

Michigan Society of American Foresters—The Fall Conference

Forestry Connections

September 24-26, 2015

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront | 1 Wenonah Park Place | Bay City, MI 48708

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Fee Structure

Members and Non-Members:

Sign me up for all **three** days! (includes 3 lunches & Thursday banquet) # people: _____ x \$130 = _____

OR Thursday & Friday (lunches & banquet included): # people: _____ x \$110 = _____

Friday & Saturday (lunches included): # people: _____ x \$50 = _____

Friday ONLY (lunch included): # people: _____ x \$30 = _____

Saturday ONLY (lunch included): # people: _____ x \$30 = _____

Students: Free!

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

- A block of rooms is being held at the DoubleTree Call them at 989-891-6000 to make your reservation.
- Complete Conference Registration includes breakfast, lunch and banquet dinner on Thursday, lunch Friday and Saturday.
- Unfortunately we can't offer refunds after September 4th.
- Credit card registration payment? National SAF is hosting our online registration. Visit www.safnet.org/calendar/index.cfm for more information.

Paying with a check? Mail this form and payment (written out to "**Lower Michigan Chapter SAF**") to:

Lower Michigan SAF – Ben Stein
118 Packard SE Apt #1
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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Conference Agenda (all times in EST)

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Wednesday September 23, 2015

6:00-8:30 PM State Business Meeting

Thursday September 24, 2015

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Keynote: Tom Duffus - The Conservation Fund Large Scale Projects.
9:30-10:00	MNFI: Wetland characteristics and Forest habitat types for wetlands. Jesse Lincoln
10:00-10:30	Dave Mindel: Restoring Natural Plant Communities & Combatting Invasive Plants.
10:30-10:50	BREAK
10:50-11:20	Lee Mueller – Greenspace, Project Planning/Funding & Urban Water Use.
11:20-11:40	Kevin Sayers – MI DNR Urban Forestry
11:40-12:00	Dave Neumann – DNR Marketing & Surveys
12:00-12:45	LUNCH
12:45-1:15	Jeremie Wilson – MDOT - Environmental Studies Coordinator, Restoring Forested Wetlands
1:15-2:00	Brian Rudolph – MI DEQ: Wetlands & Lakes
2:00-2:30	BREAK – Check out vendors
2:30-3:15	Jennifer Muladore – Ecologist for Huron Pines, Riparian Buffers
3:15-4:00	David Price: DNR - BMP's Overview
4:00-4:30	UP/LP Business Meetings
4:30-5:00	State Business Meeting
5:00-6:00	Social Hour – Visit Vendors
6:00- 8:00	Dinner Banquette – Eric Jhyla, Logging History



Friday September 25, 2015

7:30-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-8:45	Keynote: Bill Cook – Riparian Management
8:45-10:00	Forest Health
	Asian Longhorned Beetle, Brian Sullivan
	EAB - Rearing Parasites, Ben Slager, APHIS
	Deb McCullough: EAB – Ash Recovery
10:00-10:15	BREAK
10:15-11:15	Oak Wilt – Julie Johanningsmeier
	MDOT program GIS for Invasive Plants, Tim Jones, MI Dept. of Transportation
	Eyes on The Forest, Dr. Georgia Peterson
11:15-11:30	BREAK
11:30-12:10	Prescribed Fire
	Using Fire to Restore Natural Plant Communities, Dave Borneman
	Fire and Silviculture, Dr. Donald Dickman
12:10-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-2:00	Overview of Conservation Practices to Remove Invasive Plants, Andy Henriksen, Michigan NRCS
2:00-2:45	Little Forks Conservancy Programs to Eradicate Invasives, Andrea Foster
2:45-3:30	Forest invaders: Invasive Species of forests – Lora Freer
3:30-4:15	Fire Use on Private Lands, Dave Borneman
4:15-5:30	Vendor Presentations
5:30-6:30	Social Hour – Visit Vendors



Saturday September 26, 2015

7:30-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-8:45	Welcome
8:45-10:00	Managing Your Forested Wetlands Managing Your Forest– Doug Lee, Tom Jacques & Mike Smalligan. Setting Goals, Planning, Using Professionals to help manage the forest and more..
9:00-12:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Using NRCS Soils Information Online</p> <p>Computer Lab:</p> <p>Concurrent Session.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Using US Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory to Identify Your Wetland</p> <p>New Sessions will start every 30 minutes.</p>
10:00-10:30	BREAK
10:30-12:00	Forest Planning Programs
	NRCS Cost Share Programs – Andy Henriksen
	Forest Stewardship Program – Mike Smalligan
	Tree Farm – Scott Robbins
	Working With Conservancies – Elan Lipschitz
12:00-12:50	LUNCH
12:50-1:30	Eyes on the Forest – Julie Crick
1:30-2:00	Vernal Ponds – Special Places in the Forest – Yu Man Lee – MNFI Herpetologist
2:00-3:30	Wildlife
	Good Choices For Forest Management For Wildlife! Deer, Grouse, Non-Game Species, What Is Your Objective? Don Boneette – DNR Wildlife Biologist
	Michigan Bats – Habitat, Health And Hereafter Brian Klatt, Director, MI Natural Features Inventory
3:30-4:00	Wrap Up and Adjourn

