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2010 IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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“PRESERVING AMERICA’S WILDERNESS”

What does “wilderness” mean to you? It could be a pristine place to camp. A fresh stream for fishing. Or hunting grounds undisturbed by motorized vehicles. “Wilderness” also means a special place that Congress has protected for future generations.

Izaak Walton League members have been fighting to protect America’s wild places and wildlife for almost 90 years. What does the future hold? Ikes from across the country will come together in Pennsylvania to find out.





SPEAKERS

Chris Brown, Director of Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers, U.S. Forest Service, will discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with protecting wilderness values on national forests. More than 45 years after passage of The Wilderness Act, the U.S. Forest Service manages more than 190 million acres of national forests and grasslands nationwide, including 36 million acres of Wilderness areas. Wilderness areas on national forests provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation and also safeguard vital habitat, clean water, and solitude. Brown will highlight the roles that hunters, anglers, and conservationists can play in safeguarding some of America's most special places.

Kirk Johnson, Executive Director, Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness. Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest offers acre upon scenic acre of hunting, fishing, hiking, and outdoor recreation opportunities. It also includes special places that citizens from across the state, including League members and the Pennsylvania Division, are working to protect as Wilderness areas. Johnson will highlight the campaign to safeguard these areas and the important role that citizens in Pennsylvania — and across the country — can play.

Phyllis Green, Park Superintendent of Isle Royale National Park in Michigan, is leading National Park Service efforts to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species via ballast. She implemented ballast water treatment on a Park Service motorized vessel and scaled up those treatment options for the largest ships on the Great Lakes. Green also worked with grassroots groups and national experts to find other solutions that are fast and easy to implement. Green will offer Ikes an overview of her strategy for protecting the Great Lakes — from building emergency response capacity to tools for treatment.



Larry Schweiger

Larry Schweiger, President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation. The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) works with more than four million members, partners, and supporters in communities across the country to protect and restore wildlife habitat, confront global warming, and connect with nature. In his keynote address, Schweiger will focus on the threat posed by global warming to our nation's fish and wildlife species and



Kirk Johnson

why it is critical that the United States take action now to aggressively reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. He will also speak to the important role sportsmen groups, like NWF and the League, have played and must continue to play on Capitol Hill to move this legislation forward.

Ned Tillman, author of the award-winning book, *The Chesapeake Watershed: A sense of place and a call to action*, and member of the Izaak Walton League's Executive Board will offer his perspective on the significant successes and the challenges ahead for one of the most studied, most productive, and most controversial watersheds in America. The Chesapeake has a glorious history and today stands as a bellwether for how out of balance we are with the natural order of things.

EVENTS

The goal of the national convention is to conduct League business, but that doesn't mean we can't have some fun while we're there!

Early Bird Party and Auction

Tuesday, July 13

Tickets for non-registered guests: \$25

(Free for registered conference attendees)

A great way to kick off your convention experience! Catch up with old friends and make new ones while you bid on an array of auction items. From sculptures to bird houses, custom-made fishing gear to embellished firearms, each item is unique. Last year's auction and raffle raised more than \$12,600 for the South Dakota Division. What does the Pennsylvania Division have in store? You'll have to be there to find out! Food and beverages will be served.

National Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, July 14

Tickets: \$23

Help us recognize the League members who made outstanding contributions to protecting America's outdoors last year. Honors will be presented to individual chapter members plus chapters and divisions for their achievements in youth programming, stream protection, outdoor ethics, and other areas critical to the League's mission.

Parade of States

Wednesday, July 14

Show us what your state is known for! From roast beef to root beer floats, Ikes from across the country will bring local delicacies for everyone to enjoy.

Sign up now to ensure your spot on the parade route around the Holiday Inn's indoor pool. E-mail Cathy Berger (cberger@iwla.org) to book a Parade room. The hotel has 8 rooms on the ground floor around the pool and 8 pool-view rooms (directly above the ground