

MNRC News



Register Nov. 1 for the 2015 Missouri Natural Resources Conference

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Students and professionals in conservation and natural resources may register for the 2015 Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC) beginning Nov. 1. The conference theme is “Values of Conservation...Fostering Natural Resources Appreciation through Research, Management and Outreach” and will be held Feb. 4-6 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach Missouri.

MNRC is an annual meeting organized and sponsored by the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, The Missouri Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, Missouri Chapter of the Wildlife Society and the Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Alan Leary, the chair of the 2015 steering committee, said it’s the unique blend of disciplines represented by the four societies that promotes wise use and management of Missouri’s natural resources and makes this a great Conference.

“We strive to bring professionals together from across the conservation and natural resources fields to collaborate on important issues, promote innovative ideas and inspire each other to make a difference for the Natural Resources of Missouri and the people who use them – which is all of us,” Leary said.

Each year the conference hosts approximately 1,000 established and aspiring natural resource professionals who meet to exchange information and ideas and encourage continued cooperation among resource professionals, agencies, students, citizens and other stakeholders. Cooperating agencies include the Missouri Department of Conservation; University of Missouri, School of Natural Resources; Missouri Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; U.S. Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Plenary speakers for 2015 include Dr. Doug Tallamy and Dave White. Dr. Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware where he has authored 80 research articles and has taught Insect Taxonomy, Behavioral Ecology, Humans and Nature, Insect Ecology and other courses for 32 years. Dave White has over 35 years of professional leadership experience in natural resource conservation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural

Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and in the private sector. After working at numerous locations throughout the United States, White was Chief of the NRCS from January 2009 to December 2012. As Chief White led, directed, and managed the nation's largest private lands natural resource conservation organization.

"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Tallamy and Mr. White on our agenda for the 2015 conference," Leary said. "Their expertise and insight will give us much to think about throughout the conference and years to come."

Leary said students are encouraged to attend MNRC just as much as resource professionals. The conference includes the annual Student Job Fair and Networking with Professionals session on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

"Individual interaction with employers will give insight to students about hiring trends in the natural resources fields," Leary said. "Students will have opportunities to learn about the latest information on gaining employment in our field."

More information on workshops, posters, presentations, mixers, plenary speakers and other MNRC events can be found online at mnrc.org.

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