



SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

MARCH 22-24, 2026

Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, N.C.

The Next Wave: Navigating Water Sector Currents

Sunday, March 22: Pre-Summit Activity

1:30 – 5:00 PM

Tour of McAlpine Creek Wastewater Management Facility

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Monday, March 23: WEF/AWWA YP Workshops

7:45 – 11:30 AM | Room W209 AB
WEF Member Association YP Leaders (MAYPL) Workshop

10:00 – 11:00 AM | Room W209 CDEF
Monday Morning Optional Meet-Up

11:30 - 5:00 PM | Room W209 CDEF
AWWA YP Leader Training Day

12:00 – 5:00 PM | Room W209 AB
WEF Emerging Young Professionals Leadership (EYPL) Workshop

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6:00 – 8:00 PM | Charlotte Beer Garden
1300 S Tryon Street
YP Summit Welcome Reception

Tuesday, March 24: YP Summit Program

7:30 AM | Room W209 ABCDEF
Morning Coffee

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8:00 AM

Learning Cohort Meet and Greet

8:20 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Room W210
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8:40 AM

The Next Wave: Perspectives from WEF and AWWA Senior Leadership

Speakers: John Albert, AWWA; Howard Carter, WEF; Heather Collins, AWWA; Ralph Exton, WEF

Moderator: Dane Elliott, The Ohio State University

9:20 AM

Smarter Water: the AI and Digital Landscape in the Water Sector

Speakers: Lance Holt, Black & Veatch; Marie Hilliard, SUEZ; Navneet Prasad, CVWRF; Corey Williams, Badger Meter

Moderator: Alex Webb, Optimatics

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10:00 AM

Tap Into Trivia

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10:15 AM

Coffee Break

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10:35 AM

Going Rogue: Presentation Skills That Captivate

Speaker: Chelsea Boozer, Rogue Water Lab

11:30 AM

Leading through Change: A Visionary Utility Leader's Approach

Speaker: Kishia Powell, WSSC Water

12:15 PM

Lunch

1:15 PM

Resilience through Inclusivity: Building the Future of Work in Water

Speakers: Donnell Duncan, Arcadis; Nicole Brown, GFT; Brianna Huber, City of East Moline; Mariana Anguiano, TRA

Moderator: Lindsey Holt, SCE

2:00 PM

Operations Competitions: A Boots-Up Approach to Water Workforce Engagement

Speaker: Kim Furry, Woodard & Curran

2:15 PM | Rooms W209 ABCDEF

and W201CD

Water Circuit Challenge

2:15 PM

Coffee Station Available During Water Circuit Challenge

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4:05 PM

Being... Ready: Lessons Learned from a Career in the Water Sector

Speaker: Art Umble, PhD, Water Sector Expert

4:40 PM

Closing Remarks

5:00 PM

Group Picture

6:00 – 8:00 PM | West Atrium (outside of W210)

YP Summit Networking Reception

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