

Call for Presentations



The Minnesota Naturalists' Association (MNA) is seeking presenters for the 2016 MNA Conference at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN

November 11-13

This year's theme is inspired by our closest connection to nature: the food we eat.

But this conference isn't just about food, it's also about what *we* bring to the table, the valuable things we can share with each other that will help us grow as naturalists.

We would love to hear about what you have to share. Hands-on and interactive presentations are very much encouraged.

Presentation Topic Ideas:

Natural History:

Birds, Astronomy, Plant ID, Parasites, Fish, Macro-invertebrates, Invasive Species, Fungi, Slime Molds, Migration, Geology, Hydrology, Vascular Plants, Classification, Evolution, Mammalogy, Carnivorous Plants, etc.

Interpretive Skills:

Curriculum Development, State Standards, Homeschool Programming, Guided Interpretive Hikes, Programs That Fail and Why, Scout Programming, Event Planning, Non-personal Interpretation, Displays, Engaging Audiences, etc.

Emerging Professionals:

Interviewing, Public Speaking, Program Delivery, Program Introductions/Transitions/Conclusions, Classroom Control Techniques, Tips for the Trail, etc.

Leadership & Administrative:

Marketing, Social Media, Brochure/Flyer Design, Program Naming, Branding, Endowments, Legacy Amendment Funds, Hiring, Volunteer Management, Grant Success Stories, Program Planning, Goal Setting, Celebrating and Supporting Staff, etc.

Presentation Applications Due August 23, 2016



MNA is a non-profit organization of local professional environmental educators, park rangers, naturalists, interpreters and volunteers. The mission of MNA is to *"advance natural and cultural resource interpretation for the purpose of fostering wise stewardship of all resources."*

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2016 MNA Conference Presentation Application

Application Deadline: August 23, 2016

To Apply: Submit completed Presentation Application to:

Ashley Smith, MNA Conference Coordinator

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Conference presenters qualify to attend the conference at a discounted rate.

Presentation Title:

Presentation Description:

Presentation Length: 1 hour long presentations are the only available option this year

Presentation Format (select all that apply): Lecture Workshop Round Table
 Panel Hands-on Active Outside Discussion Other:

Presentation Requirements* (Examples: maximum/minimum number of participants, room setup or access requirements, etc.):

Presenter Name(s):

Title:

Employer:

Address:

Email Address:

Day Phone:

Cell Phone: