Tentative Schedule for 2022 International Maple Conference
October 26-29, 2022

Wednesday October 26, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Table Open
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NAMSC Committee Meetings (Private)
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. NAMSC board Meeting (Private)
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Vendor Trade Show open
6:30 p.m. Welcome Dinner: Taste of Wisconsin: 
6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: “The History of Wisconsin Maple Syrup” - Dr. Matthew Thomas

Thursday October 27, 2022
One Day Registration Available
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Vendor Trade Show open
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Table
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony:
   Alice in Dairyland, Taylor Schaefer
   Mayor of La Crosse, Mitch Reynolds
   Karl Martin, Dean, UW-Madison Division of Extension
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Companion Tour:
   Trolley Tour of Dark La Crosse and Historic La Crosse (25 people per tour) A guided tour and trolley ride through Historic La Crosse showcases the city’s history and the dark side. Tour includes a step off for coffee and step off St. Rose Chapel. Lunch at Houghton’s - Dessert and Wine at the Castle.
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Native Americans maple, past, present, and future.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break with snacks and coffee etc. in Vendor Area
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Maple Industry Update – Panel Discussion (IMSI reps, NAMSC board members, and Industry Leaders)
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. As Sticky as Syrup: Influencing Public Policy - Paul DeLong, Associate Dean of Policy, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Long-Term Impacts of Tapping – Dr. Abby Van Den Berg, Research Associate Professor and Assistant Director of U of Vermont Maple Proctor Research Center
1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. NAMSC Annual Meeting (Public)
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2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Cooking with Maple Syrup - April Wienck, Tipsy Housewife
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Leveraging social media to grow your business - April Wienck
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. NASS Presentation/IMSI and U.S Maple Alliance and Updates
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Extension Meeting (Private)
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. U.S Alliance Meeting
5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sunset Dinner Cruise on La Crosse Queen or Dinner on your own

Friday Oct. 28, 2022 Tour Day
One Day Registration Available

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. All Day Tours
Tour 1: Maple Tour Sugarbush Stops:
    Country View Maples,
    Phil Gudgeon’s Maple Syrup,
    Maple Valley
    Kickapoo Reserve
    Lunch at Rockton
Tour 2: River Tour:
    Eagle Center,
    Elmaro Winery,
    Dahl Auto Museum
    Lunch at Beth’s Twin Bluff Café
Tour 3: Madison Tour:
    Forestry Products Lab
    UW Physics Lab
    Lunch at UW Madison
4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vendor Trade Show
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Vendor Area)
6:00 p.m. Tailgating Night and Entertainment by Potluck String Band
Satuday Oct. 29, 2022
One Day Registration Day Registration Available

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Vendor Trade Show Open
8:00 a.m. All Samples need to be in for Maple Syrup and Confections Contest
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. 2 Minute Countdown NAMSC, Maple Alliance, IMSI, WMSPA, Extension, Researchers and Presenters.
9:00 a.m. Maple Syrup and Confections Contest
9:00 a.m. Companion Tour: Grandad Bluff, Shop Local, and Scavenger Hunt
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Technical Sessions
  #1 New Product Development: Diversifying Product Offerings and Accessing Lucrative Markets - Aaron Wightman – Cornell University
  #2 Maple Profitability and Economics of the Industry Development– Mark Canella, Extension Associate Professor
  #3 The sweet Taste of success, safe, quality maple products – Barb Ingham, Professor of Food Science and Extension Food Safety Specialist, UW – Madison
  #4 Organic Maple Syrup Certification process - MOSA
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. – Vendor Spotlight: MISCO in Vendor Area
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. break snacks in Vendor Area
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Technical Sessions
  #1 Forest Management Focused on Maple Syrup, Timber Production and Wildlife Habitat– Mike Demchik, Professor of Forestry, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
  #2 Total Yields and Syrup Flavor from Red Maple Trees
  – Dr. Abby Van Den Berg, Research Associate Professor and Assistant Director of U of Vermont Maple Proctor Research Center
  #3 Making Maple Confections - Sugar Pieces and Creme
  - Eileen S. Downs, Merle Maple, LLC
  #4 Growing More than syrup – Mushrooms farming in your sugarbush
  – Ingrid West, Misty Dawn Farm, Log Grow Shitake Mushrooms
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Vendor Spotlight: Bosworth Company in Vendor Area
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Vendor Spotlight: Sap Spy in Vendor Area
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Saturday Oct. 29, 2022
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11:15 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Technical Sessions
#1 Beginning Maple
  – Jesse Randall, Michigan State University
#2 UVM Proctor Center Update
  – Dr. Timothy Perkins, UVM Research Professor and Director
#3 Value of the Sugarbush
  – Ed Steigerwaldt, Steigerwaldt Land Services Inc.
#4 VT Bird Friendly Maple
  - Steve Hagenbuch, Senior Conservation Biologist and Forester, Audubon Vermont

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Vendor Spotlight: CDL Electric Evaporator – Daniel Lalanne
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Vendor Spotlight: CDL in Vendor Area
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Companion Tour:
  Grandad Bluff,
  Shop Local,
  Scavenger Hunt
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Technical Sessions
#1 Quality Online Maple – Mark Isselhardt - UVM
#2 Chlorates residues in Maple Syrup - Luc Lagace PhD - Center Acer
#3 Nectar Project – Steve O’farrell, CDL
#4 Buddy Syrup – Maria Delrosen - Carlton University
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Vendor Spotlight: Belmark Label Company
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – Vendor Spotlight
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Technical Sessions
#1 Chainsaw Safety
  – Scott Grim, Midwest Stihl (Part 1 of 2)
#2 Climate Vulnerability Assessment
  – Hannah Panci – GLIFWC
#3 Development of test for Maple Sap and Syrup adulteration
  – Jack Bauer PhD – Center Acer
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#4 Invasive plants, worms and insects and they all like your Maples!
   – Bernie Williams – Plant Pest and Disease Specialist – Forest Health – Applied Forestry.

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Vendor Spotlight

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2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Vendor Spotlight
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 break snacks in Vendor Area
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Technical Sessions
   #1 Chainsaw Safety
   – Scott Grim, Midwest Stihl (Part 2 of 2)
   #2 Independent factors and their interactions to cause “sugar maple decline disease”
   – Glen Stanosz, Emeritus Professor of Tree and Forest Health, UW - Madison
   #3 Syrup Judging
   – Brian Bainborough
   #4 Managing Invasive Insects of Maple Sugarbushes
   – Jenny Liu – Maple, Tree Nut, and Agroforestry Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Vendor Spotlight
4:00 p.m. Vendor Break down
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Banquet and Awards

Oct. 30 – 31, 2022
International Maple Syrup Institute Grading School

This school provides a strong scientific base combined with intensive hands-on exercises. This approach enables participants to learn how to grade or judge maple products with confidence. The International Maple Syrup Institute Maple Syrup Grading School is for maple producers, bulk syrup buyers, state inspectors, and others needing to accurately grade maple syrup or judge maple product entries at fairs and contests. Quality control issues are also addressed. Maximum: 25 Participants. You must Pre Register for this School with the University of Maine Extension to attend
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