

SAVE THE DATES: W.C.W.A. Conference & Annual General Meeting



August 14-16, 2026 - Pendleton, Oregon

Plans for the 2026 Western Canadian Wheelwright's Associations Annual Conference and General Meeting are now underway. The 2026 session will be held in Pendleton, Oregon at the Bill Dawson Wheelwright Shop located directly across the street from the Pendleton Woolen Mills, just minutes from Pendleton's Main Street. Registrations for the event may be found on page 30.



In addition to W.C.W.A.'s General Business Meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon, participants will work on construction of Archibald and Sarvin wheels for a historic animal hauler and enjoy tours of the unique western community. Those who have attended in the past have indicated they always have fun and learn a great deal by collaborating with fellow wheelwrights and we are sure the same will be the case in 2026.



Bill and Patricia Dawson's home and shop



Pendleton, Oregon - aerial view of the rodeo grounds and Indian Village during the Pendleton Round-Up



Pendleton Woolen Mills

Founded in 1851, Pendleton Oregon is known for its rich heritage and craftsmanship. From the beautiful woven fabrics of the Pendleton Woolen Mills to the stories beneath the streets at the Pendleton Underground Tours, we are sure W.C.W.A. Conference attendees will not be disappointed.

The morning hours will be dedicated to sharing techniques during wheelwright work followed by midafternoon tours of the local area. One stop for sure will be the Pendleton Woolen Mills which is located directly across the street from Dawson's



front yard. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Woolen Mills Blanket Making Factory and of course have plenty of time to shop on Friday afternoon! Group dining venues will be arranged for Friday and Saturday evening.

Additional tour plans during the weekend include a stop at the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame Museum and the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds for a guided tour as well as time to shop at the nearby Gift Gallery on Saturday afternoon.



Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame

If you are looking for custom boots, a hat maker, or a new saddle you'll be able to find a shop to meet your needs in the historic district of Pendleton. While not scheduled for part of the official W.C.W.A. itinerary, you may want to consider booking a tour with the Pendleton Underground Tours, which is an extremely popular venue for tourists. Underground tours book quickly; thus, you may want to make those arrangements soon.... perhaps for Thursday afternoon. Read more about it at pendletonundergroundtours.org.



Hamley Western Store



Pendleton is in Eastern Oregon and is easily accessed along Interstate I-84. Closest airports are in Walla Walla, Washington or Pasco, Washington. A small commuter airline is also available from Portland, OR which offers daily flights into Pendleton.

Pendleton offers a variety of lodging options including B&Bs, chain-brand hotels and two RV camping facilities. A few of those options are listed here or few free to research the Chamber Tourism site at travelpendleton.com. Feel free to contact Patricia Dawson if you have questions regarding any of the sites.

Lodging Options in the Pendleton Area

Pendleton offers an array of accommodation options that cater to various preferences, ensuring that your stay is comfortable and fits your needs. Whether you prefer a cozy bed & breakfast, an Airbnb, Chain Hotel or local RV facility, there are many accommodations located near the town's main attractions and the site of the WCWA gathering. There is a large LPG Golf Tournament in the region during our event and rooms are filling quickly. Links to a few lodging options are noted at right.

We will include more information about the Annual Meeting/Gathering including the schedule in the next issue of The Traveller. You also can learn more about Pendleton at travelpendleton.com.

LOCAL AND CHAIN HOTELS:

America's Best Value Inn

www.sonesta.com/locations/us/oregon/pendleton

201 SW Court Avenue, Pendleton, OR | 541-276-1400

Oxford Suites

www.oxfordcollection.com/hotels/suites-pendleton

2400 SW Court Place, Pendleton, OR | 541-276-6000

Hotel Inn Pendleton

www.hotelinnpendleton.com

413 SW Dorion Ave., Pendleton, OR | 213-549-9681

Red Lion Hotel

www.sonesta.com/red-lion-hotels/or/pendleton/red-lion-hotel-pendleton

304 SE Nye Ave., Pendleton, OR | 541-276-6111

Hampton Inn

www.hilton.com/en/hotels/penorhx-hampton-pendleton/

101 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton, OR | 541-276-3500

Best Western Pendleton Inn

www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-pendleton/best-western-pendleton-inn/propertyCode.38109.html

400 SE Nye Ave., Pendleton, OR | 541-276-2135

Holiday Inn Express

www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/pendleton/pdtdor/hoteldetail

600 SE Nye Ave Pendleton, OR | 541-966-6520

BED & BREAKFAST:

Pendleton House Historic Inn

www.pendletonhousebnb.com

311 North Main Street Pendleton, OR | 541-612-8311

RV PARKS AND CAMPING:

Pendleton KOA Campground

koa.com/campgrounds/pendleton/

1375 SE 3rd Street Pendleton, OR | 541-276-1041

Wildhorse RV Park * 7 miles from Pendleton

www.wildhorseresort.com/resort/rv-park-tipi-village/

46510 Wildhorse Blvd Pendleton, OR *approx. 7 miles from city
541-966-1891

AIRBNB

Many homes are listed within the city limits.

www.airbnb.com/s/Pendleton--OR/

2026 W.C.W.A CONFERENCE & AGM

August 14-16, 2026 Pendleton, Oregon, USA

Cost of registration: Participants: \$20; Spouses: \$10; Children: Free

[Please fill this form out carefully, printing clearly or using a checkmark where appropriate]

Please put me down for _____ Adults _____ Children _____

Number of Children in each age group: _____ 0-11 _____ 12-18

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____
PLEASE PRINT

SIGNED: _____
USUAL SIGNATURE

ADDRESS: _____
STREET OR P.O. BOX # CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE/STATE POSTAL/ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE: () _____ FAX: () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FOR REGISTRATION CREW'S INFORMATION ONLY:

REGISTERED: By Mail _____ Friday evening _____ Saturday morning _____ Later _____

PAID BY: Cheque [Chq.# _____] _____ Money order _____ Cash _____ E-Transfer _____

IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ _____ Registration for _____ Participants

NUMBER IN PARTY: Spouse _____ Children (aged 12-18) _____ Children under 12 _____

WILL YOU BE BRINGING A CAMPER? _____

PLEASE MAKE OUT YOUR CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER TO THE
WESTERN CANADIAN WHEELWRIGHT'S ASSOCIATION OR W.C.W.A AND MAIL TO:

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