



Summer Conference
Participant Guide
June 6-8, 2024
Grand Junction, Colorado

DoubleTree Hotel
743 Horizon Dr
Grand Junction, CO 81506

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Welcome to the 2024 Summer Conference!

On behalf of the WORC Board and Staff, welcome to the 2024 Summer Conference in Grand Junction, Colorado! For over forty summers, members and staff in the WORC network have gathered to celebrate our wins, share what we have learned, and deepen our relationships. As Margaret Wheatley once said, “Very great change starts from very small conversations, held among people who care.” WORC’s commitment to setting the stage for deep relationships and building and fostering great change is what attracted me to the Executive Director position. I am thrilled to be here, and to have the opportunity to meet and get to know you all.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our host group, Western Colorado Alliance and its affiliates, for generously supporting the planning of this meeting and associated activities. I’d also like to thank Syney Ausen, WORC’s Leadership and Capacity Director, for taking the lead on planning the conference, and Emily Hornback, Jeriel Clark-Dyar, Marvel Karch, Briana Bergeron, and Sara Kendall for helping with planning and logistics. We are excited to welcome presenters Western Slope Native American Resource Center, West Slope Youth Voice, Community Language Cooperative and Community Change.

On behalf of the entire WORC team, we look forward to spending time together in Grand Junction, learning and growing. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on our team with any questions or concerns. Safe travels, everyone!

Deb Love
Executive Director

Meeting Information, Accommodations, and Logistics

Venue

We’ll be gathering at the [DoubleTree Hotel \(743 Horizon Dr.\) in Grand Junction, Colorado](#). The DoubleTree is located near the airport, but on the outside of town. Unfortunately, we will not be within walking distance of Grand Junction’s downtown area, however there are rideshare services available and WORC has secured transportation to our WORC planned activities in/around Grand Junction.



Please note that while the DoubleTree Hotel is pet friendly, the Hotel stipulates that pets are not permitted in the conference rooms. Therefore, **we'd ask that you leave your furry friends at home.**

All Summer Conference meeting sessions will take place at the DoubleTree unless otherwise noted. We have multiple meeting rooms available throughout the conference:

- All plenary sessions will take place in the Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms
- Concurrent sessions will take place in the Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms in addition to one of three classroom sized rooms. The room location for each concurrent session is noted in your agenda.
- All meals will take place in the Monument and Horizon Rooms.

What to Bring

Please remember to check the weather when you're packing. Early June in Grand Junction can be quite warm, with highs in the mid to upper 80's. You might want to bring sunscreen, a hat, and other UV protectant gear.

We've planned the agenda to give you time to get outside, so you may want a water bottle, a bathing suit, etc. On Thursday afternoon, we've planned a field trip to Las Colonias Park down by the Colorado River. Participants are encouraged to bring what you'd need to enjoy an afternoon in the water/ at the park.



Additionally, the DoubleTree has multiple amenities available that participants might want to use during the conference including: An outdoor swimming pool, outdoor tennis court, indoor fitness center, and more. Pack accordingly.

A note about attire: dress code for the conference is casual. Please wear whatever you will feel most comfortable in, no need to wear your business professional finest.

Transportation

For those flying to Grand Junction, the DoubleTree offers free airport shuttles to and from the hotel. The shuttle is scheduled in advance for your arrivals and will pick folks up outside the baggage claim doors. However, if the shuttle isn't there for whatever reason, you can call the hotel directly at 970-241-8888 to arrange pick up. Talk to the hotel directly when planning your return trips to the airport.

For those of you driving to Grand Junction, complimentary parking at the hotel is included in our stay. Ask the front desk for a parking permit when you check in.

Additionally, the DoubleTree offers free shuttle service for hotel guests with a ride within 5 miles of the hotel (for reference, downtown Grand Junction is approximately 4.5 miles from the hotel).

WORC will have vans rented to transport participants to/ from planned offsite activities during the conference. Should participants need other transportation while in Grand Junction, please note that there are rideshare services (such as Lyft, Uber, etc.) available, but participants should note that these services could take longer than anticipated to arrive.

