

2010 National Tribal Science Forum

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa • Traverse City, MI
June 6–10, 2010



Sponsored by the National EPA-Tribal Science Council and hosted by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS, AND EXHIBITS

Mother Earth: Indigenous Knowledge and Science to Promote Positive Change

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Registration Website: <http://epa.blhtech.com/2010TribalScienceForum>

Official GTB Website: <http://www.gtbindians.org/>

The 2010 National Tribal Science Forum will be held June 6 through 10, 2010, in Traverse City, Michigan. The Forum will be hosted by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Tribal Science Council (TSC) at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, owned by the tribe, and located near the tribal complex in Traverse City.

Tribal leaders, elders, environmental managers, scientists, and organizations are invited to respond to this Call for Presentations, Posters, and Exhibits. Tribal colleges and universities, faculty, students and staff, federal agencies, and other interested entities involved in research that falls under the science themes listed below are also encouraged to respond to this invitation.

The forum will provide a platform to discuss issues of vital interest to Indian Country and make available opportunities to:

- Showcase tribal science through cutting-edge research and case studies
- Promote Native Science and highlight progress being made in environmental and health programs on tribal lands

- Share tribal science success stories through presentations, exhibits and poster session
- Obtain technical training in high priority areas identified by tribal governments and members of the Tribal Science Council
- Network and share knowledge among Native scientists and environmental professionals from throughout Indian Country
- Interact with Native students and hear their environmental voices via youth poetry and poster contests

The theme is “Mother Earth: Indigenous Knowledge and Science to Promote Positive Change.” It is our hope that Native research, projects, case studies, and scientific best practices will come alive with a blend of western and traditional science revealing tribes’ success as environmental stewards of Mother Earth.

Overview

The TSC is a standing work group of Tribal and EPA representatives developed out of a need for scientific support in Indian Country. Established in 1999, the TSC provides a forum for interaction between tribal and agency scientists to work collaboratively on environmental science issues of high priority to tribes. Members include one tribal representative from each region with federally recognized tribes, plus a representative from the Alaska native communities, and one representative from each EPA program and regional offices. The TSC, in partnership with GTB, is hosting this forum for tribal leaders, scientists and staff working on environmental science topics and other environmental professionals to learn from and network with peers in other tribes on shared scientific issues and best practices as well as enhance communication among tribes. In addition, representatives from EPA and other federal agencies will be among the forum’s participants.

Conference Theme and Tracks

Through this announcement, we are seeking presentations, posters, and exhibits that explore the forum theme “Mother Earth: Indigenous Knowledge and Science to Promote Positive Change” in the following tracks: air, water, earth, community health, and cross-theme issues.

Abstracts should address the science topics below. Please refer to the attached list of subtopics for more detail.

Air:

- Deposition
- Coal fired power plants
- Toxics
- Impacts on health of school children
- Pollution / Pollution Prevention
- Agriculture/Ranching/Forestry/Fisheries, and CAFOs
- Reduce pollution from wood stoves

Community Health:

- Children's Health
- CAFOs Impacts
- Methamphetamines
- Lifeways and Cultural Exposure Pathways
- Indoor Air Issues
- Whole Community Health /Wellness
- New Methods in Cumulative Risk Assessment

Cross-Theme Issues:

- Mercury
- Climate Change

Water:

- Water Quality Standards
- Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxics (PBTs)
- Dioxins/Dioxin-Like Compounds
- Water Quantity
- Resource Extraction
- Habitat Loss/Restoration
- Biological Stressors
- Impacts on water rights and water quality due to climate change
- Emerging Water-Related Issues

Earth:

- Mining
- Contaminated Sites
- Habitat Loss
- Ecological Restoration
- Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxics (PBTs)
- Invasive Plant Species
- New Pesticide Use
- Traditional Knowledge

All abstracts (presentation, posters and exhibits) are due on or before **November 23, 2009**. You will be notified of selection by December 21, 2009. Please refer to the information below for submittal of your abstract.

Instructions for Submitting an Abstract

Presentations:

If you are interested in presenting at this forum, please submit abstract/summary of your presentation by e-mail to Ms. Donna Jackson at djackson@blhtech.com or fax: 240-399-8723, along with information on how you would like to conduct your presentation (e.g., individual, panel, roundtable, workshop, plenary presentation, training session, or poster presentation) by using the attached form. Please note that the preferred format is Microsoft Word.

Posters:

Posters must be approximately 4' x 6', and will be displayed on the walls of the facility's breakout rooms. If you are interested in submitting a poster, please send an abstract/summary of your poster by e-mail to Ms. Donna Jackson at djackson@blhtech.com or fax: 240-399-8723 by using the attached form.

Exhibits:

A limited number of exhibit tables will be available for display on a first-come, first-served basis. Tribes will be given priority. Each exhibit will have an 8' table and two chairs. Electrical outlets and wireless Internet will also be made available. Exhibitors are responsible for the delivery and setup of their exhibits. If you are interested in exhibiting at the forum, please send an abstract/summary of your exhibit by e-mail to Ms. Donna Jackson at djackson@blhtech.com or fax: 240-399-8723 by using the attached form.

Deadlines

Submission deadline for presentations, posters, and exhibits:	Monday, November 23, 2009
Notice of selection:	Monday, December 21, 2009

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