

Hello AMS 2014 Student Conference Attendees!

We are so excited to see you in Atlanta 1—2 February, 2014. The planning committee has been working very hard to put together an exciting schedule with top-notch speakers from a variety of different jobs in (and out!) of meteorology. We will be talking about Hurricane Sandy, how to study weather “outside the lines”, different career paths in meteorology, and give you a chance to be a forecaster, emergency manager, and broadcast meteorologist! Before you arrive in Atlanta, we thought we would give you a guide of how to prepare, what to pack, and what to expect when you get to the conference. We encourage you to join the AMS Student Conference Facebook group. This is an excellent way to get updates about the conference and keep in touch with speakers and other students attending the conference.

What should I wear?

- Don't worry about bringing your best suit; dress business casual
 - Ladies: dress skirt or dress pants with a nice shirt. A jacket would be optional.
 - Gentlemen: Nice trousers (no jeans) and a button up shirt or polo shirt, again a jacket would be optional.
- Comfortable shoes.
- Weather-appropriate attire. Be a good meteorologist... check the forecast.

What else should I bring?

- Paper and pen for taking notes
- Resume/business cards to hand out to speakers and potential employers
- Backpack or bag and binder to keep everything organized
- A goal for the conference. This could be networking, figuring out a career path, or developing yourself as a professional. Sticking to this goal can help you get the most out of the conference.

What should I expect at the conference?

- A busy schedule of talks by top-notch scientists with plenty of time for Q&A
- Time for networking with fellow meteorology students across the country (and world!) and shaking hands with some of the best in the academic, public, and private sectors.
- To learn about scholarships, internships, graduate school, and job opportunities

What should I do at the conference?

- Talk to the speakers one-on-one. Ask questions, tell them about your interests, and ask for job, internship, or research opportunities.
- Try to ask at least one question during the conference sessions.
- Keep track of the people you meet. One conference attendee suggests to write down their name, email, and something about your meeting with them so you can remember them in the future. You will meet a lot of people in two days.
- Act professionally and watch your vocabulary and actions. The attendees and speakers may be your employer someday!
- Be considerate of your fellow conference-goers and allow others to ask questions if you have already asked a few questions.
- Have fun!

What not to do

- Stick in groups of people you already know. Get to know some new people.
- Fall asleep during the conference. If you are struggling to keep your eyes open, take a quick break.
- Use your phone or talk while someone is giving a talk.
- Stay out too late...you want to be awake and alert for the top-notch speakers
- Walk alone around Atlanta, especially at night.

We are also excited to announce a new session for the 2014 AMS Student Conference, In Their Rainboots: Simulating the Weather Enterprise, occurring on Sunday, February 2 in the afternoon. You'll get a chance to forecast like a National Weather Service employee, broadcast like an on-air meteorologist, and make hard decisions like an emergency manager. We can only allow 120 students to participate so be prepared to show up early!

Please check the AMS Student Conference website

(<http://annual.ametsoc.org/2014/index.cfm/programs-and-events/conferences-and-symposia/13th-annual-ams-student-conference-opportunities-in-the-new-job-climate-and-beyond/>) frequently to access the agenda, invited speaker biographies, and other useful information. You are also invited to join our Facebook group named "AMS Student Conference," where you will find updates and other information provided by other conference attendees.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the co-chairs. We look forward to seeing you in a few short weeks!

Cheers,

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