



Colorado Skepticamp 2009

WHEN: Saturday May 9th from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
WHERE: Baerresen Ballroom - Tivoli Student Union
ADDRESS: 900 Auraria Pkwy in Denver (<http://is.gd/ou0y>)

Skepticamp started as an experiment in Denver in 2007 to see if the successful BarCamp user-driven conference format had any traction in the world of modern skepticism. Now with seven(!) events in cities in the US and Canada in 2009 it looks like we've started something special.

This coming event will bring the idea to the next level, with an

unprecedented effort to increase the level of participation, attracting larger numbers of organizers and speakers and providing multiple tracks of talks in a partitioned ballroom to make for an intense day of informative, interactive, eclectic and niche talks drawn from the skeptic and science communities of the Rocky Mountain region.

Speaker Guidelines

Talks should focus on a topic related to modern skepticism or science. This covers a huge range of topics, from investigating the paranormal to consumer fraud to any niche of scientific research. If you're not sure about your topic, ask the organizers to see if it'd be a fit.

Speakers should plan to sign up for a time slot at 9am on the morning of the event. Slots are available first come, first served in blocks of 15 minutes, so your presentation length should target 12, 25, 40 or 55 minutes in length.

Organizers may adjust the schedule to synchronize breaks, consolidate talks by theme, or to counter-program popular talks against niche ones.

All presentations must be interactive, meaning they are not lectures to a captive audience. Speakers should expect and must take questions, so be sure to make your key points at the start of your talk because you may run out of time! There's also the Skepticamp Rule: 'Be prepared to cite your sources on any claim that is likely to be challenged' — the intent of this rule is simply to allow others to evaluate the substance of your talk for themselves.

Short video clips are fine. Extended video clips are not. Organizers reserve the right to end any talk as well as to eject any participant. In other words, disruptive or abusive behavior will not be tolerated.

Seating is limited! There is no cost to attend, but you must register at <http://skepticamp.org/events/1-skepticamp-colorado-2009>

What is Skepticamp?

Skepticamp is an international network of participant-generated skeptic conferences.

It's a new kind of BarCamp, an 'unconference' whose content is provided by the attendees themselves. Where BarCamp focuses on technology, Skepticamp instead focuses on science, critical thinking, pseudo-science, paranormal claims, alternative medicine and the hundreds of topics of interest to skeptics.

To get a taste of what attending an event is like, listen to Episode #97 of the Skepticity Podcast which recaps Atlanta's first Skepticamp event in February 2009. <http://is.gd/oojh>

Where do you fit in?

Skepticamp emphasizes the participation of everyone including the first-time speaker. When there's an event planned in your community, consider giving a presentation on a topic related to science or skepticism that is important to you.



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