Accommodations at the DoubleTree

Each attendee has their own single occupancy room, unless you registered and specified that you would need additional beds or rooms to accommodate your guests. **When participants arrive at the DoubleTree, they should check in at the front desk using their name to receive their room key, etc.**

Marvel will send out hotel confirmation numbers before the conference. If you have questions or need to make changes related to accommodations? Reach out to Marvel Karch, WORC's Office Administrator and logistics lead for the meeting. Contact her at marvel@worc.org or 406-591-0696.

Meals and Food

All meals will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel, with the exception of dinner on Thursday evening, which will be held off site and hosted by Western Colorado Alliance's Mesa County Affiliate (more on that below).

Please note that WORC is hosting a social hour and welcome dinner for participants on Wednesday night as they arrive in Grand Junction. A buffet style dinner and non alcoholic drinks will be held from 6pm-8pm on the Patio at the DoubleTree. A cash bar will also be available.

As previously mentioned, **dinner on Thursday will take place offsite at Las Colonias Park at the Tranquillo shade pavilions.** We have included a map at the end of this packet with the location of the Tranquillo shade pavilion. WORC has rented shade pavilions down by the Colorado River and WCA's Mesa County Affiliate has graciously coordinated a picnic dinner for Conference attendees.

WORC invites any family members and guests traveling with Conference attendees to join us for meals during our Summer Conference. This includes the offsite dinner on Thursday and Banquet on Friday. We look forward to the chance to meet your family and guests! If you have additional family members or guests joining us for any meals and

you didn't indicate that during registration or haven't been in communication with Marvel about this, please reach out to Marvel ASAP as we have already communicated our numbers to the hotel and will need to know if we need to make significant changes.

Snacks will be provided intermittently throughout each day of the Summer Conference.

All dietary considerations indicated on the registration form have been accounted for in both onsite and offsite meals.

Lastly, the hotel does have a restaurant and snack bar in the event attendees need additional food and snacks throughout the meeting.

Questions, concerns, or further considerations you'd like to note regarding meals? Contact Marvel Karch, WORC's Office Administrator and logistics lead for the meeting at 406-591-0696 or marvel@worc.org.

Community Agreements

During the opening of the 2024 WORC Summer Conference, we'll review the following Community Agreements, make any changes that participants feel necessary, and adopt the agreements for how we'll engage together in the Conference moving forward.

In our commitment to work together, we will strive to:

1. **Participate fully:** Please be fully present in conference sessions and discussions; if you are participating virtually, please keep your video on whenever possible
2. **Be respectful and put relationships first:** Work to build community and trust; value and honor each other, even (or especially) when we disagree
3. **Be open-minded:** You might be uncomfortable some of the time; suspend judgment; be curious and ask questions; be patient with yourself and others; expect unfinished business
4. **Practice inclusion:** Respect time limits when sharing and do your best to ensure that everyone who wants to speak has time to do so; acknowledge different experiences and opinions; be aware of your role in power dynamics, including how much you speak and when you disengage
5. **Be willing and open to receiving feedback:** Allow space for mistakes - yours and others; be mindful and create awareness of your impact on others; be willing to sit with feedback without needing to react immediately; embody a willingness to

transform

6. **Take care of yourself and your loved ones:** Especially now, when our country, communities and families are in the midst of such intense and ongoing grieving, turmoil and protest, we all have many needs; if you need to tend to yourself or anyone or anything else, we trust you will do that.

Care and Accountability Team

We don't expect ourselves to be perfect, and we want to support participants in the Conference to show up as our best selves. As participants in this meeting and network, we've agreed to be willing to give direct feedback to and hear direct feedback from one another as a first step. When this isn't possible or enough, our Care and Accountability Team is an additional resource to support our community agreements.

We would encourage anyone to, call, or text any member of our "Care and Accountability Team" and know that you will be heard and your concern will be addressed. We'll provide that contact information at the Conference.

