

Frequently Asked Questions

Don't see your question below? Email: ChemEd2025@gmail.com

Q: Should I attend the 2025 ChemEd conference?

A: Yes!

Q: I'm a college professor and I've always heard that ChemEd is for high school teachers. Is that true?

A: *On the off years of BCCE, this is the place for you! While ChemEd traditionally has a higher ratio of high school educators to college educators; this *is* a conference for both high school and college educators! To contrast BCCE, ChemEd traditionally has programming that is a little more hands-on, workshops that generally do not have a cost, more 'ready to use' lesson sharing. As at BCCE, ChemEd has lots of pedagogy conversations in addition to best teaching practices in chemistry. Although every high school might not offer advanced chemistry courses, many ChemEd attendees teach AP/IB Chemistry (equivalent to Gen Chem at the college level) and/or specialty courses and are excited to engage with college educators!*

Q: I teach K-8 and don't have a degree in chemistry, is this conference for me?

A: *Yes! We are providing programming for K-8 teachers because you do chemistry too! We understand that K-5 teachers generally don't have a background in science - but we need YOU to instill a passion of science in our future students! Most students start high school with a preconceived notion of being "good" or "bad" at science, END THE STIGMA! Do you teach middle school and have said to your students "You'll need to know this in high school!"? Come engage with teachers of all age students to discuss science education!*

Q: Any advice for getting around campus?

A: *The Colorado School of Mines is VERY WALKABLE! If you are arriving by car, you will want to park once for the day and walk the campus to get around!*

Q: Is the campus housing air conditioned?

A: *YES! Mines campus housing is air-conditioned.*

Q: Will food be included with registration?

A: *No, meal plans will not be included with registration. Meal plans can be purchased during registration at an additional cost. However, if you stay in Mines campus housing there will be lunch provided each day of your stay at Mines Market. There are also on-campus food options available in the Ben Parker Student Center. Learn more about the available on-campus food options [HERE](#).*

Q: What other food options are available aside from on-campus dining?

A: *There are plenty of restaurants in downtown Golden, which is walkable from campus!*

Q: What's the typical attire of attendees?

A: *If you are participating in labs, you do want to follow safety protocols - closed toed shoes, long pants, and safety glasses.*

Overall, we dress casually. Some people choose to dress up if they are presenting but not everyone! NERDY attire is welcomed! (see below)

Q: Where can I buy some #nerdyshirts?

A: [Amazon](#) [Neat-o-shop](#) [Spreadshirt](#) [Think Geek](#)
[Busted Tees](#) [Periodically Inspired](#) [Svaha](#) [Woot](#)
[Etsy](#) [Redbubble](#) [Teespring](#) [Zazzle](#)
[ModCloth](#) [Retrolicious](#) [Tee Public](#) [6dollarshirts](#)

Thank you @aserkin, @APchemisme, @dragan39 & @puttichem for the suggestions!

Q: Can I cancel my registration?

A: *Any modification, including cancellation, of your registration requires written notice must be emailed (Learn@mines.edu) to the Conference and Event Services (CES) office. The following information applies:*

- *Attendee substitutions may be made without cost penalty at any time up to the date of the start of the event.*
- *Cancellations will be accepted if notice of cancellation is received at the CES office at least five (5) working days prior to the date of the start of the event. Registrants who cancel within this period will be charged a \$50 service fee.*
- *No refunds will be made to registrants who fail to cancel within the specified cancellation period.*

Additional Campus Housing policy

- *Cancellations accepted until June 20, 2025.*
- *Cancellation fee: 10% of total accommodation fee.*
- *No refunds for cancellations after June 20, 2025.*

The sponsor reserves the right to cancel the event and return all registration fees. The cancellation policy for campus housing is different than the event policy and is stated on the accommodations form.

Q: Will people talk to me? Who will I eat lunch with?

A: *Yes! We are all so nice =) Sometimes people are so excited to see each other because they have been conference friends for YEARS, or they talk constantly online. If you are attending and don't know anyone in advance of going, open with a smile and introduce yourself. Without a doubt you'll have people to talk to, make friends that will make you want to attend every chemistry conference just to hang out with them! As for lunch - this is not the movie Mean Girls. There's only one type of table - the cool chemistry folk, so find a chair and sit down. See someone looking for a place to sit? Invite them to sit down with you!*

Q: When can I check in to Mines campus housing?

A: *Mines campus housing check-in starts at 4:00pm MST on July 19, 2025.
Mines is only able to guarantee a 4:00pm check-in time for all campus housing.*

Q: What type of professional development hours will be offered?

A: *More information coming soon!*

Conference Guidelines

Let's make this a great conference for ALL!

