



## Mid-Atlantic Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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# Regional Conference by the Mid-Atlantic Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) April 8-9, 2024

The Mid-Atlantic Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (DC VOAD, DE VOAD, MD VOAD, PA VOAD, VA VOAD and WV VOAD) in partnership with FEMA Region III, invite you to join us for our inaugural conference. The theme of this year's conference is:

***How Can VOADs Better Understand the Science Behind and Effectively Respond to the Increasing Number of Undeclared Disasters***

The conference will explore the climatology and metrological science and data that provide insight into the increased frequency and intensity of storms and will examine how the VOAD member organizations can effectively respond to the increasing number of disasters that fail to qualify for a federal disaster declaration.

**Conference Date and Location:** The conference will be held from noon on April 8 to noon on April 9, 2024, at the Cacapon Resort State Park Lodge in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

**Getting There:** You can get to Berkeley Springs from several major metropolitan cities in less than a tank of gas. Approximate distances are Baltimore – 100 miles; Washington, DC – 100 miles; Pittsburgh – 150 miles; Philadelphia – 165 miles; Richmond – 180 miles.

**Conference Fee:** \$130, includes conference registration as well as lunch, break, and dinner on Monday and breakfast and break on Tuesday. Spouses/significant others are welcome to participate in meals. Purchase a meals-only ticket online during registration.

**Registration:** To register, please click on the [Conference Registration link](#).

**Questions:** Should you have any questions, please contact *Bruce Morgenstern*, Conference Registration Committee, at [treasurer@marylandvoad.org](mailto:treasurer@marylandvoad.org)

Tentative Conference Schedule			
Day 1: April 8		Day 2: April 9	
Time	Event	Time	Event
10:30-12:00	Conference Registration	7:30-8:30	Breakfast
12:00-1:00	Lunch	8:30- 9:45	Session 4:
1:00-1:30	Welcome	9:45 – 10:15	Break
1:30-2:00	Session 1: Introductions	10:15 – 11:30	Session 5:
2:00-3:30	Session 2: Keynote Speaker	11:30 - noon	Wrap up
3:30-4:00	Break		
4:00-5:30	Session 3:		
5:30-6:00	On your own		
6:00-6:30	Cocktail Social		
6:30-8:30	Dinner and Social Event		

## Interested in Being a Conference Sponsor?

Corporate and other conference sponsors are being sought. Sponsorships allow the VOADs to reduce their cost of holding the conference, leaving more funds to direct towards their volunteer efforts and to reduce the out-of-pocket cost of volunteers attending the conference, many of whom will be paying all or part of the cost of attendance out of their own pockets.

There are many benefits to being a conference sponsor:

- ✓ The most important benefit of sponsorship is that your contribution offsets the costs of the conference. By reducing the cost to the VOADs to host the conference, the VOADs have more funds available to support response to unmet needs of disasters survivors in FEMA Region III.
- ✓ Your sponsorship will help voluntary disaster organizations better respond to the effects of climate change and global warming.
- ✓ Event sponsors will be recognized by a sponsorship sign conspicuously posted at the event.
- ✓ All sponsors will be recognized in the conference agenda.
- ✓ All sponsors can request their promotional materials be included in the conference attendee packet.
- ✓ Sponsorships will be announced and if the sponsor is present, they will be recognized at meals.
- ✓ The Mid-Atlantic VOADs are 501(c)(3) charities, and your sponsorship may be tax deductible (consult with a tax professional).

If you have any questions or wish to discuss potential sponsorship and your attendance, please contact Clifford Oliver, Ph.D., CEM, CBCP, the *Conference Sponsorship Chair* at your earliest convenience at [coliver@naticokeglobal.com](mailto:coliver@naticokeglobal.com) or 302 470-0535.

# Conference Lodging Information



## Cacapon Resort State Park Lodge

The newest lodge in the West Virginia State Parks system, Cacapon Resort's 120-room luxury lodge sits at the foot of Cacapon Mountain. With indoor and outdoor dining, a spa, indoor swimming pool and a view of the park's golf course, it is the perfect place for adventurers to wind down.

Positioned in the shadow of a folded mountain ridge in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, Cacapon Resort State Park is a 6,000 plus-acre, year-round destination. The park is frequented by both nature lovers and adventure seekers from around the state, as well as nearby cities such as Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Cacapon Resort is also a draw for history buffs due to its proximity to the historic town of Berkeley Springs and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

**To receive the conference lodging rate, you must call the hotel at (304) 258-1022 to make a reservation.** Ask to speak with the front desk or group services. The room block code is **VOAD**.

- ❖ **The conference rate is NOT available if you book your room online.**
- ❖ **Registration closes and reservations MUST be complete by March 24th. This is a hard deadline.**

The hotel has graciously agreed to offer the conference discount lodging rate to those that wish to extend their stay by arriving early or staying later. The rates below include the conference discount, but do not include the retail tax of 6% and hotel/motel tax of 6%.

	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Weekend</u>	
Single Queen Bed	\$99.00	\$117.00	<i>The weekday rate applies to Sunday through Thursday nights. The weekend rate applies to Friday and Saturday nights.</i>
Double Queen Bed	\$126.00	\$155.70	
King Bed	\$144.00	\$168.30	

The address of the conference hotel is 818 Cacapon Lodge Dr, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

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