



## Call for SC13 Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions (BOFs)

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November 17-22, 2013, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado, USA  
<http://sc13.supercomputing.org>

Don't just observe, engage! SC Birds of a Feather (BOF) sessions provide a highly interactive, non-commercial venue for building community around topics of mutual interest.

### What is a BOF?

BOFs provide a forum for audience-driven discussion, developing grass-roots participation, and professional networking. SC13 will continue the SC BOF tradition with a full slate of exciting, informal sessions focused around a variety of topics, including:

- Applications, languages, and programming environments
- Computing, storage, networking, and analysis techniques
- Systems administration and data center operations
- Emerging technologies and architectures for HPC
- Government and group initiatives

SC BOFs are *non-commercial* with a focus on *community building* through *highly-interactive* discussion of a wide variety of topics. There are a few things for which SC BOFs are not the appropriate venue:

- Vendors advertising their latest product release or feature (instead, consider the SC Exhibitor Forum);
- A session consisting solely or mainly of presentations and discussion between a small group of experts (instead, submit a proposal for an SC Panel);
- A project team meeting that is not focused on building community (e.g., by not allowing non-project team members in the discussion).

BOFs sessions will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the conference, at 12:15-1:15pm (T, W, Th) and 5:30-7:00pm (T and W only). These sessions are open to all conference attendees, including exhibitors and exhibits-only badge holders.

### BOF Submissions

A proposal must be submitted for **all** BOFs to be held at SC13. All SC13 BOF proposals will be peer reviewed. Each submission will receive at least three reviews.

**New this year:** all SC13 BOFs will be required to produce a written artifact describing an outcome of the BOF, such as a report summarizing the discussion or the results of an attendee survey. This written artifact will be made available to the HPC community after the conference.

For details about what must be included in a BOF proposal, see the sample submission form at the SC13 submission site (URL below).

## **Important dates**

Submissions open: 15 February 2013, 8:00 AM EDT

Submissions due: 31 July 2013, 11:59 PM EDT

Submissions site (and sample submission form): <https://submissions.supercomputing.org>

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