What you can expect from the Accountability Team:

- 1) Listening without interruption with possible clarifying questions.
- 2) We will take your feedback, or concerns and report back to the team to discuss how best to address it, including your preferred or suggested solution.
- 3) We will address the concern/report.
- 4) We will follow up with you within 24 hours.

The Care and Accountability Team for the Summer Conference includes:

- Mo Bailey, Lead Organizer for the Nebraska Organizing Project
- Michael Nelson, WORC Washington DC Representative
- Hanna Arauza, WCA Community Organizer
- Zaira Sanchez, ORA Director of Organizing

Participants can also email the Care and Accountability Team at:

communitycare@worc.org

Health and Safety Protocols for WORC Summer Conference

While the spread of COVID 19 and related variants has largely subsided, respiratory viruses continue to be a huge cause of illness and hospitalizations. We remain committed to protecting the health and safety of our network, loved ones, and communities. Therefore, in consulting current CDC guidelines and recommendations WORC has developed the following protocols to ensure the health and safety of Summer Conference participants. **The topline message we want to communicate is: If you are experiencing a respiratory illness (COVID 19, flu, RSV, etc.) in the lead up to the Conference, or become ill during the Conference please do not come to the conference gatherings.**

We ask that you adhere to the following protocols for the upcoming Summer Conference:

- Do not travel to or attend the Summer Conference if you are experiencing symptoms of a respiratory virus (fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and headache, etc) that aren't better explained by another cause, such as allergies.
- If you test positive for COVID 19 more than 5 days before your scheduled travel to the Summer Conference, only attend if you are symptom free for at least 24 hours and test negative before your scheduled travel.
- If you developed symptoms of a respiratory virus during the Conference that aren't better explained by another cause, do not attend Conference gatherings and isolate yourself from other Conference attendees. Text or call Marvel at 406-591-0696 for help making arrangements to isolate and get home.
- If you have COVID 19 symptoms, take a rapid test and stay in your room until you have the results, then text or call Marvel at 406-591-0696 to decide whether it is safe to attend the meeting. If you test positive, quarantine in your room and text or call Marvel at 406-591-0696 who will help you make arrangements to quarantine and get home.

Resources WORC will provide at the event:

- Masks
- Rapid tests, should anyone experience symptoms on site. If you need a rapid test, text or call Marvel at 406-591-0696.
- Hand sanitizer

2024 WORC Summer Conference

Agenda & Schedule

June 6-8, 2024
DoubleTree Hotel
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Wednesday, June 5th

6pm- 8pm Dinner and Social Gathering on DoubleTree Patio

Those who arrive early are invited to join fellow participants and meet over dinner and non-alcoholic beverages (provided by WORC), and a cash bar.

Thursday, June 6th

7:30am Breakfast, Monument and Horizon Rooms

9:00am Welcome, Introductions, and Icebreaker Columbine & Bookcliff Rooms

10:30am Presentation from Western Slope Native American Resource Center Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms

11:15am BREAK

11:30am CONCURRENT SESSION BLOCK

- **Communicating to Organize- *Jackson Newman*, Aspen Room**
- **Canvassing to Build Power on Hard Issues- *Leah Berry, Sandy Burch, Svein Newman*, Telluride Room**
- **Power Calendaring as a Tool for Time Management- *Drew Astolfi, Community Change*, Columbine and Bookcliff Room**
- **Taking Photos in the Field- *Jess Plance*, meet in Columbine and Bookcliff Room, session takes place outside**
- **Federal Funding Implementation- *Briana Kerstein Bergeron*, Kokopelli Room *This session is designated for Staff Directors and Directors of Organizing**