Social Media Guidelines:

ChemEd 2025 welcomes the use of social media (BlueSky, Facebook, Instagram, X, Google+, blogs, etc.) at our conference. To make the conference a safe and comfortable space, we set forth the following guidelines for social media:

- ChemEd 2025 is committed to respecting the dignity of others and to the civil and thoughtful discussion of new and opposing ideas on social media. If you voice a complaint or disagree with a post, **please do so in a polite and constructive manner.**
- When tagging the ChemEd 2025 conference, use **@ChemEd2025**, or the conference hashtag (**#ChemEd2025**). We ask that you do not post material that is harassing, abusive, or discriminatory to any other person.
- Please keep your posts relevant to the conference/chemistry/education, and don't post on our pages or tag us to promote unrelated businesses, causes, or political candidates. ChemEd 2025 reserves the right to report and/or remove any comments/tweets that are not relevant, discriminatory, etc.
- Keep in mind ChemEd 2025's Conference Participation Code of Conduct (see below) and apply it to your communication online (and in person!).
- While the default assumption is to allow open discussion of presentation on social media, please respect any request by a presenter to not disseminate the contents of their talk/workshop.
- If you are presenting and do not want certain presentation slides shared on social media, the icon below may be used on slides to indicate your preference. Please include the icon *on each slide* you wish not to be shared to ensure your preference is known to any participants that enter the presentation after its commencement. You can download a high res .jpg of [the icon here](#).



Conference Participation Code of Conduct:

Physical Safety:

Safety. Safety. Safety. Physical safety is something each of us think about every time we step into a lab, and this conference is no different. All participants are required to sign, and follow, North Central College's [Safety Contract](#). You will be asked to sign the Safety Contract at check-in, but you can view/read the contract [here](#). Laboratory rooms in the Wentz Science Center must not be overcrowded, if you arrive at a workshop and the room is full, please find another session to attend. Additionally, a reminder for everyone, if you see unsafe laboratory conditions, immediately inform the person or persons at risk and/or report to a North Central College employee or ChemEd 2025 staff member. North Central College is a smoke & tobacco free campus.

Goal:

ChemEd 2025 is dedicated to providing a safe and productive experience at all sponsored events for all conference participants, regardless of sex, color, gender, personal appearance, national origin, religion, age, physical disability, mental disability, perceived disability, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal or applicable state laws or local ordinances. Participation in events sponsored by ChemEd 2025 is subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the ChemEd Conference Participation Code of Conduct. As set forth in the Code, ChemEd is committed to providing a harassment-free environment for all participants and does not tolerate harassment of participants in any form. ChemEd reserves the right to deny entry to its events, remove from events, or otherwise sanction any person or persons in ChemEd 2025's sole reasonable discretion, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Code.

Prohibited Conduct:

Prohibited conduct at ChemEd 2025 includes, but is not limited to:

1. harassment based on sex, race, color, personal appearance, national origin, religion, age, physical disability, mental disability, perceived disability, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal or applicable state laws or local ordinances;
2. demeaning comments or harassment about a person's professional status or qualifications;
3. sexual harassment
4. abusive conduct that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with another person's ability to benefit from and enjoy or participate in the conference, including social events related to the conference and sponsored by ChemEd 2025;
5. undue interruption of any speaker or session; and
6. violence or threats of violence.

Reporting Prohibited Conduct:

What to do if you experience or witness inappropriate conduct at ChemEd 2025:

1. Report such conduct immediately to the ChemEd 2025 Committee via ChemEd2025@gmail.com or 847-701-4275.
 - o If possible, write everything down (times, places, nature of the incident, and comments made).
 - o Save emails, notes, etc.
 - o Be as detailed as possible.
 - o ChemEd 2025 will make every effort to maintain the confidentiality of any supporting documentation.
2. ChemEd 2025 cannot address claimed inappropriate conduct or harassment unless the claims are brought to the attention of the ChemEd 2025 Committee. Event participants are encouraged to report any incidents as quickly as such participant feels safe doing so.
3. ChemEd 2025 is committed to taking all reasonable steps to prevent harassment and prohibited conduct at its conference and will make every reasonable effort to promptly and completely address and correct any prohibited conduct that may occur at a ChemEd 2025 Conference.
4. Anyone experiencing or witnessing behavior that **constitutes an immediate or serious threat to public safety** at the ChemEd 2025 conference is advised to call the police.

Investigation/Action:

ChemEd 2025 can investigate situations that arise at the ChemEd 2025 and in ChemEd 2025-sponsored online communities provided in connection with such conference.

If ChemEd 2025 determines that an individual has engaged in prohibited conduct, ChemEd 2025 shall determine the appropriate action to be taken, which may include, but is not limited to:

- private reprimand;
- removal from the conference without warning or refund;
- implementation of conditions upon attendance at future ChemEd conferences; or
- restriction from attendance at future ChemEd conferences.

ChemEd 2025 may, but is not required to, report any incident to proper authorities, including but not limited to law enforcement, if in ChemEd 2025's sole discretion such reporting is advisable or necessary.

Retaliation for complaints of inappropriate conduct or harassment are also considered harassment and will not be tolerated. Retaliatory behavior in connection with ChemEd 2025 conference will be investigated in a similar manner to initial complaints.

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