

## Call for Presentations

Minnesota Naturalists' Association Annual Conference 2008



# ***The Darker Side of Nature:*** ***Exploring the Seamy Underbelly of the Natural World***

**Friday, November 21 to Sunday, November 23, 2008**

Luther Crest on Lake Carlos near Alexandria, MN

MNA is seeking presenters for field visits and concurrent sessions which will fit into the following strands:

- Natural History and Research
- Teaching and Interpretation
- Administrative Skill Building
- Hot Topics (i.e. issues of climate change, sustainability, etc.)

For this year's theme, *The Darker Side of Nature*, think Poison! Blood! Scat! Sex! Unleash your creativity. Below are some sample topics to get your ideas flowing:

- Poisonous plants and animals
- Insect-eating plants
- Carnivores and cannibalistic animals
- Defense mechanisms (i.e. hognose snakes, turkey vultures, toads, porcupines, etc.)
- Excrement
- Sex and mating
- Violence and predator/prey interactions

Concurrent sessions can be 1 to 3 hours long. Presenters must provide their own audiovisual equipment. If selected to provide a field visit, transportation to your site will be provided to conference attendees.

## **Presentation Application Requirements**

MNA invites you to apply to present a concurrent session or a field visit. Apply by providing the following information:

- Presentation title
- Name, title, address, phone number, and email address of presenter
- Description of presentation for publication (50 word limit)
- Detailed description of presentation for review purposes (150 word limit), include how the presentation ties to the theme *The Darker Side of Nature*
- The strand of your concurrent session or field visit (*Natural History and Research, Teaching and Interpretation, Administrative Skill Building, Hot Topics*)
- Maximum number of participants
- Room requirements

## **The deadline for submissions is September 25, 2008.**

Notification of presenters will be made on or around October 10, 2008. Presenters, selected by the MNA program committee, will be able to attend the conference at the discounted presenter's rate.

### **Send proposals to:**

Beth Beuch, Presenter Coordinator, MNA Annual Conference 2008

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**If you have questions, please contact Beth Beuch: (507) 248-3104 or [blbeuch@netscape.net](mailto:blbeuch@netscape.net)**

*If you are interested in presenting a keynote, please contact Beth Beuch for further information.*