- 12:45pm** Lunch, Monument and Horizon Rooms
- 1:45pm** Power to the Young People- *Mila Stepan and Charlotte Allen, West Slope Youth Voice*
Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms
- 1:45pm** Support Systems for Organizers Lab convening, *Sydney Ausen and Drew Astolji*,
Kokopelli Room
*This session is reserved for those staff in the network who have been participating in the WORC Support Systems for Organizers Cohort. All other staff should attend the above plenary session.
- 3:30pm** Field trip to Las Colonias Park (1601 Riverfront Dr)
Please bring your own water bottle
Attendees meet in the lobby of the DoubleTree for shuttles to Las Colonias Park. See the map of Las Colonias Park on page 18.
*There will be a shuttle sign up sheet posted in the Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms

*If you do not take one of the provided shuttles to the Park, it will be your responsibility to get yourself to the park in time for dinner at 6:00pm, should you wish to attend.
*Paddle boards and yard games will be available
- 6:00pm** Dinner at Las Colonias Park (1601 Riverfront Dr)
WCA's Mesa County Affiliate is coordinating a catered dinner for Conference attendees at approximately 6:00pm at the Tranquillo shade pavilions at Las Colonias Park.
- 8:30pm** Transportation returns to DoubleTree Hotel
*If you do not take one of the provided shuttles back to the DoubleTree, it will be your responsibility to find transportation back to the hotel for yourself.
- Friday, June 7th**
- 7:30am** Breakfast, Monument and Horizon Rooms

- 8:00am** WORCEP Board Meeting, Aspen Room
- 9:00am** Welcome, Agenda Review, Icebreaker, Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms
- 9:45am** 100th Anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act
Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms
- 10:45am** BREAK
- 11:00am** CONCURRENT SESSION BLOCK
- Affiliate and Chapter Revitalization- *Mo Bailey* , Telluride Room
 - Building Power Through Campaigns- *Drew Astolfi*, Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms
 - EveryAction Database Training- *Eric Halstvedt*, Aspen Room
 - Membership and Supporters- *Sydney Ausen, Kevin Williams*, Kokopelli Room *This session is designated for Staff Directors and Directors of Organizing
- 12:15pm** Lunch, Monument and Horizon Rooms
- 1:00pm** Language Justice Training From Community Language Cooperative,
Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms
- 5:00pm** Summer Conference Adjourns
- 6:00pm** Banquet and Awards, Monument and Horizon Rooms
- Saturday, June 8th**
- 7:30am** Breakfast, Monument and Horizon Rooms
- 8:30am** WORC Board Meeting, Columbine and Bookcliff Rooms
- 12:00pm** WORC Board meeting adjourns
- 12:00pm** Lunch, Monument and Horizon Rooms

Plenary and Concurrent Session Descriptions

Plenary Sessions

- **Presentation from Western Slope Native American Resource Center**

The Western Slope Native American Resource Center (WSNARC) was founded in response to the lack of resources for American Indian and Alaska Native families living on the Western Slope. Not only was there a lack of resources, but available resources weren't sensitive to the cultural needs of these communities. During this session, we'll learn a bit about the Indigenous history of the Western Slope and the important community work of WSNARC.

- **Power to the Youth**

This session will feature Western Colorado Alliance's work to elevate and develop the leadership of Colorado youth through the West Slope Youth Voice program. Youth from the program will join us to talk about their involvement in the program, what leadership development has meant for them, and share some wisdom about what works and what doesn't when it comes to organizing youth.



- **100th Anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act**

The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution defines a citizen as any person born in the United States and subject to its laws and jurisdiction. However, until 1924 courts had interpreted that amendment as *not* applying to Native peoples, thereby denying them rights granted to citizens including the right to vote. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act, we'll learn about the passage of legislation to impose citizenship on Indigenous peoples in the US.

- **Language Justice Training From Community Language Cooperative**

More and more WORC member groups are organizing with communities for whom English is not their first language. These organizations are working to create shared power, practice inclusion and dismantle the traditional systems of oppression that have traditionally disenfranchised non-English speakers through

language justice campaigns. During this session, we'll dive deeper into language justice- what it is, the history of language oppression, and learn tools to apply language justice to our shared work moving forward.

