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# 2026 MAINE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## 40 Years of Mainers Helping Mainers

*Sponsorship Proposal*



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# About the Conference

Since 1986, organizers of Maine community volunteer efforts have gathered to learn, network, and share thought-provoking discussions with regional and national leaders in the volunteer sector.

The Maine Volunteer Leadership Conference (MVLC) is Maine's only statewide educational event focused on engaging citizens in volunteer service. The conference is organized by Volunteer Maine as part of its professional development for leaders of community volunteer programs.

## Volunteer Maine

Volunteer Maine, the state service commission, builds capacity and sustainability in Maine's volunteer and service communities by funding programs, developing managers of volunteers, raising awareness of sector issues, and promoting service as a strategy.

# Sponsorship Impact



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## Volunteer Maine advances community service and volunteerism to address critical needs across the state by:

- **Funding** service programs including AmeriCorps State, Maine Service Fellows, and regional volunteer capacity
- **Developing** the skills and knowledge of managers of volunteers
- **Guiding** community agencies through an organizational development program that expands the roles volunteers play and increases the agencies' efficiency
- **Promoting** service and volunteering as a strategy to meet local needs
- **Raising** awareness of the scale and impact of volunteering as well as issues affecting service programs
- **Fostering** adoption of high-quality volunteer management practices.

# Possible Workshop Sessions

## **Engaging Corporate Partners**

Strong partnerships with businesses can expand an organization's reach and impact so it is important to understand how to build, manage, and grow corporate relationships—from first connection to long-term engagement.

## **Developing and Training Volunteers for Remote Opportunities**

Remote volunteerism continues to open new doors for participation, but it also requires thoughtful planning and support. Sessions in this track explore the process from end to end in creating, managing, and evaluating remote opportunities and dive deep into the challenges of accessibility.

## **Advocacy and Communicating Volunteer Impact**

Telling the story of volunteer impact is essential for building support and advancing an organization's mission. Sessions may focus on effective communication strategies with municipal, state, and federal partners, as well as philanthropic organizations.

## **New Mainer Volunteer Engagement**

Maine has a vibrant immigrant population that may face barriers to access volunteer opportunities that more established Mainers do not. Sessions might focus on how we as the volunteer community can reduce these barriers to access and create infrastructure that is welcoming and sustainable for Maine's immigrant populations.

## **Youth Volunteers**

Statistics show that when people engage in volunteering from a young age they are more likely to continue to volunteer as they grow older. This session speaks to the logistical and social challenges of engaging with youth volunteers and how to overcome them.



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# The Conference

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## Date, Time, Location

Tuesday August 4th, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Camp Chamberlain, Maine National Guard Joint Force Headquarters located at 23 Blue Star Avenue in Augusta, off of Civic Center Drive. Take exit 112 onto Route 27 North.

**Breakfast and Lunch Provided**



# Sponsorship Opportunities

Gold \$2,500	Silver \$1,000	Bronze \$500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo included in marketing materials</li> <li>• Website link featured on Volunteer Maine webpage for one year</li> <li>• Two free registrations</li> <li>• Opportunity to table at the event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo included in marketing materials</li> <li>• Website link featured on Volunteer Maine webpage for one year</li> <li>• One free registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo included in marketing materials</li> <li>• Website link featured on Volunteer Maine webpage for one year</li> <li>• Half off one registration</li> </ul>

## Additional Opportunities:

\$250 - \$500:

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- Website link featured on Volunteer Maine webpage for one year

\$100-\$250:

- Logo included in marketing materials



### Catering Sponsorships:

*Note: above perks apply based on dollar amount*

**Breakfast: \$1,500**

**Lunch: \$2,500**

To ensure delivery of benefits, we ask sponsors to confirm their participation by **July 6th, 2026**.

Checks may be made payable to **Volunteer Maine** or the **Maine Volunteer Foundation** and mailed to:

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***Thank you for your consideration!***

