



GATHERING PARTNERS CONFERENCE

“Distancing Partners” Agenda

We may not be able to gather together in person as we had planned, but that won't stop us from bringing the content to you. Join as you are able, learn something new, get advanced training hours, and have fun!

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020	
10:00 am	<p>Scavenger hunt begins Participate in our online scavenger hunt from the comfort of your own home—pajamas encouraged!</p>
	<p>Photo contest open for entries Submit your entries now through 6:00 pm on Friday, May 15.</p>
	<p>iNaturalist BioBlitz challenge Participate in our annual challenge from anywhere in the state.</p>
	<p>Virtual exhibits open for entries We can't give you a table, but we can provide a platform! Exhibitors and poster presenters are encouraged to submit content to be shared in our virtual exhibit room.</p>
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<p>Getting ready for Zoom Join a virtual open house to learn how to use Zoom and make the most of this year's conference! Four sessions will be available throughout the week; pick the one that works best for your schedule.</p>
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020	
5:00 - 6:00 pm	<p>Getting ready for Zoom Virtual open house.</p>
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020	
9:00 - 10:00 am	<p>Getting ready for Zoom Virtual open house.</p>
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020	
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<p>Getting ready for Zoom Virtual open house.</p>

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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

10:00 am	Virtual field trip: Explore the Northwoods...Virtually Explore the Northwoods with virtual guide Joe Walewski, Director of Naturalist Training at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.
6:00 pm	Photo contest voting opens Vote for your favorite entries in each of six categories.
	Exhibits View exhibits and posters in our virtual exhibit hall.
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Virtual banquet Bring your own dinner and join us for a virtual banquet! We'll have announcements, a short keynote address, program updates, presidential pin winners, and #NatureInPlace Bingo.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

9:00 - 9:50 am	Hidden gems to visit on the North Shore Two Harbors-based Master Naturalist Phil Hartley shares 20-some of his favorite nature sites between Duluth and Silver Bay. Most are somewhat off-the-beaten-track locations used by few locals and even fewer tourists. A handout with descriptions and directions will be provided.
10:00 - 10:50 am	How you can influence natural resource management: An invasive species perspective Join University of Minnesota Extension educators Megan Weber and Angie Gupta as they take you on a journey exploring where natural resource management and policy happens, and how you can engage with decision-makers to affect change.
11:00 - 11:50 am	Find the wild places (from your desk): Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas Program Kari Wallin and David Minor. The SNA program is in the process of creating several online initiatives to engage people with their public lands both remotely and virtually. Learn more about these projects, how you can connect to your favorite public lands virtually, and share them with your friends!
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Virtual field trip: Discussion and Q&A Joe Walewski, Kurt Mead, Margie Menzies, and Peter Harris will discuss what you saw and take your questions about the Northwoods virtual field trip.
4:00-5:30 pm	Trivia contest Do you have what it takes to beat the experts?

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

12:00	Photo contest, iNaturalist, scavenger hunt and virtual exhibits close Make sure your votes are in, observations entered, and scavenger clues answered by noon!
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Closing ceremonies Contest winners, announcements, and a Q&A with Extension natural resources program team members.