Concurrent Sessions:

THURSDAY

- **Communicating to Organize**

We know that in order to motivate people to act, we need to appeal to their hearts as much as to their minds. But sometimes, we can fall into the trap of communicating about our work with too many facts, figures and jargon rather than speaking to the importance of the issue overall. We miss the chance to connect our work to our shared values and our broader vision for the future. In this session, we'll explore where "insider language" shows up in our verbal and written communications and learn some tools for how to reframe the way we talk about our work in order to inspire and motivate.



- **Canvassing to Build Power on Hard Issues-** Kicking off work on a new issue or trying to move a campaign to the next level can feel daunting and even risky. This was the case recently at Northern Plains with their clean energy work. There were a lot of questions and hesitations about how to message or talk about clean energy to folks in Montana. This session will share how using a canvass program helped build power around clean energy and provide a baseline to help other groups consider how one on one canvassing conversations on the doors and phones can build their base and move campaigns forward.
- **“Power Calendaring”**
This work pulls us in many directions with many competing demands on our time. Time management is key to accomplishing our goals and many tasks, and the use of calendars and work planners can greatly help with time management. But have you heard of “Power Calendaring”? Drew Astolfi with Community Change will be joining us again at our WORC June Conference and will lead this session on how “Power Calendaring” can help you develop stronger work plans.
- **Taking Good Photos in the Field-** Our organizations are always in need of more action shots of our members for our communications - whether that be at a

meeting, a rally, knocking doors, tabling at an event, or out on their ranch. This session will focus on the basic skills needed to take good photos using your cell phone so staff can capture great photos when they are out in the field, where the action happens!



- **Federal Funding Implementation-** **Session for Staff Directors and Directors of Organizing*
Billions of dollars have been authorized by the Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Acts for new, expanded and existing programs. This includes significant funding to support clean energy development and support for communities to transition away from fossil fuels. This session will be an opportunity for Staff Directors and Organizing Directors to discuss a potential regional strategy, what implementation campaigns could look like, and what additional support from WORC might be needed to take advantage of this opportunity should WORC receive the funding.

FRIDAY

- **Affiliate and Chapter Revitalization**
Maintaining healthy local chapters and affiliates is a tough task! Sometimes, for one reason or another, our local chapters and affiliates fall into a state of stagnation leading to little to no meaningful campaign work happening and declining engagement from members. Revitalization might be an option! Using case studies from throughout the network, we'll explore various options for local chapter and affiliate revitalization and we talk about the ingredients for good local chapter and affiliate maintenance.
- **Building Power Through Campaigns**
Do you ever feel like your campaigns get reduced to a task list, where you're just moving along and checking off the boxes without seeing impactful progress? Planning and running good campaigns, campaigns that teach our members about their power, further their leadership, and escalate to pressure our decision makers to meet our demands is tough work! Drew Astolfi with Community Change will lead this session on how we plan and run



campaigns that are truly transformative and break away from the task list.

- **EveryAction Database Training**

WORC and eight of our member groups now use EveryAction for their databases. This session will be an opportunity to learn how to get the most out of your EveryAction database including tracking engagement with members, leadership engagement, donation history, importing data from events and actions, managing events, and more. This will also be an opportunity to get *your* questions answered- so bring 'em on!

- **Membership and Supporters- **Session for Staff Directors and Directors of Organizing***

Many WORC member groups have been rethinking their membership structures. Some are moving away from a paid dues membership model, some are implementing a “pay what you can” model, some have done away with paid membership entirely, and others are focused on “supporters” rather than members. During this session, we’ll look at trends in membership numbers across the network and at other organizations and open a conversation about the WORC network’s values and goals when it comes to membership.

