

**OFFICIAL CALL
TO THE
2026 INTERNATIONAL UNION,
UAW WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT
WELLNESS CONFERENCE**



**October 2 – October 4, 2026
The Walter and May Ruether UAW Family Education Center – Black Lake
2000 Maxon Road, Onaway, Michigan, 49765**

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Director, UAW Women's Department**

August 28, 2026

TO: Regional Directors, Women's Regional Liaisons, Women's Committee Chairs

Greetings,

The UAW International Women's Department, in partnership with The Union Sportsmen's Alliance, will host a Women's Wellness Conference from October 2 through October 4, 2026. The conference will be held at the Walter and May Ruether Education Center, located at 2000 Maxon Road, Onaway, Michigan, 49765. Attendance is limited to delegates and will be treated on a first come first serve basis through LUIS registration.

Wellness Retreat Agenda (subject to change)

Arrival - Friday, October 2, 2026

Arrival: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Conference Registration: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Dinner Provided: 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Evening Session: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Late Registration: 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Breakfast Provided: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

General Session: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Lunch Provided: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Hike for Wellness: 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dinner Provided: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Union Sportsmen's Alliance Presentation: 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Travel Day Home - Sunday, October 4, 2026

Breakfast Provided: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Black Lake Housing/Registration

Registration for the event will be done through LUIS by selecting **'Wellness'** under the 'Conference' tab. Event registration will be open from August 26 until September 11, 2026. The conference registration fee is \$250 per participant and must be paid by local unions using ACH. The registration fee is based on double occupancy and includes all meals during the conference

(breakfast/lunch/dinner). Local unions will pay online through LUIS by choosing 'Wellness' under the 'Conference' menu. If you are self-paying, your payment must be submitted through your local union via the LUIS system. If you have additional questions regarding payment, please reach out to the Women's Department at (313) 926-5879.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Registration Link

<https://conference.uaw.org/womensWellnessLogin.php>

Username: UAW Sports

Password: WELLNESS26

Travel for Participants

Conference participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

TRAVEL DATES:	Arrival:	Friday, October 2, 2026
	Departure:	Sunday, October 4, 2026

Arrangements for booking airline reservations have been made with Travel Solutions International (TSI USA). TSI USA requires a one-time registration for each local union agreeing to their services. Please allow 24 hours for TSI USA to process your registration. Once the local union is registered, you may call TSI USA at (866) 397-0667 to make airline reservations. The transaction fee for making airline reservations is \$20.00 per person.

Parking Policy

As a reminder for participants, please be advised of the following Walther and May Ruether UAW Family Education Center Policy:

Only Union-made/American-made vehicles are allowed on-site. This includes vehicles that are Union-made in the USA and Canada. If you have a vehicle at the gate that does not fit these criteria, there are parking facilities just outside the entrance. To see if your vehicle is American/Union-made, your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) will begin with a 1, 2, 4, or 5. VIN numbers are located on the dashboard or door jamb of your vehicle.

Lost Time and Expenses

All lost time wages are the responsibility of each local union. Any other expenses for this event, including mileage, should follow the normal reimbursement processes set forth in their local bylaws.

Per-Diem

Meals that are provided must be subtracted from the daily per diem of \$55 per day (\$12 Breakfast, \$14 Lunch, \$29 Dinner) for each day with an overnight hotel stay, and \$25 for the day of return.

The per diem payout for the 2026 UAW Women's Wellness Conference is as follows (subject to your local bylaws per diem rate):

- Friday, October 2, 2026:
\$26 (dinner provided)
- Saturday, October 3, 2026:
\$0 (all meals provided)
- Sunday, October 4, 2026:
\$13 (breakfast provided)

Please see the attached flyer for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Shunte Sanders-Beasley, Assistant Director of the Women's Department, at ssanders@uaw.net or 313-926-5879.

In solidarity,



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Hike for Wellness

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Join us for a 2.8-mile loop to the Ocqueoc Falls in Northern Michigan

Go Hiking:

- Optional extension to a 3.5-mile loop
- For those unable to complete the full hike there is a paved 0.3-mile path to the Falls

Event Details:

Participants will split into groups of ~8 people.
With one group leader to keep the hike moving!

What to Bring:

- Clothing Layers
 - Warm, Cold, and Waterproof
 - Activewear
- Water bottle
- Comfortable sneakers or boots
- Snacks
- Insect Repellent

