

2016 GATHERING PARTNERS OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS -- FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

8:30-11:00 a.m.	Registration Open											
9:00 a.m.	Woodland Management Up Close & Preserving the Whitewater Valley and its Cold Water Streams - 20 people max - \$50.00											
12:00-1:00 p.m.							Lunch - Full day participants and staff					
12:30-5:30 p.m.							Registration Open					
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Bumble Bee Identification and the Minnesota Native Bee Atlas - 22 people max - \$30.00	Conservation of Fishes in the Upper Mississippi River - 45 people max - \$30.00	Naturalist Road Trip to Perrot State Park and Trempaleau, WI - 30 people max - \$30.00	Preserving the Whitewater Valley and its Cold Water Streams - 25 people max - \$30.00	Woodland Management Up Close & Preserving the Whitewater Valley and its Cold Water Streams - 20 people max - \$50.00	Sinks, Springs and Swallows: a Karst Field Trip - 20 people max - \$50.00	Biomass & Stave Mill Tours: How Trees Live On & Non-Timber Forest Products Tour - 20 people max - \$50.00					
5:00 p.m.	MFA Membership Meeting											
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Exhibit Viewing											

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6:30-7:45 p.m.	Welcome/Dinner					
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker - Karen Oberhauser					
9:00 p.m.	Social: Cash Bar & Games & Photo Booth & Bonfire & ipod w/ music					

CONFERENCE -- SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

6:00-7:00 a.m.	Specialized Early Morning Walks - Birds & Yoga?								
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Registration Open								
7:00-7:45 a.m.	Breakfast/Welcome								
7:45-8:00 a.m.							Load Buses		
SINGLE SESSION 8:00-9:15 a.m.	DIY Environmental Sensors	Reading Rings - Stories Trees Tell	Hardwood Forest Timber Stand Improvement	Snakes of Minnesota	Crossing Borders: Local Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid	Master Woodland Owner Session 1: So You Want to be Master Woodland Owner?	Canoe Trip on the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge - 24 people max - \$25.00	Black Locust Interference with Prairie Restoration at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge - 20 people max - \$25.00	Invasive Species Impacts on Ash and Oak Trees in Southeast Minnesota and the Role of Citizen Science - 20 people max - \$25.00
EXTENDED SESSION 9:30-noon	The Common Loon, Indicator of Healthy Waters	Our Changing Seasons: Getting on-board for a Citizen Science Project for MN	Exploring plant seed dispersal by ants	Survival and Outdoor Skills for Minnesota's Woods and Waters	Organic Dairy Farm Tour - 22 people max - \$25.00	Master Woodland Owner Session 2: Tree Identification & Walk in the Woods			
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Picnic)								
1:00 p.m.							Load Buses		
SINGLE SESSION 1:15-2:30 p.m.	Is your woodland really a savanna?	Agroforestry Practices for Woodland and Forest Owners	Citizen Science in Minnesota Streams	Land Use History in Wabasha County	Making the Environmental Movement Multicultural: Debunking the Myths About People of Color and the Outdoors	Master Woodland Owner Session 3: Invasive Plants Impacting Southeast Minnesota - 10 seats open to general conference participants - \$25.00	Introduction to Fly Fishing - 15 people max - \$25.00	Henslow's Sparrows at Great River Bluffs State Park - 20 people max - \$25.00	A Park Above the Rest - 22 people max - \$25.00
SINGLE SESSION 2:45-4:00 p.m.	Hardwood Forest Establishment Using Direct Tree Seeding	Growing and Harvesting Decorative Florals and Edibles from Woody Plants	Restoring Floodplain Forests in the Upper Mississippi River Basin	Planning for a Safe on the Water Program	Using Charitable Tools and Techniques to Further Stewardship of Minnesota's Woods and Waters				
5:15 p.m.									
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Exhibit viewing - cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres, photo booth								
6:00 p.m.	Banquet								
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Awards Program								
8:00 p.m.	"Mysteries of the Driftless" Movie and Games / cash bar + dessert bar / bonfire								

CONFERENCE -- SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

6:00-7:00 a.m.	Specialized Early Morning Walks - Birds & Campus nature walk				
7:00 a.m.	Registration Open				
7:00-7:45 a.m.	Breakfast				
8:00 a.m.	Silent Auction Closes				
SINGLE SESSION 8:00-9:15 a.m.	Grazing Your Woods: Problems and Solutions	Wintering Golden Eagles: Minnesota's Other Eagle	Seed Collection for Diversity	iFish Forever: Using Modern Technology to Manage Recreational Fisheries	Logging Professionals: Who are they? Do I need one? How do I find one?
EXTENDED SESSION 9:30-12:00 p.m.	Introducing the Minnesota Native Bee Atlas	Tree Identification & Walk in the Woods	Successful Nature Photography	Restoring Wetlands on a Hennepin County Farm and Restoring Wetlands: plans, benefits, challenges	Live video conference with the International Wolf Center's newest pack members
12:00-12:45 p.m.	Lunch and Closing Remarks				
1:00 p.m.	Pick up and Pay for Silent Auction Items				

Session Key:

On-Site Sessions included in registration fee	Master Woodland Owner Off-site with 10 openings for other participants - additional cost	On-Site Pre-Conference Sessions - additional cost
Off-Site Sessions - additional cost	Master Woodland Owner Sessions - included in registration fee	