Participant List

As of 5/30/24

Dakota Resource Council

Scott Skokos – Executive Director
Sam Wagner – Organizer
Ishauna Jacobberger – Organizer
Zach Cassidy – Organizer
April Fairfield – Board Member
Linda Weiss – Board Member (virtual)

Dakota Rural Action

Frank James - Staff Director
Chase Jensen – Senior Organizer
Gabbi DeMarce – Organizer
Melissa McCauley – Political Organizer
Paula Antoine – Board Member
Nancy Hartenhoff-Crooks – Board Member

Idaho Organization of Resource Counsels

Irene Ruiz - Executive Director
Samantha Guerrero - Field Organizer
Jacqueline Vazquez - Office Manager
Elaine Kazakoff - Board Member
Carrie Seymour - Board Member

Nebraska Organizing Project

Mo Bailey - Nebraska Lead Organizer
Robbie Arreguin - Nebraska Organizer
Grant DeFor - Nebraska Organizer

North Dakota Native Vote

Nicole Donaghy - Executive Director
Devero Yellow Earring - Program Director
Jessica Beheler – Comms Coordinator
Kendyl Harrison - Office Administrator
Shayla Davis - Field Organizer
Erika Red Tomahawk - Ste & Trbl Pley Crd
Wes Davis - Board Member
Kirsten Cavanaugh - Board Member
Jody DeLong - EP Board Member Elect

Northern Plains Resource Council

Maggie Gordon - Executive Director
Effy McEldowney – Grants Fundraising
Cord.
Gusty Catherin-Sauer -Lead Organizer
Emily Auld - Lead Organizer
Jackson Newman - Organizer
Jack Leuthold - Organizer
Jordan Buser - Organizer
Casey Kennedy - GNA Manager
Dena Hoff - Board Member
Roxa Reller - Board Member

Oregon Rural Action

Kristin Ostrom - Executive Director
Zaira Sanchez – Dir of Organizing
Rafael Romero – Organizer
Ana Maria Rodriguez – Organizer
Jose Abrego - Comns & Outrch Coord
Mitch Wolgamott - Board Member
Norm Cimon - Board Member

Powder River Basin Resource Council

Robin EH Bagley - Executive Director
Shannon Anderson - Organizing Director
Katherine Schrock- Office Manager/
Member Relations Coordinator
Pennie Vance - Organizer
Katherine Stahl – Organizer
Bob LeResche - Board Member
Lynne Huskinson - Board Member

Western Colorado Alliance

Emily Hornback - Executive Director
Brian Williams – Membership Coord.
Shanna Shepherd – Office Administrator
Maria Luiza Perez-Chavez– Organizer
Bianca Diaz – Organizer
Hanna Arauza – Organizer
Tyler McDermott – Organizer
Arn McConnell – Comm & Marktg Cord
Barbara Vasquez – Board Member
Bill Wellmen – Incoming Board Member

Western Native Voice

Ronnie Jo Horse - Executive Director
Montana Wilson - Board Member (virtual)

WORC

Deb Love - Executive Director
Sara Kendall - Program Director
Marvel Karch - Office Administrator
Kerri Nelson Wolenetz - Finance Director
Briana Kerstein Bergeron - Program Dir
Eric Warren - Communications Lead
Jessica Plance – Creative Content Producer
Eric Halstvedt – Regional Technology Coord.
Leah Berry - Political Director
Elizabeth Bean - Campaign Coordinator
Niklas Peters - Campaign Coordinator
Sydney Ausen - Leadership & Capacity Director
Michael Nelson - DC Representative
Sarah Hunkins - DC Representative
Sandy Burch - Political Campaign Coordinator
Kevin Williams - WORC Senior Advisor

Presenters & Guests

Steve Allerton – WCA Member
Drew Astolfi - Community Change
Indira Guzman - Community Language Cooperative
Rosa Guzman-Snyder - Community Language Cooperative
Anna Morris- Community Language Cooperative
Janet Luna Ruiz - Community Language Cooperative

Things to do in Grand Junction

A non-exhaustive list of some local area attractions:

- **Visit the Colorado National Monument-** Located a short 30 min drive from Grand Junction, the Colorado National Monument has a stunning landscape of desert canyons, and juniper forests. The park hosts a wide range of wildlife, including red-tailed hawks, golden eagles, ravens, jays, desert bighorn sheep, and coyotes. There are scenic views from trails, Rim Rock Drive, which winds along the plateau, and the campground.

