MAINE 2023 RURAL SUMMIT FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE
REGISTRATION

Join Out in the Open for the 2023 Maine Summit for Rural LGBTQ+ People, on Saturday August 12!

Out in the Open connects rural LGBTQ+ people to build community, visibility, knowledge and power. We are a multiracial grassroots movement and capacity building organization based in Wabanaki Territory in Windham County, Vermont and Waldo County, Maine.

This year’s Maine summit will be our 8th time hosting this type of event. Summits are loosely structured gatherings intended to support rural LGBTQ+ folks to learn, connect with each other and with rural traditions, and build trust and power within the community of rural LGBTQ+ people in Maine.

When we gather in August, there will be hand-on workshop spaces, dialogue spaces, and time and space to connect with other rural LGBTQ+ folks. Additionally, there will be time for affinity spaces and for “open topic” sessions, where attendees can decide day-of to offer conversational or skill-sharing sessions based out of a desire to explore emerging themes.

Light breakfast, a full lunch with vegan and gluten free options, dinner, and snacks will be provided.

Childcare will be available on site during the day on Saturday. Please let us know by July 28 if you plan to utilize childcare from Out in the Open at the Summit. Infants in arms will be welcome throughout. Transportation support is also available! You will find questions where you can share about your childcare and transportation needs in the registration below.

By registering in advance, you support us to meet accessibility needs, prepare enough food, and plan other logistics including safety planning. You may send your registration via mail to: Out in the Open, PO Box 607, Monroe ME 04951.

Registrations mailed to Out in the Open must be received by July 28- please allow at least 7 business days to account for rural delivery times. You will receive an email confirmation when your form is received, or a phone call/text if you list them as a preference.

The registration form starts on the next page.
1. First things first, what's your **name**? What do you want people to call you at the Summit?

2. Feel free to share your **pronouns** here.

3. Do you identify as LGBTQ+ and live in rural Maine? *This event is open only to people living in rural areas of Maine who also identify as LGBTQ+. Please feel free to contact us if you need any clarification:* [summits@weareoutintheopen.org](mailto:summits@weareoutintheopen.org), 207.808.0623.
   a. Yes
   b. No

4. Are you aged 18 or older? *Summit spaces are intended to support people over the age of 18. If you are under 18 and seeking LGBTQ+ community, please get in touch with us to learn about local resources.*
   a. Yes
   b. No

5. COVID testing will be required of anyone participating in the Summit. Are you willing to take a COVID test on-site when you arrive? *Out in the Open will provide PCR-level nasal swab tests to test Summit attendees for COVID-19 upon arrival at the event.*
   a. Yes
   b. No

6. How can we reach you? We ask this so we can reach you to inform you about attending the event and about logistics and details.

   a. What's your **email address**?

   b. And your **phone number**?
7. Why are rural LGBTQ+ spaces important to you?

8. This event takes place on a working farm, and the ground may be uneven in some places. Walking from the entry area and portable toilets may be muddy and have a slight incline. We can transport attendees' belongings via ATV to the lower field.

With this information, will this meet your needs or address any mobility concerns? What support would make this event accessible to you?

Please share about what your needs are here.

9. The next few questions are about childcare and transportation support. We will follow up with you soon to coordinate!

*Out in the Open seeks to provide caregivers who are known by people in our community and share our rural LGBTQ+ identity. We pay caregivers a living wage and support their participation in Summit activities if they desire to join.*

a. Childcare will be coordinated on-site during the day on Saturday. Is childcare at the farm necessary for you to attend?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

b. If childcare on-site does not meet your needs, childcare stipends are available. Do you need a childcare stipend to pay a caregiver while you attend the Summit?
   i. Yes
   ii. No

c. Out in the Open can coordinate transportation, or offer a stipend to cover mileage for participants who would not otherwise be able to make the trip.
   i. Do you need transportation support in order to attend?
      1. Yes
      2. No

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ii. If you would like transportation support, please tell us more about what that looks like for you.

10. Food will be provided throughout the day- light breakfast, snacks, lunch, and dinner. There will be gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan options at all times. If you have food needs that you would like us to know about, including allergies and preferences, please share that information here.

   *If you have a dietary concern or allergy that requires you to bring your own food, please let us know. We can provide a stipend for your food purchase and may be able to make limited refrigeration available on site.*

11. There will be a Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) affinity tent set up for folks to access throughout the entire event. If you identify as BIPOC, would you like to hold space for other folks with shared racial or ethnic identities at some point throughout the day?

12. Do you want to offer a session at the summit? If yes, tell us about your idea here.

   *You can find some resources on Out in the Open's website to support you to hold a participatory space: [https://www.weareoutintheopen.org/me-summit-details-23](https://www.weareoutintheopen.org/me-summit-details-23)*

13. Do you have any questions or comments for us?

Thank you for taking the time to register for the Out in the Open Rural LGBTQ+ Summit for LGBTQ+ People! Please reach out to Grace via phone or email if you have questions or need to follow up: 207.808.0623, grace@weareoutintheopen.org.

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You can review details online here: [https://www.weareoutintheopen.org/summits](https://www.weareoutintheopen.org/summits) We will update Summit information and the day’s schedule as we plan, so stay tuned!

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