

Before the Conference

- Determine what you want to take from the conference. Do you want to learn new management techniques, and/or find a job?
- Think about volunteering as a room monitor or in some other capacity during the conference. It's a great way to network with other professionals and students.
- Apply for the Student Scholarship. Not only help you financially, it has the potential to aid in developing yourself into a professional thru increased networking opportunities and recognition.
- Consider presenting at the conference. Presenting at a national conference is a great way to better your public speaking skills, build your resume and share information.
- Ready your resume and bring it to the national conference even if you're not looking for a job. Who knows what opportunities await!
- Register to attend the Student Development pre-conference workshop to learn everything from resume/interview tips, certifications, leadership development and more.
- Check out the conference schedule online and make decisions on what sessions to attend and follow thru with your plan.

During the Conference

- Join an AORE committee that you have interest in. AORE committees are always looking for more help and representation. Choose from access, climbing wall, awards, environmental stewardship, marketing, publication & research and student development.
- Attend the Annual AORE Business Meeting and Student Business meeting. Be a part of the process that decides the future of the association. The student business meeting is for you to elect who will be your representative on the Board of Directors. Additionally this meeting gives you an opportunity to voice your ideas and concerns associated with what this organization offers you.
- Take every opportunity to network with professional and students at the conference. Meet new people and find out how these people can help you achieve your goals.
- Visit the Career Center at the conference drop off your resume for employer review and to learn about internships, graduate assistantships and professional careers in the industry.

After the Conference

- Remember all that networking you did at the conference? Now is the time to take out those business cards (or bits of scratch paper) and give someone a call or send an email. Don't let all that networking you did go to waste. Maybe you attended a session that was really great and you want more information, or you talked to an employer, now is the time to pick up the phone, follow-up, ask questions and get the answers you need.
- How can the Student Representative REPRESENT me if I never tell him my thoughts? The Answer: Become a Regional Student Representative. Help your Student Representative make tough decisions about the future of AORE and recruit new AORE student members in your region. Sign-up during the student business meeting or email your Student Representative after the conference or anytime during the year.