

Advance CAMP Unconference Overview and Tips

Welcome to the Advance CAMP unconference!
We are glad you are here.



EVERYTHING IS OK!

Unconferences are highly participatory gatherings where attendees use an amazingly fast and fun process to create an on-the-spot agenda that addresses the topics of greatest interest to them, and then go to breakout sessions to dig into those topics. The motto is “everything is OK!” You can

- Propose a topic if you want to pitch an idea, practice, or tool; or raise and delve into some problem. You don’t need to have the answers!
- Propose a topic for which you hope someone else can provide their expertise or experience.
- Coordinate (ahead of time or on the spot) with a group of attendees to use a session to get work done face to face.
- If you’d like to propose a merger, change, or amplification, put your sticky note on or next to someone else’s proposed topic.

HOW DO I PITCH A TOPIC?

To propose a topic, **write the name of the topic and your name on one of the large sticky notes found on each table. Make it short, large, and legible.**

There are several ACAMP time slots with 5 breakout rooms per time slot.

When the hosts say it is time, post your sticky note on one of the flip chart pages in a time slot of your choosing. You might check the other topics proposed at the same time for similarities.

If there are more proposals than time slots, we typically work to combine some topics if it makes sense - the hosts will help with this.

ISN'T THIS CHAOTIC?

Yes it is! So dive in and keep smiling!

HOW DO I GET THE MOST OUT OF THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS?

Participate! Ask questions at the breakout sessions. Help with the collaborative scribing, which will help the community and help you follow more closely and get more out of the session.

ANY EXTRA GUIDANCE FOR A NEW PERSON?

Yes! **First, attend the “What’s Coming at ACAMP” session during the first breakout time slot.** You’ll learn about some of the content to come based on the topics that emerge during the agenda-setting. This would be a great place to ask questions.

ACAMPers are a friendly group. During the agenda-setting, you’ll meet a few veterans that have volunteered to provide more information about the process and the topics. Ask them questions; they like to meet new folks!

TRACKING THE ACAMP SCHEDULE

As soon as the schedule is set, we’ll post it to the ACAMP wiki page (internet2.edu/acamp). The detailed ACAMP schedule will not appear in the conference mobile app, but you can access www.internet2.edu/acamp from your phone via a browser.

REMINDER: THURSDAY BREAKFAST IS ON YOUR OWN!

A SWEET CLOSING SESSION

ACAMP has a sweet twist at the end, as attendees have a chance to acknowledge (with chocolate provided) someone who has helped them to address a problem in a new way, advance their thinking somehow, or whom they just want to thank for any reason.

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Tips for Leading a Breakout Session

- Be sure to appoint a primary scribe. In addition to having a primary scribe, scribing is collaborative (using a Google doc linked from the ACAMP wiki), so please encourage the entire group to help with scribing. **Do not** start your session without a primary scribe.
- Introduce yourself fully at the start of the session, including your name, role and how you came to be interested in this topic.
- Encourage others to introduce themselves prior to speaking.
- Explain the topic carefully at the start of your breakout.
- Be sure everyone has a chance to contribute to the discussion.
- Ask the group for questions.
- Use the last five minutes to determine next steps and be sure to list them in the scribing document.

#Twitter Hash Tags

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