



SIOUX FALLS AWS USERS GROUP
INAUGURAL MEETUP!
KICKOFF & COMMUNITY SOCIAL
MARCH 24th, 2026 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Location: STARTUP SIOUX FALLS (THE DEPOT)

 **AWS FOR STARTUPS & INNOVATION**  **MEET & GREET / NETWORKING**  **INTRODUCTION TO THE CLOUD & OUR GROUP**

AN OFFICIAL AWS GLOBAL USER GROUP MEMBER  



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Sioux Falls Area AWS User Group

Meetup #1: 24 March 2026

Welcome everyone! Let's build a local AWS community.

What's on the Agenda?

5:00 PM



Introductions & Meetup Details

5:15 PM



The Case for AWS Organizations

6:00 PM



Open Discussion & Q&A

6:15 PM



Building the Community

- Co-leader(s)
- Future Agendas

Meet Your Leader

-  Hi, I'm your meetup leader. I'm passionate about building the AWS community in Sioux Falls.
-  Why Sioux Falls? We have a vibrant tech scene that deserves a dedicated space for cloud discussion.
-  Our Goal: Learn from each other, share cloud experiences, and build a strong professional network.
Shape Sioux Falls Startups with {any} cloud

AWS Management & Governance Consultant

10+ years in AWS / 5 Certs / Quiverstone / Sentri Cloud

6-year AWS Community Builder / 1st Year UG Leader / 2025 R2R



Ross Wickman



What Is the Sioux Falls AWS User Group?



Developers, architects, ops engineers, founders — anyone building on or curious about AWS.



“Monthly” meetups, third week of each month. ~1.5 hours each.
Cloud / Coffee / Conversation



This is a space to share, learn, and connect with local AWS practitioners.



Hands-on topics, real-world scenarios, guest speakers, and community-driven discussions.

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Why One Account Isn't Enough



Blast Radius

A simple mistake in a Development environment can accidentally take down your entire Production site.



Security Risks

The "Root" user becomes a single point of failure and is far too powerful for daily operational tasks.



Billing Mess

It becomes nearly impossible to accurately track costs per project, department, or environment.



Compliance Hurdles

Mixed data and permissions across environments make auditing and regulatory compliance a nightmare.

What is AWS Organizations?



Consolidated Billing

Receive one single bill for all your accounts, simplifying accounting and maximizing volume discounts.



Hierarchical Management

Group accounts into Organizational Units (OUs) based on function, project, or compliance needs.



Service Control Policies

Set hard guardrails (SCPs) that apply across all accounts to prevent unauthorized service usage.

The Ideal Setup for Any Team



Management

Dedicated for billing & org management.

Limited access only.

No active workloads.



Workload OUs

✓ **Production** : Locked down.

✓ **Staging** : Prod mirror for testing.

✓ **Development** : Sandbox.



Shared Services

Centralized logging & security auditing.

Shared networking (Transit Gateway/VPC).

Identity management.

Why Start Now?



Security by Isolation

Reduce blast radius. If one account is compromised, your production environment remains protected.



Cost Transparency

Clear cost allocation per account and potential volume discounts across your entire organization.



Centralized Governance

Use Service Control Policies (SCPs) to enforce guardrails and prevent unauthorized service usage.



Developer Agility

Empower teams with their own sandbox accounts to build and iterate quickly without losing control.

Let's Talk AWS



Your Projects

What are you currently building or migrating to the cloud?

Challenges

What are the biggest AWS hurdles you're facing right now?

Future Topics

What would you like to learn about in our next meetups?

What's Next

Help us grow the Sioux Falls AWS community by:



Speaker Outreach



Venue Coordination



Social Media



Sustenance Management

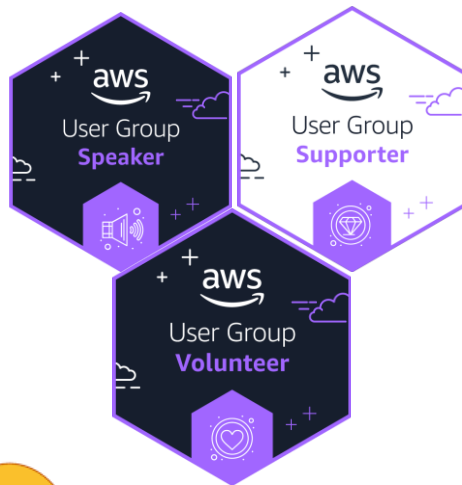
Interested in becoming a Co-Leader?

Come talk to me after the session or message me on Meetup.com.

Let's build something great together!

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