- **Downtown Grand Junction-** Experience the vibrancy of Downtown Grand Junction with dozens of shops, music venues, restaurants, art galleries, and year-round street festivals. From historic buildings and featured local art to gorgeous trails and breathtaking views, discover an experience that fits you. Some additional ideas:
 - **First Friday Festivities 6/7-** Art, eats, and local businesses. On the First Friday of every month, First Friday Art Walks bring out the community and local flavors. You'll find vibrant art buzzing through galleries, antique shops, wineries, coffee shops, and the streets. Standard hours are 5 -9pm, with some locations open during the day or later into the night. Check with individual galleries and businesses for exact times and opening details. See the PDF below for a map of participating galleries. Google Maps of First Friday Art Walk: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bhfjA5ZCpogiGNYT9>
 - **Good Judy's-** Bar and nightclub located in the heart of Grand Junction, Colorado! We are a vibrant and inclusive space that serves the LGBTQ+ community and our allies.
 - **Warehouse 2565 Kitchen + Bar-** featuring live music from the The Tyler Rust Band on Friday, June 7th
 - **Taco Party-** Taco Party side steps tradition to celebrate our state's heritage, along with the small producers that make our region and each of our amazing resources so distinct. Homegrown and homemade. Every dish is designed to give you, and your taste buds, an approachable take on contemporary Colorado cuisine in a ridiculously unexpected way.
 - **Museum of the West-** The Museum of the West now offers a thousand years of history that can be experienced. "Ride" in a stagecoach, "fly" a 1958 Cessna from Walker Field or gaze upon an ancient cup and ladle from the Ancestral Pueblo. In addition to artifacts, the Museum of the West collects photographs, one-of-a-kind manuscripts, maps, city directories, high school annuals and rare books. In addition, the Museum of the West coordinates the Mesa County Oral History Project, one of the largest of its type in the state.

- **Visit Western Colorado Botanical Gardens-** Home to several specialty gardens including the Cactus Garden, Antique Rose Garden, Children’s Secret Garden, the Western Heritage Garden, Celebration Plaza, and Japanese garden. The tropical rainforest and butterfly house showcase tropical plants and orchids as well as koi fish, turtles, tortoises, and butterflies. Open Tuesday – Friday 9 am to 4 pm Gates close at 3:30 pm. Rates: Adults \$5.00, Seniors/Students/Military/Children 12+ \$4.00, Children 3-11 \$3.00, Children Under 3 Free
- **RiverFront Trail-** Along the Colorado River there are 28 miles of paved paths, perfect for walking, biking (including e-bikes except at the Audubon section of the trail), even rollerblading. Grand Junction's Riverfront Trail makes it possible to get from Downtown Grand Junction, all the way to Loma, over 20 miles away, without ever getting on a major roadway. Start at the Las Colonias Amphitheater, right next to the Grand Junction Botanical Gardens. From the parking lot, hop on the trail and start heading west. In front of you and to your left, stunning views of the river and of Colorado National Monument’s red rock canyons will accompany you the entire way.
- **Connected Lakes State Park-** Part of the Colorado State Park System, Connected Lakes has opportunities for hiking/ walking, birding, boating, fishing, and more.
- **Dinosaur Journey Museum in Fruita-** Dinosaur Journey is a regional paleontological and geological museum that tells the story of the history of life in Western Colorado and surrounding areas with real fossils, cast skeletons, and reconstructions of dinosaurs and other paleo species. The hands-on, interactive museum includes over 15,000 fossil specimens in its collections, exhibits and displays featuring discoveries from the region, a viewable paleontology laboratory where dinosaur bones are prepared for display, a sandbox for making your own dinosaur tracks, and a “quarry site” where kids can uncover actual Jurassic dinosaur bones.

