



## District 8 AAP SONPM ***SOCIAL EVENTS***

We are looking forward to hosting you at the Big Sky Resort this June 16-19, 2022. We wanted to update you on the social events we are planning and some activities to suggest for your free time. For the Thursday and Friday dinner events, please be sure to purchase guest tickets as you need them, so that we have an accurate count for meal planning. Tickets may also be purchased for guests for breakfast. Additional tickets may be purchased via the conference registration site (must use a different email address than the one used to register).

Saturday afternoon activities will be on your own and many require reservations in advance. We highly recommend making your reservations now! This also applies to dining out in Big Sky, please make reservations if you have restaurants you would like to try.

### ***Thursday, June 16***

We will welcome our keynote speaker for the Inaugural Jerry King Lectureship, Dr. Karen Puopolo from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. We begin at 5:30PM with a poster reception that includes one complimentary beverage along with passed appetizers before proceeding to dinner. Dinner will conclude at 8:30PM.

### ***Friday, June 17***

We are planning a fun dinner event at 6pm, featuring "Dueling pianos with Jeff and Rhiannon". They are an all-request, audience interactive, comedic dueling pianos show, so bring your energy and plan to have a great time – you won't want to miss this!

### ***Saturday afternoon, June 18***

Free time to explore Big Sky and the area.

- The resort is a 1 hour drive from Yellowstone national park, so you may choose to visit that area.
- The Big Sky resort itself also features many activities that can be found on their website under the base camp summer activities tab <https://bigskyresort.com/summer-activities>. Some fun ones that require reservations are the zip line and scenic lift rides. You can receive a 10% discount on base camp activities with promo code which will be sent out as soon as Big Sky releases it to the conference planners.
- Hiking and downhill mountain biking are also popular activities on the mountain and trail maps can be found online and at the resort and bikes can be rented in the Mountain Village.
- The Mountain Village also has fun family activities like a bungee trampoline, a giant swing, a rock climbing wall and miniature golf, open from 11a-4p
- Lake Levinsky is a short walk from the resort and has a sandy beach front and kayaks, paddle boards, paddle boats and canoes for hourly rental

-Off site activities include whitewater rafting trips on the Gallatin River, fly fishing on the Gallatin River, horseback riding and golf in the town center. Links for recommended guides and tours can be found on the big sky website <https://bigskyresort.com/summer-activities>

\*Be sure to make dinner reservations for dinner on your own Saturday, June 18

### ***Restaurants to try in Big Sky***

**Mountain Village** (within walking distance from the hotel):

\*The Cabin Bar and Grill - Montana cuisine in ski lodge setting

Hungry Moose Market and Deli - Sandwiches and prepared food

Yeti Dogs - hot dogs & ice cream

Scissor Bills - Bar Food

**Big Sky Town Center** (10 minute drive from hotel)

\*Olive B's - Montana cuisine

\*Ousel and Spur - pizza and pasta

Horn and Cattle - Beautiful, local cuisine in a guest ranch (turn off is before town center)

By Word of Mouth Restaurant - local cuisine

Lone Peak Brewery - local brew pub

\*Lotus Pad - Thai food

Blue Buddha - sushi

Hungry Moose Market and Deli - sandwiches and prepared food

\*Blue Moon Bakery - pizza, baked goods, sandwiches, pastries

Chopper's - family friendly, pub fare

**Along the Gallatin River/Highway towards Yellowstone Park** - (30 minute drive from hotel)

\*Riverhouse BBQ - BBQ - outdoor seating available

\*Buck's T4 - steak house in a classic Montana ranch

Rainbow Ranch - steaks and more

\*Conference Chair favorites