

2025 NAAE Region 4 Conference Agenda

Monday, June 23 - Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Treetops Resort - Gaylord, Michigan

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITY - DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
MONDAY, JUNE 23		
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Conference Registration	Convention Center Lobby
2:00 - 5:30 PM	Region 4 Meetings & Committee Meetings	Huron Room
6:30 - 8:30 AM	Dinner & Region Networking (BJ's Catering & Event Center - 990 N. Center Ave, Gaylord, MI 49735)	BJ's Event Center
8:30 - 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open (couches, card tables, complimentary beverages) <i>(Sponsored by the iCEV Multimedia)</i>	The Lodge at Treetops (Aspen Room)
TUESDAY, JUNE 24		
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Networking Buffet Breakfast <i>(Sponsored by the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology - Katie Kelly)</i>	Huron Room
8:00 AM	Load Charter Bus (Treetops Overnight Stay Drawing - MUST be on the bus to win)	Convention Center Entrance
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Travel time (via charter bus)	
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	<p>Sklarczyk Seed Farm (seed potatoes) <i>(8710 M-32E Johannesburg, MI 49751)</i> SSF currently produces 5.5-6 million mini tubers hydroponically each year within 3 poly-top greenhouses and two 5-bay gutter-connected glasshouses. All plant needs are propagated onsite in a laboratory devoted entirely to seed potato tissue culture production. SSF mini tubers are shipped throughout the U.S., Canada, Chile, Thailand, Brazil, and the Middle East. While field potatoes are no longer grown, SSF still farms about 1,110 acres of corn, wheat, soybeans, and oats to supply markets throughout Michigan.</p> <p>Jordan River Fish Hatchery <i>(6623 Turner Rd, Elmira, MI 49730)</i> Jordan River National Fish Hatchery was founded in 1965. The hatchery currently raises cisco, lake trout and rainbow trout that total 3 million fish per year for conservation efforts in and around the Great Lakes. This is accomplished with federal, provincial, state and tribal partners.</p> <p>BOXED LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE TOUR BUS</p> <p>Kitchen Farms (Don Kitchen) - Potato Production <i>(2466 US Hwy 131. Elmira MI, 49730)</i> Kitchen Farms has been a family-owned and operated potato farm since 1910. Kitchen Farms employs 40 people and grows 1,200 acres of potatoes each year. Kitchen Farms washes and packages many varieties of potatoes to ship them across the country.</p>	

	2 - 3:30 pm King Orchards (Central Lake) (4620 M-88, Central Lake, MI 49622) Brothers John and Jim King, along with their wives, Betsy and Rose, and their children, have been growing fruit in Northern Michigan for over 30 years. They are a first-generation farm family, growing into the second. Their orchards are located on the northern edge of Michigan's famed cherry-growing region, atop glacier-formed ridges, and rolling hills near Torch Lake and Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay.	
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner - at Fisheries Station (Sea Grant session TBD) (Charlevoix, Michigan)	
7:00 – 8:00 PM	Travel back to Treetops Resort	Gaylord
8:00 pm - 11 PM	Hospitality Room Open (couches, card tables, complimentary beverages) <i>(Sponsored by the iCEV Multimedia)</i>	The Lodge at Treetops (Aspen Room)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25		
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Networking Buffet Breakfast	Huron Room
8:30 - 11:00 AM	Region 4 Business Session	Huron Room
9:15 - 10:00 AM	Introduction to Groundwater Monitoring for Agriculture (Todd Feenstra)	Huron Room
11:00 AM	Depart for Home	

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