

2024 MRWA Annual Conference and Exhibition

March 19-22, 2024

Soaring Eagle Resort

Mount Pleasant, MI

Pre-conference class March 19



Information

Learn about a variety of local, state and federal water and wastewater issues



CECs

Earn up to 1.7 during pre-conference and conference classes



Networking

Meet other water and wastewater operators from around the state



Water Taste Test

Which Michigan Community has the best tasting water

Information

Hotel Room Reservations

MRWA does not handle your lodging arrangements. Reserve online at www.soaringeaglecasino.com by choosing Book Now and using the group code MRWA031924 or by calling 877-232-4532, pressing option #1 for reservations, and referring to the group for Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Special group rate ends on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Annual Business Meeting & Lunch

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Exhibit Hall

Wednesday Meet & Greet

Network with peers and friends while visiting with vendors.

Wednesday Water Tower Competition

Using a variety of everyday objects, we will put you in teams and you will build a water tower.

Thursday Raffle Prize Drawing

Prizes such as toolboxes, kayaks, camping packages, fishing packages, coolers and more will be raffled

Exhibitor Bingo Using the Mobile APP

Download the mobile APP, visit the exhibitors for the password to enter the gift card drawings. Paper bingo card is available if needed.

Banquet Tickets

Purchase separately if you are a One-Day Only Registrant.

Policies / Cancellation

- Mandatory use of registration name badges will be enforced for admittance to all conference, meals, sessions & exhibit hall.
- Registrations will not be processed until payment is received.
- Cancellations: A request for a refund must be requested no later than March 1, 2024. No refunds after March 1, 2024, but you may send a substitute.

Agenda

For the most current agenda go to our website www.mrwa.net and click on Annual Conference on the Events Tab

Some class topics: PFAs, Lead & Copper, Cybersecurity, Water and Wastewater Updates and much more.

time	Class Name
Tuesday March 19, 2024	
Noon - 6:00	Attendee & Exhibitor Registration
1:00pm - 4:30pm	Pre-Conference Class
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7pm - 10pm	Euchre Tournament
Wednesday March 20, 2024	
7am	Continental Coffee Break
7am - 3pm	Attendee & Exhibitor Registration
7:45am - 9am	Navigating Waves of Opportunity: Bridging Education and Workforce Recruitment in the Water and Wastewater Sector
9:15am - 10:15am	TBD Three classes to choose from
10:30am - 11:30am	TBD Three classes to choose from
11:30am - 1:30pm	Annual Business Meeting & Lunch
Noon - 6	Exhibits
1:30 - 2:30	TBD Three classes to choose from
2:40 - 3:40	TBD Three classes to choose from
4pm - 6pm	Meet & Greet
4pm	Water Tower Competition
5pm	Water Taste Test Finale
8pm - Midnight	Cornhole Tournament/Hospitality Suite
Thursday March 21, 2024	
7:30am	Continental Coffee Break
7:30 - Noon	Registration
8am - 12:30pm	Exhibits
9:30am - 10:30am	TBD Three classes to choose from
10:30am - 11:30am	TBD Three classes to choose from
11:30am	Raffle Prize Drawing and Bingo Card Drawing
Noon	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
12:15pm - 1:15pm	Women in Water Lunch
12:30 - 1:30	TBD Three classes to choose from
1:45 - 2:45	TBD Three classes to choose from
3:00 - 4:00	TBD Three classes to choose from
5pm - 6pm	Reception
6pm - 8pm	Banquet
Friday March 22, 2024	
8am - Noon	Continental Coffee Break
8:30am - 9:30am	TBD Three classes to choose from
9:45am - 10:45am	TBD Three classes to choose from
11am - Noon	TBD Three classes to choose from

Time to Mix and Mingle

Euchre Tournament - Tuesday, March 19

Open to exhibitors and attendees

No partner needed Euchre Tournament/Social Event

- Join us Tuesday at 7:00pm. (onsite registration begins at 6:30pm)
- Ticket includes euchre, pizza and beer/pop. \$25 per person
- Just want to socialize, come join us for pizza. \$15 per person
(must pay with cash or by personal check)
- Registration prior to the start of conference is not necessary



Cornhole Tournament - Wednesday, March 20

Open to attendees and exhibitors

No partner needed (partners will be drawn at the beginning of the tournament)

- Wednesday Evening 8pm – 11pm
- Pre-registration Wednesday during the day for \$10 per person
(must pay with cash or by personal check)
- Registration at the door between 7pm and 7:45pm \$15 per person
(must pay with cash or by personal check)
- Registration prior to the start of conference is not necessary



Water Tower Contest - Wednesday, March 20

Make sure you come to the Meet & Greet on Wednesday afternoon to build a water tower. Bring your own team of 2-3 people or we will form teams from individuals.

Each team will be given a pack of construction materials that includes plastic cup, drinking straws, band aids, toothpicks and more. Complete details will be shared at the conference.

