

Is There a Secular Conference in Your State?

Since the emergence of the “new atheism” in 2004, annual state and regional conferences have been springing up all over the United States. To find out if there is one (or more) near you, consult the list below. Forthcoming dates are provided when known, otherwise the date when last held is used. (If a conference you know about isn’t listed here, or the latest information isn’t provided, please e-mail your information to Info@UnitedCoR.org .)

ARKANSAS

Reason in the Rock

Saturday, October 27th, 2012

Little Rock, Arkansas

Hosted by the Arkansas Society of Freethinkers in cooperation with Central Arkansas CoR, the event is free and open to the public, but limited seating requires advance registration.

<http://www.reasonintherock.org/>

CALIFORNIA

Freethought Alliance Annual Conference

May 3-5, 2013

Anaheim, California

Hosted by the Freethought Alliance in cooperation with Orange County CoR.

<http://freethoughtalliance.org/fta/annual-conference/>

Freethought Day

October 12, 2013

Sacramento, California

Hosted by the Sacramento Freethought Day Committee in cooperation with Sacramento CoR.

<http://freethoughtday.org/>

COLORADO

Colorado Secular Conference

Last held July 21, 2012; the 2013 dates have not yet been announced.

Last held in Grand Junction but now slated for Denver, Colorado.

Sponsored by COCORE.

<http://www.humanistsdoinggood.org/conference>

<http://www.COCORE.org>

IDAHO AND WASHINGTON

Darwin on the Palouse

February 7-9, 2013

Moscow, Idaho, and Pullman, Washington

An annual celebration of Darwin Day hosted by Palouse CoR.
<http://darwinonthepalouse.org/>

KANSAS

ReasonFest

April 20-21, 2013

Lawrence, Kansas

Hosted by the Society of Open-Minded Atheists and Agnostics (SOMA), a campus group, the event is free and open to the public.

<http://kusoma.org/reasonfest/>

Skeptics of Oz

March 15-17, 2013

Wichita, Kansas

Hosted by Wichita CoR, the event is free and open to the public.

<http://lanyrd.com/2013/skeptics-of-oz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/312192982233234/>

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Freethought Convention

October 26, 2013

Louisville, Kentucky

Hosted in 2012 by Bluegrass CoR and in 2013 by Louisville CoR.

<http://www.kyfreethoughtconvention.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kyfreethoughtconvention>

LOUISIANA

Reason on the Bayou

April 14, 2013

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Hosted by Atheists, Humanists and Agnostics of Louisiana State University, organized by the SE Louisiana Freethinkers & Nonbelievers Meetup, and sponsored groups from all over Louisiana, the event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required.

Online registration: <http://www.planetreg.com/E113173940219445>

<http://www.meetup.com/new-orleans-atheists/events/110534432/>

MASSACHUSETTS

Harvard Humanist Award Ceremony

February 20, 2013, at 8:00 PM

Memorial Church, One Harvard Yard, Cambridge, Massachusetts

The annual Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award in Cultural Humanism is presented at Harvard University jointly by the Humanist Community at Harvard, the American Humanist Association, and the Harvard Community of Humanists, Atheists, and Agnostics.

<http://harvardhumanist.org/>

MISSOURI

Skepticon

November 15-17, 2013

Springfield, Missouri

This year's event is Skepticon 6, "the largest free skeptic conference in the nation," in cooperation with Ozarks CoR.

<http://skepticon.org/>

NEBRASKA

Apostacon

September 20-22, 2013

Omaha, Nebraska

Formerly the Midwest Freethought Conference, Apostacon is organized and supported by the seven organizations in Omaha CoR.

<http://www.apostacon.org/>

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Carolinas Secular Conference

October 4-6, 2013

Charlotte, North Carolina

Hosted by the Carolinas Secular Association, this event is held annually in a different city in the Carolinas in cooperation with the local CoR, where one exists.

<http://carolinassecularconference.com/>

NORTH DAKOTA

Project 42 Freethought Convention

September

Fargo, North Dakota

This event, hosted by the Red River Freethinkers, was held in 2010 and 2011 but not since. The name is in homage to Douglas Adams' *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*.

<http://www.project42convention.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-42-Freethought-Convention/129055563787786>

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OKLAHOMA

FreeOK – Oklahoma Freethought Convention

June 22, 2013

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Hosted by FreeOK, Inc., this annual event has previously been held in Tulsa.

<http://freeok.org/>

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Northwest Freethought Alliance Annual Conference

April 5-7, 2013 (cancelled)

Portland, Oregon, or Seattle, Washington

This event is hosted by the Northwest Freethought Alliance and is cosponsored by the Portland and Seattle-area CoRs.

<http://www.nwfreethought.org/>

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania State Atheist/Humanist Conference

September 13-15, 2013

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This event, first held in Harrisburg in 2012, is organized by Pennsylvania Nonbelievers and cosponsored by the Humanist Society, the Lancaster Freethought Society, and Philly CoR.

<http://atheistpa.org/>

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<http://carolinassecularconference.com/>

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Conference of Reason

April 20, 2013

Chamberlain (Ocoma), South Dakota

Admission is free, outside of meals and lodging, for this event: organized by all the local groups in the state for the purpose of building a South Dakota Coalition of Reason; sponsored by UnitedCoR.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/214700748667522/>

TEXAS

North Texas Secular Convention

February 8-10, 2013

Dallas, Texas

Sponsored by DFW CoR and others

<http://www.ntxsecularcon.com/>

Texas Freethought Convention

October 2013

San Antonio, Texas

This statewide convention is held in a different Texas city each year, sponsored by the CoR in that city.

<http://www.texasfreethoughtconvention.com/>

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WISCONSIN

Freethought Festival

March 8-10, 2013

Madison, Wisconsin

Hosted by Atheists, Humanists, and Agnostics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and sponsored by MadCoR

<http://wiscatheists.wix.com/freethoughtfestival>