



## 2023 ANROSP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

### AGENDA

#### Pittsburgh, PA

##### Monday, September 18, 2023

9:30 ANROSP Board Meeting

12:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 Conference opening

- o Welcome (15 minutes)

- o Opening Speaker(s) - Natural History of Pennsylvania and the Allegheny Plateau – Charles Bier, PA Western Conservancy (60 minutes)

2:30 Program sessions:

- Strengthening Critical Partnerships: How can we support those who support us? – Andrea Lorek Strauss, Minnesota Master Naturalist program (30)

- A Decade Down: Successes, Challenges, and Inspiration for the Future of the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program – Becky Sapper, Wisconsin Master Naturalist program (30)

3:30 Break

- Oregon Master Naturalist Program – Portland Area Field Course – Alice Philipps, Oregon Master Naturalist program (30)

- Environmental Stewardship: An Action and a Goal – Gregory Ira, California Naturalist program (30)

- Education in Service of Tree Equity – This is not a How-to Guide – Maeve Rafferty, Education Coordinator, Tree Pittsburgh

5:30 Get to Know ANROSP Members (Networking)

6:00 Dinner on your own (*Steelers are playing at home for anyone interested*)

##### Tuesday, September 19, 2023

7:30 Breakfast

8:00 ANROSP Annual Member Meeting

9:00 Program sessions:

Nature for New Minnesotans: Connecting adult English language learners to the outdoors through science content and experiential, place-based learning – Lucas Rapisarda, PhD Student, Minnesota Master Naturalist program (30)

Taking a Great Lakes Trek – Navigating the Waters of Asynchronous Learning – Becky Sapper, Wisconsin Master Naturalist program (30)

10:15 Break (15)

Inspiring the Inner Educators of our Virginia Master Naturalists – Michelle Prysby, Virginia Master Naturalist program (30)

Restoration and Engagement at Stillmeadow Peace Park, a SW Baltimore Urban Forest – Nancy Sonti, PhD., US Forest Service and Joy Shindler Rafey, Maryland Master Naturalist program

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Keynote Presentation – Baltimore Ecosystem Study with Nancy Sonti, Ph.D., US Forest Service

1:30 Strategic Planning - Charting a Path Forward for Your Program – Jason O’Brien, Oregon Master Naturalist program.

2:00 Pittsburgh Urban Wilds Tour from Mount Washington – Ride up Pittsburgh Incline to the top of Mount Washington for a view and discussion of the Steel City’s Wildlands and greening initiatives.

4:30 Silent Action Ends

5:00 Dinner on your own

### **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

7:30 Breakfast – Conference Closing and wrap up

8:00 Bus departs for Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater property of the Western PA Conservancy

o Stop #1: Frick Environmental Center: Tour the Building and Grounds of this award winning certified Living Building and its programs. You will learn about programs like their High School Urban EcoStewards and ways they are working with local High School teachers to use the sustainability feature of the building for educational purposes - Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

o Stop #2: Lunch (boxed lunch provided)

o Stop #3: Bear Run Nature Reserve: An Example of Forest Restoration on the land and waters of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater (grounds and land tour of the property) – Ephraim Zimmerman, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Fred Zelt, Geologist. If time allows, we will add a stop to visit the Youghiogheny River Overlook and Falls to discuss the geology and biodiversity of this area.

4:00 pm Bus departs for return to Pittsburgh

5:00 pm Dinner on the return trip (on our own)