



## About the Summit



Started in 2017 with the goal of gathering 40 Queers folks and allies, the inaugural Summit in Seattle exceeded all expectations with over 140 attendees, 16

speakers and 18 sponsors. Since its first year, the Summit has hosted 61 speakers, as many workshops and almost 500 attendees all focused on creating connections and amplifying the experiences of stories of the Queer community OUTside.

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## Summit 2022



Hosted on Massawomeck Ancestral Land, the fourth LGBTQ Outdoor Summit will take place **April 1st through 4th** at the

**National Conservation Training Center** in Sheperdstown, West Virginia.

[Registration here.](#)

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# WE'RE BACK!

*From Summit co-founders Hannah Malvin (she/her) and Elyse Rylander (she/her)*

Wow. What a time it has been.

Feels like the only appropriate way to kick off this exciting news is to recognize what an exhausting, stressful and emotional period of time it has been since we last connected. We hope that this announcement finds all of our community as well as can be expected, and we also hope that the news of the LGBTQ Outdoor Summit's return will brighten your day just that little bit.

In full transparency we (Hannah and Elyse) were not sure what impacts COVID would have on the Summit's future. But, after navigating these tumultuous times as best we could and being able to reconnect this summer, we are absolutely elated to be back in the groove and planning what has become the highlight of each of our years since we started this whole journey in 2017.

In the past, our Summit's have focused on connecting the attendees to one another while also providing fun and engaging workshops on everything from dismantling systemic barriers within large institutions to nature journaling with a Queer twist.

For the fourth LGBTQ Outdoor Summit we are taking a slightly different approach. The 2022 Summit will focus on two main concepts: **connection and joy**.

While we are still creating the agenda, you can expect an event full of time to reflect, share our joys and our pain, be in connection with the natural world as well as with each other and hopefully some space to heal in whatever way is most significant to you.

Whether this will be a reconnection or the first time you attend, we hope to see you in April of 2022.

In adventure and gratitude,

Hannah and Elyse