

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION



73RD ANNUAL MEETING

Omni William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, PA

April 30-May 2, 2009

PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE:

Thriving in a Clean Energy Economy

Dear Friend of Conservation:

America is at a turning point.

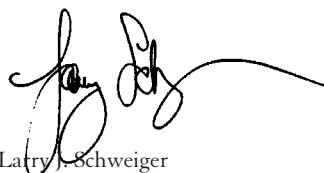
Our nation's leadership is committed to a new green energy economy and understands the importance of protecting our country's valuable natural resources. We have an American public poised to reduce their personal impact on global warming pollution. We have a nation waking up to the fact that our children are not spending enough time outdoors. With these unprecedented opportunities before us, 2009 promises to be one of the most dynamic years ever in the conservation arena and in National Wildlife Federation's history.

It is against this backdrop of excitement and anticipation that we extend an invitation to you to attend National Wildlife Federation's 73rd Annual Meeting, April 30-May 2, at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The theme of this year's meeting is "*People and Wildlife: Thriving in a Clean Energy Economy.*" We will address groundbreaking ways to revitalize our economy and confront the immense challenges of global warming by investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology while also protecting our health, vulnerable communities, and natural resources from the worst impacts of climate change.

We have workshops and sessions planned that will cover an array of relevant topics including: education advocacy (No Child Left Inside), integrating climate science into habitat management, energy development impacts on wildlife, building a stronger grassroots following, connecting to campuses, and enhancing policy influence. Add to this a list of informed and energized speakers, and it promises to be a stimulating three days.

We know the way forward. Together we will forge a path to maximize every opportunity before us. It will take all our efforts together to ensure the change we have so longed for. The Annual Meeting will help us chart our course toward a future we can be proud to leave our children. Please join us so that your voice, your perspectives, and your leadership can guide our journey.



Larry J. Schweiger
President and CEO



Tom Gonzales
Chair, Board of Directors

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration Open
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	New Leaders Orientation
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Resolutions Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting <i>(by invitation only)</i>
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Resolutions Committee Meetings
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception - Offsite -Senator John Heinz History Center

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open
8:15 am - 10:15 am	Opening General Session
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Regional Roundtables
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Collaborative Learning Workshops
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Collaborative Learning Workshops
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Resolutions General Session and Board Elections

Free evening

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

7:30 am - 10:30 am	Registration Open
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Closing General Session
10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Restoration Projects <i>(tentative)</i>
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Awards Dinner

Times and events are subject to change. Please see the final program for event times and locations. All events are at the Omni William Penn Hotel unless otherwise specified. Attire for the Annual Meeting is business casual, except the Awards Dinner, which is business attire.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Enjoy catching up with friends and colleagues at this casual opening reception, which will be held at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Shuttle service will be provided.

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING WORKSHOPS

This year's workshop topics are designed to encourage participation and conversation among attendees. Topics may include education advocacy (No Child Left Inside); integrating climate science into habitat management; energy development impacts on wildlife; building a stronger grassroots following; connecting to campuses; and enhancing political influence.

AWARDS DINNER

The **Charlie Shaw Conservation Partnership Award** annually recognizes individuals within a NWF affiliate organization and individuals within the NWF staff. The award recognizes someone who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the NWF/Affiliate partnership.

Affiliate of the Year, a National Conservation Achievement Award, recognizes NWF affiliate organizations for conservation accomplishments and contributions to collaborative efforts with NWF and its supporters.

The **National Conservation Award for Special Achievement** recognizes individuals for exemplary conservation achievement.

The **NWF Volunteer of the Year** will be acknowledged. This award honors outstanding volunteers who help build the conservation movement by volunteering their time, talent, and service in support of NWF and its affiliates.

GENERAL SESSIONS

America's conservation leaders will discuss revitalization of our economy and ways to meet the challenges of global warming by investing in energy efficiency and clean energy technology while also protecting our health, communities and natural resources from climate impacts. Speakers include Larry J. Schweiger, President & CEO, National Wildlife Federation; Tom Gonzales, Chair, Board of Directors, National Wildlife Federation; and other conservation leaders.

RESTORATION PROJECTS

Annual meeting attendees may have the opportunity to participate in local restoration projects. Visit www.nwf.org/annualmeeting for details.

REGISTRATION

All meeting attendees are required to register online. Please visit www.nwf.org/annualmeeting to register for the Annual Meeting.

REGISTRATION

Rates

Beginning February 23	After March 9	Welcome Reception April 30	Awards Reception & Dinner, May 2
\$55	\$80	\$25	\$80

After April 1 please register onsite.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Omni William Penn Hotel
530 William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Phone: 412-281-7100
www.omnihotels.com

All annual meeting participants need to make their hotel reservations directly with the Omni William Penn Hotel. Reservations can be made online at <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/PittsburghWilliamPenn/MeetingFacilities/NationalWildlifeFederationAnnualMeeting4.aspx>. To receive the discounted conference room rate of \$169 single or double, enter NWF's meeting code, 17000605348. You may also call reservations at 412-281-7100 and identify yourself as a participant in the National Wildlife Federation's 2009 Annual Meeting. You must make your reservations with the Omni William Penn no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2009. After this date, rooms will be on an available only basis and you may not receive the discounted rate.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Pittsburgh International Airport is located 19 miles from the Omni William Penn Hotel and is the closest airport. Shuttles and taxis are available at the airport. Taxi service is approximately \$40.

SHUTTLE: Express Shuttle provides shuttle service between the Pittsburgh International Airport and downtown hotels. The cost is \$20 1-way; \$35 round trip. Shuttles depart airport every 45 minutes between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. Allow 40 minutes for the drive. No reservations are required for service from the airport. Express Shuttle is centrally located on the landside, ground transportation level of Pittsburgh International Airport near the rental car counters and baggage claim. For additional information, please call 412-321-4990.

PARKING: Omni valet parking is \$27 per day. Self parking at Mellon Square Garage is \$13.75 per day; \$5 weekends.

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Visit www.nwf.org/annualmeeting for the latest annual meeting information.

Please direct questions regarding the Annual Meeting to events@nwf.org or call 703-438-6299.

