



River Rally 2021 | San Antonio, Texas | May 14-17

Do you have practical knowledge and experience related to one or more [River Rally themes](#)? Could your knowledge help someone working on similar challenges in another setting, geography, or organization? **If so, we need you!**

River Network is looking for workshop proposals that include a combination of instruction and interactive training, that leverage lessons learned and proven approaches, and involve engaging speakers. We seek to accelerate the pace of progress toward a sustainable and equitable water future through River Rally's learning opportunities.

The River Rally audience is diverse in age, ethnicity, geography, educational background, and experience. Attendees typically include conservation professionals and water advocacy champions who work for or are affiliated with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, tribes, utilities, foundations, consultancies, academia, and the corporate sector. We create an active space where uncommon conversations can and do take place.

The deadline for all workshop proposals is **September 30**. Workshops will be selected by October 31, 2020, with final confirmations by all speakers completed by or before November 15, 2020. Please review the guidelines and instructions below and consider submitting a workshop proposal for River Rally 2021.

COVID-19 Update: *As we open our call for workshop proposals, it is unclear whether River Rally 2021 will be in-person or virtual. While we sincerely hope that we can all be together in San Antonio in May, it is possible that River Rally 2021 will be another virtual experience. We ask those who plan to submit a workshop proposal to consider how their workshop might be adapted to fit a virtual format.*

WORKSHOP CRITERIA & PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- **Relevance:** All workshop proposals must relate to one or more [River Rally themes](#). We are looking for proposals that relate to these themes *and* intersect with diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.
- **Format:** Workshops are typically either 90 minutes in length and may include up to three co-presenters *or* are 15 minutes in length for our fast-paced “lightning” sessions involving just one presenter. An in-person River Rally typically offers 60-70 workshops during seven concurrent time blocks, spread across three days.
- **Size:** While we cannot predict how many people will attend each workshop, audiences typically range from 10 to 50 people.
- **Competition:** We typically have many more submissions than spaces in our program. Because of this degree of competition, we encourage everyone to provide a thorough and engaging summary during the submission process that helps the subject matter come alive.
- **Selection:** The open call for workshops ends on October 1, with workshop selections by October 31, followed by final commitments from all speakers by November 15.

- **Registration:** Presenters involved with accepted proposals must register online to attend the conference by April 1, 2020.
- **Financial Support:** While presenters are responsible for their own travel, lodging expenses, and registration fees, we typically offer discounted registration to speakers and all speakers are also eligible to apply for scholarship support. However, our ability to offer these discounts is dependent on our early fundraising success. We will have a more complete picture of these offers and opportunities in early January.

IMPORTANT DATES

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WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

Proposed Length of Workshop:*

Workshops can either span a full workshop time block (up to 90 minutes) or can be shared with other "lightning round" sessions in a single 90-minute time block. If your proposed workshop does not fit clearly into either time frame, please indicate your workshop duration in the Full Workshop Description below.

- Traditional (up to 90 minutes)
- Lightning Round (15-20 minutes)

Workshop Title:*

100 max characters

Workshop Summary Description:*

Please provide a brief overview of the proposed topic and what participants can expect to learn. Be specific and accurate, because this description will be used in the River Rally brochure, on the River Rally website, and in our printed program.

300 max characters

Full Workshop Description:*

Please provide a detailed description of your workshop proposal for review by the selection committee. It should provide an overview of the session and clearly state learning objectives and relevance.

1000 max characters

How does your proposal intersect with water equity, inclusion, diversity, or climate justice?

500 max characters

Does your presentation lend itself to a virtual format or could your presentation be modified to fit a virtual format?*

Would you be willing to present virtually in 2021?*

At virtual River Rally in 2020, workshops were hosted live via Zoom or pre-recorded with the assistance of River Network staff.

- Yes
- No

Primary Workshop Theme:*

Each year River Rally organizes workshops around a set of relevant themes. Which of the following is your proposed workshop's primary theme?

- Water & Agriculture
- Resilient Communities
- Drinking Water
- Policy & Advocacy
- Science & Climate
- Organizational Capacity Building

Other Workshop Theme(s):

Is your proposed workshop relevant to any other workshop themes?

- Water & Agriculture
- Resilient Communities
- Drinking Water
- Policy & Advocacy
- Science & Climate
- Organizational Capacity Building

Workshop Level:*

- Introductory
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- All levels welcome

Target Audience:*

Select all that apply.

- Anyone/Everyone
- Board Members
- Development Staff
- Executive Directors
- Program Staff
- Tribal Representatives
- Agency Representatives
- Volunteers

Other Requests:

E.g. room setup, specific workshop tools, etc.

LEAD PRESENTER INFORMATION

Name:*

Title:*

Organization:*

Location:*

Email:*

Phone:

Bio:*

Please provide a short bio to be provided to workshop participants.

500 max characters

Age:

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

Gender Identity:

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary/third gender
- Prefer not to say
- Other

Racial Identity:

- Asian / Asian American
- Black / African American
- Hispanic / Latinx
- Native American / Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
- White / Caucasian

Do you identify as LGBTQIA+?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Have you presented at River Rally before?*

- Yes
- No

Will you have co-presenters for this workshop?*

- Yes
- No

Please prepare the above information for all additional presenters.