Hospitality Suite - Wednesday, March 20

Mix and mingle, cheer on the cornhole players if not on a team and just relax and enjoy.

Women in Water and Wastewater Lunch - Thursday, March 21

For details email Melisa Lincoln, MRWA Membership Director at membersvcs@mrwa.net

2024 MRWA Awards Nominations and Scholarship Application

Forms are due February 5, 2024.

For complete details and to download the forms visit <https://www.mrwa.net/annual-conference>

2024 Annual Conference MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

Use one form for each person registering. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

WAYS TO REGISTER: Website: www.mrwa.net Click login at the top of the page and enter your email address. If found, follow the prompts to set up a password. If not found, call the MRWA office.

Email: membersvcs@mrwa.net Mail: MRWA 2127 University Park Dr Ste 430 Okemos MI 48864

VERY IMPORTANT: Please include cell phone and individual email address for each attendee.
(This information will not be shared but used for communication with the attendee)

Full Name:	Nickname for Name Badge:		
System/Company:	Water ID#	WW ID#	
Work Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Work Phone: VERY IMPORTANT ()	Cell Phone: VERY IMPORTANT ()		
e-Mail address: VERY IMPORTANT	Job Title		
Are you registering your Spouse to attend? Yes ___ No ___	Spouse's Name for Name Badge:		

Full Conference Registration – Includes education, exhibit hall pass, coffee, lunches and one (1) banquet ticket	Early Bird: Postmarked by March 1, 2024	Late: Postmarked after March 1, 2024	Amount Due
	\$375	\$425	

One-Day Only Registration - Includes sessions, exhibit hall, continental coffee and lunch for specific day			
Please select one:			
Wednesday Only <input type="checkbox"/>	\$220	\$245	
Thursday Only <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friday Only <input type="checkbox"/>	\$180	\$195	
Tuesday March 19, 2024 TBD 1pm – 4:30pm	Yes	No	Free for full conference, Wednesday Only and Thursday only registrants

Exhibit Hall Pass Only (for community employees only) Please ✓ & indicate quantity: Wednesday Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 per pass (Pass is for community employees only.)	
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Additional Lunch Tickets Please ✓ & indicate quantity: Wednesday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 per ticket	
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Additional Banquet Tickets Please indicate quantity:	\$75 per ticket	
Spouse Registration: includes two lunches, banquet & exhibit hall access	\$165	

If you have dietary restrictions, please specify here:

Water Taste Test Entry	Yes! _____ We are participating. No _____, maybe next year!	
		Total:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge the events and cancellation policies: Events Policy: Registration and attendance at, or participation in Michigan Rural Water Association classes, conferences, events and activities constitutes an agreement by the participant to the use the attendee's image or voice in photographs, video and audio recordings and all other electronic reproductions of such events and activities by MRWA. Cancellation Policy: A request for a refund must be requested no later than March 1, 2024. No refunds after March 1, 2024, but you may send a substitute.
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Attendee Signature:	Date:
Emergency contact name and phone number: Include area code and provide the phone of a person who will actually answer, not some generic office number.	

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WHICH MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HAS THE BEST TASTING WATER?

Enter the 2024 Water Taste Test – March 20, 2024
1st Place Winner Has the Chance to Compete Nationally

To Enter

- Pre-register for the Water Taste Test on the Conference Registration form and mail or fax to Michigan Rural Water Association.
- Upon arriving at conference, register your 2 one-quart samples at the MRWA Conference Registration Desk. Each of the quart samples must be in new or unused mason jar or glass jar equivalent. The water samples will be refrigerated by MRWA until the Taste Test on March 20, 2024 during the MRWA Meet & Greet in the Exhibit Hall.
- Please have each of your two containers of water labeled with your Utility Name on the BOTTOM.
- Please have your water sample chilled in a small labeled cooler. No large coolers.
- System must meet EGLE approval of having no violations of bacteriological or chemical monitoring prior to the Taste Test and able to provide proof.

Judging Criteria: A panel of judges will be selected to choose the winners. Judges will consider: Taste, Clarity and Odor.

Preliminary judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. on March 20. Five finalists will be selected for final judging during the Meet & Greet in the Exhibit hall.

1st and 2nd place winners will be selected. 1st place winner has the opportunity to compete in the National Drinking Water Taste Test. If 1st place winner does not participate, 2nd place winner will be given the opportunity to compete Nationally.

1st Place*

- Roundtrip airfare, lodging and meals for one attendee to Washington DC to compete in the 2025 National Drinking Water Contest.
- News release article in the MRWA quarterly magazine, “The Clarifier”
- 1st Place Plaque

2nd Place

-2nd Place Plaque; If the 1st Place winner forfeits the National Taste Test opportunity, the 2nd Place Winner may participate.

*Must stay in compliance to qualify to compete nationally.