

# DIRT WORLD

W O R K S H O P   S E R I E S

in partnership with  **KNIFE RIVER**

**JUNE 3-6, 2024**

**ALBANY, OR**

## DAY 1 Monday, June 3rd

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Plan flights in to Portland Airport by 2 pm PT if possible, shuttles will be available from the airport.

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**                      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Speaker: Kris Latimer / Aaron Witt

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**                      **Dinner and Networking**

## DAY 2 Tuesday, June 4th

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**6:15 am - 7:00 am**                      **Optional Fellowship Coffee**  
Speaker: Pastor Daron Earlewine

**7:00 am - 7:45 am**                      **Breakfast**

### Morning Sessions

**8:00 am - 11:45 am**                      **Lessons Learned on the Battlefield for Training & Development**  
Speaker: JP Dinnell, Chief Training Officer, Echelon Front

**11:45am - 1:00 pm**                      **Lunch**

### Afternoon Sessions

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**                      **The Knife River Story**  
Speaker: Brian Gray, President and CEO, Knife River

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**                      **Aaron's Dirt World Report**  
Aaron Witt, Founder and CEO, BuildWitt

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**                      **Knife River Training Center - Tours**  
Knife River Training Team

Tour Stations:

- **Station 1** - Innovations in Technology for Equipment Training
- **Station 2** - Sim Town
- **Station 3** - Instructor and Leadership Development
- **Station 4** - KRTC building tour

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**                      **Dinner and Networking**

# DAY 3

Wednesday, June 5th

**Breakout Sessions:** Split into 3 groups of 50, everyone rotates through all 3 sessions

7:00 am - 7:45 am

**Breakfast**

## Morning Sessions

8:00 am - 11:45 am

**1 Knife River: Developing Talent for the Long Term**

Speaker: Knife River Training Team

**2 Frontline Leadership Training That Works**

Speaker: Wally Adamchik, Speaker & Consultant, Firestarter

**3 Morgan Corp – Training & Development Overview**

Speaker: TBD, Morgan Corp team

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

**Lunch**

## Afternoon Sessions

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**4 Non-Traditional Recruiting: Youth to DBE**

Speakers: Kris Latimer, Senior Director for Training & Development, Knife River & Aron Nick, Recruiting Manager, Strack

**5 Construction Memories—Using Stories to Make Training Stick**

Speaker: Jeff Spatz, Vice President Safety Services, Graham Company

**6 Constructing Success Through Training -- The Hoopaugh Grading Academy Story**

Speakers: Katie Page, Director of Team Development and Andrea Ribelin, Training and Curriculum Specialist, Hoopaugh Grading

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

**Turning Pain into Purpose – From Leadership Burnout to Mental Health Advocate**

Speaker: Justin Azbill, Director National EHS, Milwaukee Tools

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Dinner and Private Event - Steam Engine Train Ride**

# DAY 4

Thursday, June 6th

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**Breakout Sessions:** Split into 3 groups of 50 by company size

7:00 am - 7:45 am

**Breakfast**

## Morning Sessions

8:00 am - 10:00 am



### **Group Discussion on Training & Development**

Moderator: Ryan Schmitt, CEO, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors



### **Group Discussion on Training & Development**

Speaker: Chris Stricklin, President, Dunn University



### **Group Discussion on Training & Development**

Speaker: Bruce Wilkinson, Director of Learning & Development, Allan Myers

10:00 am - 10:45 am

### **Four Foundations for Building Your Purpose**

Speaker: Pastor Daron Earlewine

10:45 am - 11:00 am

### **Debrief and Closing**

Speaker: Jason Richmond, COO, BuildWitt

11:00 am

### **Departures**

Shuttle to the airport