



**GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY
31st Anniversary Celebration
September 23 – 26, 2018**

**HOSTED BY: Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Four Winds New Buffalo Hotel and Casino
11111 Wilson Rd.
New Buffalo, MI 49117**

The Great Lakes Region - NAFWS is pleased to announce the 2018 GREAT LAKES NAFWS REGIONAL CONFERENCE, which will be hosted by the Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Pokagon Band of Potawatomi during the week of September 23 - 26, 2018 at the Four Winds New Buffalo Hotel and Casino, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo, MI 49117

The Planning Committee IS looking for presentations and have added Call for Papers in the first initial notice. We are hoping for your participation for our **31st Annual Celebration**. We sincerely ask you to help make this an event to remember by honoring us with your presence. This will also be an important time because we will be discussing the upcoming budget cuts and will look for ideas to move forward as a society.

ROOM RESERVATIONS: (Rooms Block Open until August 24, 2018) (Rates increase after)

Four Winds New Buffalo Hotel and Casino
11111 Wilson Rd.
New Buffalo, MI 49117
1-866-494-6371

Room Rate: **\$ 93.00/night** 135 Rooms Available Under Block: **"0918 Midwest"**
<https://www.fourwindscasino.com/newbuffalo/>

REGISTRATION FEES:

Pre-Registration: \$ 200.00
Registration On-Site: \$ 225.00

GLNAFWS
Attn: 2018 Registration
PO Box 88,
Keshena, Wisconsin 54135

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

This year's conference will include Conservation Enforcement/Training, Environmental Protection/Training, Tribal Trust Issues, Wildlife Management, Fisheries Management, Wildlife Diseases, Mining Issues, Environmental Issues, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Projects and Circle of Flight Projects occurring in our region. Other activities will include a Director's reception, a Red Lake Walleye picnic, a traditional feast, awards banquet and silent auction with many nice items, entertainment, golf tournament, softball, and natural resources tours.

Pokagon Band will be donating a gun for this year's raffle.

On Monday, September 24, 2018 The Great Lakes NAFWS will be conducting Technical Training Courses at or nearby hotel site. The Trainings are:

1. Electro Fishing Survey and Safety Class.
2. Trapping Class: Several scenarios at different bait stations.
3. Environmental Characteristics of Important Mineral Deposits Types in the Upper Great Lakes Region – Robert Seal, USGS

CALL FOR PAPERS:

We are calling for papers for presentation at the conference. Major focus areas will include, but are not limited to: Climate Change

- ❖ Conservation Law Enforcement/Training
- ❖ Environmental Protection/Training
- ❖ Fish Culture/Fisheries Management
- ❖ Wildlife Management
- ❖ Water Resources/Environmental Protection
- ❖ Youth Programs – SYP
- ❖ Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Projects
- ❖ Circle of Flight Projects

(Please put together a short abstract/summary of your presentation will be sufficient).

BOOTH SPACE:

Booth space will be provided free to artisans and craftspeople. We are asking a donation of \$ 350.00 for informational/commercial booths. This would also register one person for the conference. We are looking for donations for our silent auction.

SPONSORSHIPS:

The Society is again seeking assistance in sponsoring morning/afternoon coffee breaks. The cost of each break is about \$ 350.00. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Don Reiter, Terry Metoxen, or Jennifer Kanine. Also, we hope you will consider bringing donation items for our annual silent auction.

AWARD NOMINATIONS, AWARD NOMINATIONS, AND AWARD NOMINATIONS!!!

We are currently seeking nominations for the four annual awards:

- 1.) Patricia Zakovek Conservation Officer of the Year Award,**
- 2.) Glen T. Miller Tribal Leadership Award, (For Chairpersons)**
- 3.) William Eger Biologist of the Year Award,**
- 4.) Great Lakes Technician of the Year Award.**

If you wish to nominate someone, please contact Don Reiter or Terry Metoxen. See contact information below. These awards are very important for our region to recognize our peers and congratulate them on a job well done. We are seeking nominations.

DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION, DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES:

Please do not forget to bring items for the silent auction, raffles and door prizes. All items will be used to make money for the Great Lakes Region. There will also be rifle and card raffles. So please be generous in your donations. Suggested items are coats, t-shirts, hunting supplies, archery equipment or supplies, prints, baskets, wild rice, books, beadwork, arts and crafts, camping supplies, paintings, casino packets etc.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

We plan to award 3 scholarships, one each to a college student in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. The students must be enrolled members of a tribe, and currently a student in college, whose course of studies is natural resources, environmental, or conservation enforcement related. The scholarship recipients will be selected by the membership at the Great Lakes NAFWS Business Meeting. To be considered, students must complete the attached, one-page application form. As a Society member, you must also sign the application as Nominator. **So, if you know of a potential scholarship recipient, you must have them complete this form, and you must bring it with you to the business meeting for consideration.**

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