

**GREEN SUMMIT AGENDA**  
**Sunday, March 26 – Tuesday, March 28**

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**8:00 am – 10:00 am - Welcome & Navigating Climate Disruption for Zoos and Aquaria**

This session sets the stage for three days of content and conversations around how our profession is projected to experience climate disruption, and ways we can identify, mitigate, and adapt to the associated risks, challenges, and opportunities.

**10:00 am – 10:30 am – Networking Time**

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm - Collective Action**

This session will focus on how collective action can be scaled to address different challenges, from local to regional to national efforts, and how groups can coordinate across these levels. Attendees will learn about the role of technology in collective action and the challenges and barriers that can arise in the process.

**1:00 pm – 1:30 pm - Container Farming at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo**

Can food security for zoo animals be connected to sustainability and climate resilience? At Cheyenne Mountain Zoo we think it can! This talk will cover our food security journey, how it led us to hydroponic shipping container farms, the lessons we've learned as we've tested two different types of farms, and where our shipping container farm program is headed!

**1:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Networking Time**

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Biomimicry**

Zoos and aquariums have already begun deploying sustainability measures from front offices to operations, conservation and education. How can you advance your work by learning from the very organisms you care for while making your organizations more sustainable or even regenerative? The practice of biomimicry is helping companies and communities translate 3.8 billion years of R & D into practical efforts to save money and resources while shining a light on the brilliance of nature from which you and your visitors can all benefit. Learn how you can approach and solve problems at your facility by finding out more about biomimicry and how you can apply it to advance your mission.

**3:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Networking Time**

**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Scissortail Park Sustainability Tour**

Park Rangers will guide attendees on a tour; starting at the Convention Center and concluding at their compost site. Be prepared for some walking and socializing outside. There may even be lawn games!

**Monday, March 27**  
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8:00 am – 8:15 am – **Welcome and Review**

8:15 am – 10:30 am - **Environmental & Climate Justice**

Sustainability and conservation have traditionally centered on minimizing the use of natural resources and limiting human impact on the environment. However, longstanding success requires a counternarrative emphasizing environmental identity, community engagement, and empathy. During this session, you'll hear from three organizations influencing and moving sustainability and conservation efforts through an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach hand-in-hand with institutional DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion, access) commitments. Panelists will discuss issues of environmental identity and intersections with other diversity metrics, focusing on how our institutions can leverage these identities for greater conservation participation and success. Together we can have balanced ecosystems that lead to thriving human and environmental health conditions.

10:30 am – 11:00 am – **Networking Time**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm - **Waste & Resilience: Part 1**

Join sustainability leaders and operators from AZA facilities around the country in discussing one of the most challenging and fun topics: waste! This session will provide an overview of the myriad of hurdles and headaches – while offering some tangible examples of solutions and creative ways to reduce waste for institutions of all sizes. Included will be practical ideas to support your facility to develop a more tangible plan. *Consider this a dumpster dive with all your friends!*

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm - **Waste & Resilience: Part 2**

Take part in learning ways to make your AZA facility and operation more resilient in the face of ever-growing environmental challenges. This session will support a “thriving in the face of change” approach while offering guidance on how to engage and energize your guests, staff, and leadership! Innovative new ideas and tried-and-true examples of sustainability resilience will be presented as well as practical recommendations and steps every institution can make. *Wear your creative idea hat to this one!*

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm – **Networking Time**

2:30pm – 4:45 pm - **Mini CVA Workshop & Summit Wrap-up**

This workshop will equip participants with terminology and tools for addressing their unique organizational risks related to climate change. Participants will leave the workshop with the ability to describe the importance of assessing organizational climate vulnerabilities. Specific outcomes from the workshop include: Understanding of national and regional climate trends, how to find your local climate projections + impacts, and how to conduct a climate vulnerability assessment.

**Tuesday, March 28**  
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10:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Collaborative Thinking Session: Climate Action Strategy Banking**

Join us as we wrap up two full days of information, inspiration, and actionable takeaways. This session will tap into the collective experience of our peer network to identify strategies for navigating climate disruptions identified during the CVA workshop. Previous Summit participation not required to attend.