

THE MICHIGAN LAKE AND STREAM LEADERS INSTITUTE

At some point, the will to conserve our natural resources has to rise up from the heart and soul of the people – citizens themselves taking conservation into their own hands and, along with the support of their government, making it happen.

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Former Director, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Dear Alumni:

We are pleased to announce the 2012 Lake and Stream Leaders Institute Alumni Event! Thanks to the generous support of the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited and a partnership with the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), we are offering LSLI Alumni a no-cost (or low-cost!) opportunity to attend and participate in the 2012 MiCorps volunteer monitoring conference, including optional overnight lodging. This represents a savings of up to \$112.50 per person!

The 2012 MiCorps Conference will take place Monday and Tuesday, October 29 and 30, at the Michigan DNR's Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center on Higgins Lake. The Lake and Stream Leaders Institute will cover the cost of conference registration, as well as dinner Monday night, overnight lodging (double occupancy), and Tuesday breakfast, if desired, for a limited number of interested alumni. As usual, this LSLI Alumni Event will provide an excellent opportunity to network with other local water resource leaders.

This year's MiCorps Conference promises to be an outstanding event, with sessions of interest to anyone who cares about Michigan's inland waters, including:

Monday, October 29 (Optional Pre-Conference Events)

Training Workshops

- Option A: Insect Identification
- Option B: Plants of Michigan's Lakes and Streams

Roundtable Discussion of Potential New Lake and Stream Monitoring Parameters for MiCorps

Networking and Social Reception

Tuesday, October 30 (Conference Day)

Plenary Presentations

- 1: The Kalamazoo River Two Years after the Enbridge Pipeline Rupture: The Water Quality Monitoring Story
- 2: Improving Water Quality of Lakes and Streams Through the Use of Zoning Ordinances
- 3: Accessing Lakeshore Habitat and Human Disturbance Indicators in Michigan Lakes: The National Lakes Assessment Survey – Michigan

Breakout Sessions

- 1: MiCorps 101: An Introduction (or Refresher) to the MiCorps Programs
- 2: Monitoring the Effects of Human Impacts on our Watersheds
- 3: Lake Monitoring for Human Disturbances
- 4: Stream Monitoring Programs, Presented by Past and Present MiCorps Grantees

Please see the attached full conference agenda for all the details.

The cost for conference registration, as well as the options of Monday dinner, Monday night lodging (double occupancy) and Tuesday breakfast, if desired, will be covered by LSLI for a limited number of Alumni.

Registration Instructions:

STEP 1.) Register for the conference at the MiCorps website:

<http://www.micorps.net/conference.html>

- The conference registration web site will be activated by early October.
- You may choose to attend both Monday (pre-conference events) and Tuesday, or a single day.
- LSLI Alumni should disregard the instruction that advance payment is required if you plan to stay overnight.
- For double occupancy, you may indicate a roommate's name on the form, or choose to be matched with a male or female roommate.
- LSLI Alumni desiring a single-occupancy overnight room must reimburse LSLI for the difference (\$16.50).
- Payment Options: LSLI Alumni should select "Pay on Site". You will not need to bring any payment to the conference, unless you select the single-occupancy option for an overnight stay; then you will need to bring a check for \$16.50 made out to Michigan Lake and Stream Associations.

STEP 2.) Inform us of your registration:

- Complete the attached form and return to the address indicated. You may also send the information on the form via email to the email address indicated.

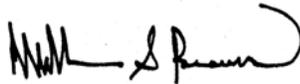
LSLI Alumni must register (both steps 1 and 2) by Monday, October 22. LSLI may need to limit the number of free registrations, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jo Latimore, LSLI Coordinator, at 517-432-1491 or latimor1@msu.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the MiCorps Conference!

Sincerely,



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