

Frequently Asked Questions

2025 International Society for Military Ethics Conference

What is the conference schedule? The approximate conference schedule, subject to change, is as follows: (for airfare planning, you can rely on the formal conference ending NLT 1500 on Friday).

Day	Time	Location	Details
Wed 18 June	1800-2100	Castle Great Hall	Charcuterie, crudites served
Thursday 19 June	0730-0845	Castle Dining Room	Breakfast
	0845-1200	Great Hall & Tower Room	Presentations/Keynote
	1200-1300	Castle Dining Room	Lunch
	1300-1545	Great Hall & Tower Room	Presentations
	1545-1800	Free time	Optional USAF Academy Tour
	1800-1930	Great Hall	Evening Banquet & Speaker
Friday 20 June	0730-0845	Castle Dining Room	Breakfast
	0845-1200	Great Hall & Tower Room	Presentations
	1200-1300	Castle Dining Room	Lunch
	1300-1500	Great Hall & Tower Room	Presentations
	1500-1800	Free time (or departure)	
	1800-?	Restaurant TBD; likely Biaggi's	Optional no-host group dinner
Saturday 21 June	0930-about 1800	Rafting in Buena Vista	Optional group white-water rafting
	0-dark-30 - ?	Hiking	Optional hike. Challenge level determined by leader

What is the Conference Venue?

Glen Eyrie Castle & Conference Center. 3820 N 30th St, Colorado Springs. More information at [Conference Center & Hotel in Colorado Springs - Glen Eyrie Castle](#)

What airport should I fly into?

The Colorado Springs and Denver Airports are 30 and 90 minutes from the venue, respectively.

Is there public transportation from the airports to the venue?

No, not really. Groome Transportation offers some options, but your best bet is a ride share or a rental car.

What is included in my registration fee?

All meals listed in the schedule above and any conference materials.

What is not included in my registration fee?

Lodging. Optional no-host dinner Friday. Optional white-water rafting (about \$100); lunch *en route* to rafting. Cost of hiking will be minimal, if any.

Can I lodge at a location other than Glen Eyrie?

Yes; conference participants are free to lodge where they choose. However, our contract with Glen Eyrie provides rooms at \$215/night (including tax). This rate is extremely reasonable for Colorado Springs' peak summer season. Each room has two queen beds and a bathroom; to save on costs one could share a room.

What is there to do in my free time?

The Grounds at Glen Eyrie are beautiful—there are several hiking trails on the property. The grounds neighbor famed Garden of the Gods, which one may drive or hike (or climb!) throughout. Six minutes from Glen Eyrie is “Rock Ledge Ranch” a live outdoor museum and historical site exhibiting homestead life. Colorado Springs is also home to the US Olympic Museum, the USAF Academy, the ProRodeo Hall of Fame, a cog railway up Pike’s Peak (plan for several hours), “The Incline” (a popular 2000 foot vertical stairway up Pike’s peak), unique shops in Manitou Springs, Cave of the Winds, Seven Falls, a trendy downtown, and The Broadmoor.

Can I bring my family?

Yes—the rooms sleep 4. Meals are available to children 10 and under at a discounted rate. However, these must be planned for no later than the 15 May deadline. We regret that we cannot account for “a la carte” meal costs.

Can I come to the conference and avoid paying the registration fee by abstaining from meals?

ISME recognizes that military ethics is a crucial topic for engagement and discussion. And while we wish to encourage any and all conference participation, we regret that the venue's strict terms and contract will not account for the above deviation, nor for bringing food onto the property.

Should I wear my military uniform?

No. To encourage candid conversation, please wear civilian clothes regardless of your military status. The conference is under "Chatham House Rules"—any future reference to ideas/positions expressed at the conference must be non-attributational.

Will the conference be recorded/can I "Zoom in"?

No. To encourage candid conversation, we will intentionally not be recording/broadcasting any sessions. The conference is under "Chatham House Rules"—any future reference to ideas/positions expressed at the conference must be non-attributational.

Can the conference food accommodate dietary restrictions?

To some extent, though there are restrictions. Glen Eyrie catering services will only accommodate medically necessary dietary restrictions, not mere preferences. Please contact the Program Manager for further information.

Will my presentation be possible with audio/visual?

Yes. The conference center includes tech support, screens, audio, video, white paper easels and markers, etc.

What do I need to know about the optional USAFA tour?

To get on base you'll need a US government-issued photo ID, a vehicle free of weapons/explosives, and no felonies on your record. We are happy to make advance arrangements for interested non-US-citizen ISME participants; this will be pursued following the 15 May registration deadline. The tour will be carpooled and led by cadets.

What do I need to know about the optional Adventure Day?

The whitewater rafting is via "Noah's Ark" rafting company in Buena Vista. Cost is about \$100 (plus lunch *en route*). Last year we did the half-day PM rafting trip and it went well. You can expect to wear a wet suit (your swim suit underneath) and be in a raft for about 2 hours with about 8 other ISME conference-goers and a guide. We can expect to return to Colorado Springs between 5-6 pm.

Hiking will be led by an ISME participant; the hike plan will be based on the leader's assessment of the group's desires/abilities/timelines. We could launch more than one

hiking group based on varying desires (i.e., an ambitious group could launch at 0300 to summit Mt. Quandry or Pike's Peak, while a more relaxed group could enjoy a more leisurely hike.) Details will follow in due course; please check the website for updates.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

Cheers,

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