

Schedule at-a-glance

Monday November 6:

1 – 5 pm: Alliance Board meeting
4 – 6 pm: Registration & check-in
6:30 –8:30 pm: Opening night social

Tuesday November 7:

7 – 9 am: Registration & check-in
7 – 8 am: Breakfast
8 – 9:10 am: Welcome; keynote speaker
9:10 – 11:10 am: team-building how-to activity; national partners panel; discussion time & break (provided)
11:10 am-12:10 pm: Joint session (partnerships)
12:15 -1:30pm: Lunch (on own)
1:30 – 3:00 pm: Concurrent sessions; discussion time & break (provided)
3:30-5:30 pm: Open Space Technology
5:30 pm: Dinner (on own)

Wednesday November 8:

7 – 8 am: Breakfast
8:30 am – 1:30 pm: Concurrent off site program sessions
2 – 3:30 pm: Unveiling the Alliance
4 – 6 pm: “Program Marketplace” & social
6:00 pm: Dinner (on own)

Thursday November 9:

7 – 8 am: Breakfast
8 am – 12 pm Keynote speaker (volunteerism); joint sessions, discussion & break (provided)
12—1:15 pm: Lunch (on own)
1:15—5 pm: Master Naturalist class in session:
1:15 -3 pm: Joint sessions
3 – 5 pm: Open Space Technology
5:30 pm: Dinner (on own)
7:30 – 9:30 pm: Lowell Observatory trip

Friday November 10:

7-9 am: check out; evaluations
8:30 am – 3:30 pm: Grand Canyon field trip

National Alliance:

The Alliance is a network of community-based natural resource conservation, education, and outreach programs.

The mission of the Alliance is to promote awareness and citizen stewardship of natural resources through science-based education and community service.

The goal of the Alliance is to provide a network of resources and information exchange to develop, sustain, enhance citizen-based environmental programs across the United States.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

A call for presentations, registration form, and additional information regarding off site program sessions, travel, lodging, and local attractions are available on the conference website at <http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/nationalconference>

For more details about the conference or the Alliance, contact:

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Who should attend?

This dynamic conference will benefit professionals involved in administering natural resource conservation, education, and outreach programs, and those interested in program development.

Participants will learn from diverse programs, network with colleagues to enhance existing programs, and obtain resources to develop new programs.

Plus, Arizona Master Naturalists and Arizona Master Watershed Stewards will show us what Master Naturalist-type programs can accomplish, during off site sessions in some of the most beautiful natural areas in the U. S.

Registration deadline is October 1, 2006. The \$100 registration fee includes two socials, all breakfasts, off site field session with lunch, morning & afternoon breaks, and post-meeting CD-ROM of Conference Proceedings and Open Space Technology sessions. Presenters may apply for a mini-grant to help offset travel & lodging costs.

What resources will you gain?

Sessions are highly interactive; topics may include creating and working effectively in partnerships, team-building and volunteer leadership, recruitment & marketing, curriculum development, liability, group dynamics and conflict resolution, volunteer retention, and program evaluation.

About Flagstaff...

Flagstaff is a university town of ~54,000, seated at the base of the San Francisco Peaks and surrounded by one of the largest pine forests on earth. At nearly 7000 feet, it is also one of the highest elevation cities in the U. S. Ecosystems spanning pinon-juniper studded plateaus, high desert, green alpine forest, and barren tundra are all found within Flagstaff. The community is rich with cultural diversity, beauty, and history, as well as amazing educational, recreational, and scientific opportunities. Established in the late 1800's as a railroad town, it became a popular tourist stop in the 1920's with the construction of Route

66. In 1894, Dr. Percival Lowell chose Flagstaff as the site for the Lowell Observatory; 36 years later, Pluto was discovered through the observatory's telescopes. The Arizona Teacher's College began in 1899, later becoming Northern Arizona University. Flagstaff is a hub for travelers visiting the Grand Canyon, National Forests, National Parks and Monuments, or for enjoying river rafting, hiking, skiing, and trail cycling. Temperatures are still pleasant for outdoor activities in early November, with average daytime highs in the mid-50's and lows in the mid- to upper 20's.

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