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**

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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2019 MNA Conference

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

Application Deadline: August 26, 2019

To Apply, submit completed Presentation Application to:
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763-572-3588
Springbrook Nature Center
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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: 

Address:

Email Address:

Day Phone: 

Employer:

Cell Phone: