

# CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



The Minnesota Naturalists' Association (MNA) is seeking presenters for the 2019 MNA Conference at Audubon Center of the North Woods in Sandstone, MN

**November  
15-17**

We are ready to take up some of the big, gigantic, colossal questions and issues that face our field and our society once again: climate change, species extinctions, diversity and equity. But this time around, I invite us to focus a bit less on the practical and tangible and a bit more on big ideas, big questions, and the shape of our future. We must stay grounded in our commitment to **Thinking Outside**, while still daring to stretch out of our own comfort zones and start to **Outgrow the Box** that we have thrived in for so long.

## **Presentation Topic Ideas:**

### **Leadership ToolBox:**

Grant Writing, managing and mentoring interns, naturalist evaluations, diversity in the workplace, facilitating conversations, building skills to move up the ladder, etc.

### **Pencil Box (Teaching focus):**

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

### **Expanding the Box (Diversity & Inclusion):**

Cultural sensitivity, reaching diverse audiences, providing space and opportunities for a diverse workforce, working with people of different ability levels in programming, etc.

### **Box, Box, Gray Box (MN Natural and Cultural History):**

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

### **Lost & Found (Miscellaneous):**

Citizen science projects, outdoor recreation, climate change, taxidermy, social media, animal care, etc.

**Presentation Applications Due August 26, 2019**



**MINNESOTA NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION**

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.”*

[www.mnnaturalists.org](http://www.mnnaturalists.org)

# 2019 MNA CONFERENCE

**Application Deadline:** August 26, 2019

**To Apply,** submit completed Presentation

Application to:

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**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:**