

Gathering Partners of Natural Resources 2016 Conference



May 20-22

**Saint Mary's University
Winona, Minnesota**

CONFERENCE THEME: Nurturing a Healthy Big Woods, Big Rivers Biome

We are pleased to invite you to be a sponsor for the upcoming Gathering Partners of Natural Resources Conference. The first Gathering Partners of Natural Resources conference was held in 2015 at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Approximately 300 participants, presenters, and staff attended the conference.

This year's conference is hosted by University of Minnesota Extension Forestry and Minnesota Master Naturalist programs and partnering with Minnesota Forestry Association and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

VENUE

Saint Mary's University sits at the top of a hill overlooking the valley below. The campus features rugged bluffs, a stream, and trails, making it the perfect location for outdoor enthusiasts.

In addition, there are numerous nearby attractions that are perfect for pre-conference workshops and conference field trips. Pre-conference workshops and conference sessions will also be held on the grounds of Saint Mary's University both indoors and outdoors.

NETWORKING

An area will be available for participants to network and relax when not in sessions. This area will also contain exhibit booths, displays, a store, and a silent auction.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

A range of sponsorship opportunities are outlined in this packet. If you are interested in a sponsorship, that is not listed here, please do not hesitate to contact a sponsorship contact listed below.

We hope that you will be able to participate in the 2016 Gathering Partners of Natural Resources Conference as a sponsor and/or conference participant.



SPONSORSHIP CONTACTS

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SPONSOR LEVEL	DONATION	RECOGNITION/OPPORTUNITIES						
RED PINE	\$1,000		Recognition at Friday Evening Banquet	Two Complimentary Conference Registrations	Logo w/link on website	Logo & Name in Promo Material	Exhibit Booth	Materials in Promo Bags
LOON	\$750		Recognition at Saturday Dinner	One Complimentary Conference Registration	Logo w/link on website	Logo & Name in Promo Material	Exhibit Booth	Materials in Promo Bags
LADY SLIPPER	\$500	Two Tickets to Banquet and Awards Program on Friday, May 20, 2016	Recognition at Saturday Lunch		Logo w/link on website	Logo & Name in Promo Material	Exhibit Booth	Materials in Promo Bags
MONARCH	\$250	One Ticket to Banquet and Awards Program on Friday, May 20, 2016	Recognition at Sunday Lunch		Logo w/link on website	Logo & Name in Promo Material	Exhibit Booth	Materials in Promo Bags
TAMARAC	\$100		Recognition at Social Event		Logo w/link on website	Logo & Name in Promo Material	Exhibit Booth	Materials in Promo Bags
BUMBLE BEE	\$25						Exhibit Booth	
WELCOME BAGS	Provide reuseable "welcome bags" for participants	One Ticket to Banquet and Awards Program on Friday, May 20, 2016			Logo w/link on website	Logo & Name in Promo Material	Exhibit Booth	Materials in Promo Bags
MEDIA	Provide advertising, radio spots, etc.	One Ticket to Banquet and Awards Program on Friday, May 20, 2016			Logo w/link on website	Logo & Name in Promo Material	Exhibit Booth	Materials in Promo Bags
SILENT AUCTION	Provide item valued at \$100 or more for silent auction				Logo w/link on website	Name in Promo Material		Materials in Promo Bags

2016 Gathering Partners in Natural Resources

a joint conference of University of Minnesota Extension Forestry and Minnesota Master Naturalist

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Contact Name: _____

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Sponsorship Levels:

RED PINE: \$1,000

LOON: \$750

LADY SLIPPER: \$500

MONARCH: \$250

TAMARAC: \$100

BUMBLE BEE: \$25

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Deadlines:

Sponsor Form must be returned by February 1, 2016. Payment and/or materials must be submitted by April 1, 2016.

The Conference is associated with the University of Minnesota Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. **Checks should be made payable to University of Minnesota Foundation.** Tax ID #41-6042488.

For publicity purposes, please send your logo in jpeg form to lothe013@umn.edu by March 1, 2016.

Mail form and donation to:
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