



**GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY
34th Anniversary Celebration
September 19-23, 2021**

**HOSTED BY: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino and Resort
2700 Orchard Highway
Manistee, Michigan 49660**

The Great Lakes Region - NAFWS is pleased to announce the **2021 GREAT LAKES NAFWS REGIONAL CONFERENCE** will be hosted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians during the week of **September 19-23, 2021** at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino and Resort.

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 **34th 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. This year's theme is "Climate Change – The affects it has on our jobs protecting our tribal natural resources."

ROOM RESERVATIONS: (Rooms Block Open until August 31, 2021) (Rates increase after)

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino and Resort: **1-231-723-1535**

100 Rooms Available Under Block:

Double Queen: \$95.00

Business Queen: \$95.00

King: \$95.00

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration: \$ 250.00

GLNAFWS

Attn: 2021 GLNAFWS 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.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be donating a gun for this year's raffle.

On Monday, September 20, 2021, the Great Lakes NAFWS will be conducting Technical Training Courses at or nearby hotel site. The Trainings are: (TBD)

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
- ❖ Invasive Species

(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, Robert Robles or Bob Sanders. **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 NAFWS 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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Manistee, Michigan 49660
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