

Call for Presentations



The Minnesota Naturalists' Association (MNA) is seeking presenters for the 2018 MNA Conference at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro, MN

November 9-11

As Naturalists, we face many challenges. The 'big picture' issues challenges to stay relevant and inclusive, and smaller day-to-day problems can feel just as large when you add them all up.

So this year, we are going **back to basics**, stepping back to focus on the everyday tasks we do: What can we do to improve our processes? Are there new tricks we can employ to make us more effective? Ways to organize curriculum more effectively? Valuable nuggets of information that will help us? Because sometimes even the *smallest* changes can make a world of difference!

Presentation Topic Ideas:

Administration:

Grant Writing, managing and mentoring interns, naturalist evaluations, diversity in the workplace, facilitating conversations, etc.

Pedagogy in Practice:

Group Management, trail techniques, risk management, curriculum writing, big body play, structuring of programs, etc.

Other Duties As Assigned:

Developing relationships with schools, exhibits on a budget, creating and maintaining community gardens, animals care, social media, etc.

Natural History:

Birds, astronomy, parasites, fish, macro-invertebrates, invasive species, fungi, slime molds, migration, geology, vascular plants, evolution, mammalogy, etc.

Miscellaneous:

History, citizen science projects, outdoor recreation, cultural sensitivity, reaching diverse audiences, climate change, taxidermy, etc.

Presentation Applications Due August 27, 2018



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."*

2018 MNA Conference Presentation Application

Application Deadline: August 27, 2018

To Apply, submit completed Presentation Application to:

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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: