

Making a Splash in HIM

The Lifeguards of Health Data

2026 Annual Conference



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May 12–13, 2026

Glacier Canyon Lodge and Conference Center | Wisconsin Dells, WI

Wisconsin Health Information Management Association

FIRST-TIME ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDEE FAQ GUIDE





We are so excited you're joining us for the 2026 WHIMA Annual Conference! Whether this is your first conference or your first time attending WHIMA, we want you to feel confident, prepared, and ready to make the most of your experience.

This guide will walk you through what to expect, how to prepare, and a few tips to help you feel right at home from the moment you arrive.

Before You Arrive

Is there anything I should do ahead of time?

Yes! Be sure to:

- Watch for access to the KC Events App
- Set up your profile and start looking around
- Review the schedule and start planning out your sessions

What is the KC Events App and why does it matter?

The app is your go-to resource during the conference. You can:

- View the full schedule and add them to your customized agenda
- Access session handouts and presentations
- Explore attendee and interest group connections
- And more!

Is there anything just for first-time attendees?

Yes! We encourage you to attend the New Attendee Session

“First Time at WHIMA? We’ve Got You!”
at the Glacier Breakout Rooms Tuesday May 12th 7:00 - 7:30 AM

Also:

- Pick up a First-Time Attendee ribbon
- Don’t hesitate to ask for help - we’re here for you!

Who can I go to if I have questions during the conference?

Look for our “Lifegaurds” they’re there to help guide you, answer questions, and make sure you feel supported throughout the event.

You can also check out the registration table.

What to Expect What is Day 1 like?

Day 1 is all about getting comfortable:

- Checking in and getting familiar with the space
- Attending sessions that interest you
- Beginning to connect with other attendees

It's completely normal to feel a little unsure at first. Everyone is there to learn and connect, just like you!

Networking Made Simple Do I really need to network?

Yes, but don't overthink it. Networking at WHIMA is welcoming and supportive.

Some easy ways to start:

- Introduce yourself to someone sitting near you
- Ask what brought them to the conference
- Share your program, role, or interests

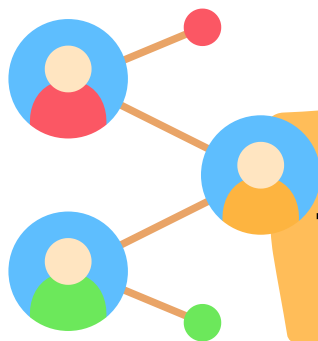
Should I bring a resume?

Yes! It's a great idea to bring copies of your resume or a portfolio, especially if you're looking to connect with potential employers

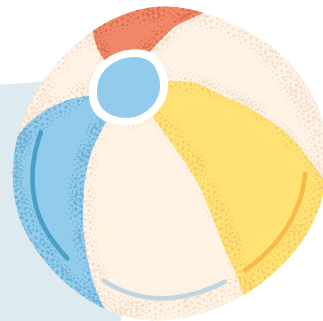
Must-Attend Events



Brushes & Bubbly (\$25)
Monday, May 11 (Pre-Conference Event)



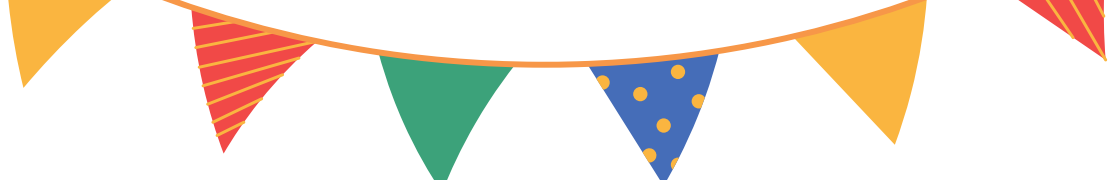
Speed Networking
Tuesday, May 12 | 4:30 - 5:00 PM



Beach Bingo
Tuesday, May 12 | 6:30-8:30 PM



Networking at Monk's
Tuesday, May 12 | 9:00 PM



Fun & Engagement Opportunities

Prize Drawings at the Tuesday Awards Reception

Lifeguard Alerts

**\$50 cash OR
\$75 off WHIMA education**

**Don't drift too far—you must
be present to win!
See the agenda for details**

**Engage with vendors in
the Solutions Corner for
a chance to win a
drawing**

**Drawings announced
Wednesday at noon**

**For a chance to win 50% off the
2027 Annual Conference, stay
until the end of the final session
on Wednesday afternoon**



Visit the WHIMA booth to learn about:

- **Volunteer Opportunities**
- **Committees and Engagement Options**
- **Ways to stay involved beyond the conference**

Conference Logistics

What is the dress code?

Business casual is recommended. Conference room temperatures can vary, so dressing in layers (like bringing a sweater) is encouraged

Will food be provided?

Yes, meals and drinks are included with your registration.

- Some events may include a cash bar, plan accordingly
- If you are bringing a guest, meals can be purchased. Please connect with Teresa for details

Will paper handouts be available?

No. All handouts will be available through the KC Events App.

Final Tips

- Be open to new conversations, you never know where they might lead
- Take advantage of both learning sessions and networking opportunities
- Give yourself grace, it's okay to feel a little out of your comfort zone

