Lahey	ECMO
08:45 - 09:15	Freedman	CBF	Nuts and Bolts of Rehab
09:15 - 09:45	Mayer	Lahey	Pulmonary Hypertension
09:45 - 10:15	Dennis	Cook County	Rescue-Based Policing
10:15 - 10:45	Hanson	UNM	ARDS
10:45 - 11:15	Benoit	Lahey	Mortality as an Endpoint
11:15 - 11:45	Nagengast	Portland VAMC	Trauma and Palliative Care
<b>18:00 - TBD</b>		<b>Daly Diner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
Sun Jan 18 '26		Zoom link	<a href="https://bit.ly/4jppEvl">https://bit.ly/4jppEvl</a>
Time (MST)	Speaker	Affiliation	Subject
<b>07:00 - 07:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Daly Diner</b>	
07:45 - 08:15	Zammert	Lahey	Cardiac Surgery in Rwanda
08:15 - 08:45	Phillips	Phillips	Liability Update
08:45 - 09:15	Williams, M	Cook County	Rives-Stoppa Herniorrhaphy
09:15 - 09:45	Dennis	Cook	Trauma 360
09:45 - 10:15	Nurok	Cedars	Teamwork and Value in the ICU
10:15 - 10:45	Checchi	Cook County	Celox hemostasis
10:45 - 11:15	Kelly	Baystate	M&M Stump the Expert
<b>18:00 - TBD</b>		<b>Il Poggio</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
Mon Jan 19 '26		Zoom link	<a href="https://bit.ly/4jppEvl">https://bit.ly/4jppEvl</a>
Time (MST)	Speaker	Affiliation	Subject
<b>07:00 - 07:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Daly Diner</b>	
07:45 - 08:15	Crotty	Lahey	Surgery in Afghanistan
08:15 - 08:45	Bayme	Soroka	Missile Attack
08:45 - 09:15	Silver, T	Mt. Auburn	Threatening Patient
09:15 - 09:45	Williams, B	HCA Dallas	Trauma Policy
09:45 - 10:15	Silver, D	Lahey	Journal Highlights
10:15 - 10:45	Kamine	Baystate	OR efficiency
10:45 - 11:15	Williams, M	Cook County	Genesis of Tolerance
11:15 - 11:45		RMTS	Business Meeting, Adjourn