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THE VOTES ARE IN

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INTO THE WILD

**Kirk Johnson, Executive Director,
Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness**



Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest provides incredible opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, and outdoor recreation. It also includes special places that citizens from across the state, including League members

and the Pennsylvania Division, are working to protect as Wilderness areas. Kirk Johnson will highlight the campaign to safeguard these areas and the important role that citizens in Pennsylvania – and across the country – can play.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

7:00 – 8:30 am
Midwest Office
Breakfast

Saloon

9:00 am – 12 pm
Convention Sales

Hotel Lobby

9:00 am
Youth Convention
Presentation to General Session

Grande Ballroom

9:15 am
Endowment Board Meeting

10:30 am
Speaker (Kirk Johnson)
Resource Committee Reports

12:00 – 1:00 pm
Lunch on Your Own

1:15 – 5:00 pm
Convention Reconvenes
Votes on Resolutions
Other Business

Grande Ballroom

5:00 pm
Convention Adjourns

6:00 pm
Social Hour/Banquet

Majestic Ballroom

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS



At yesterday's Membership Awards breakfast, a record-breaking 39 chapters took home the League's Defenders Chapter Achievement Award! Each chapter demonstrated a commitment to membership, support of the League's mission, local scholarships, on-the-ground conservation, effective communication, and youth engagement.

We'd like to offer special recognition to the J.W. McCabe Chapter (Minnesota), Lois Green-Sligo Chapter (Maryland), Radford Chapter (Virginia), Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter (Virginia), and West Central Iowa Chapter (Iowa) – all first-time award winners.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter (Maryland), Central New York Chapter (New York), Lincoln Chapter (Nebraska), McCook Lake Chapter (South Dakota), Rockville Chapter (Maryland), Sioux Falls Chapter (South Dakota), and Talbot County Chapter (Maryland) all took home the chapter achievement award for the *tenth* year in a row!

You'll find the full list of chapter winners and the rest of our membership award recipients on the League's Web site and in the next issue of *Outdoor America*.

THANK YOU PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION

Many thanks to members of the Izaak Walton League's Pennsylvania Division, who were wonderful convention hosts and provided an exceptional experience for our youth program attendees. We are deeply appreciative of their many hours of volunteer service that made this year's conference such a success.

Last night, many convention attendees enjoyed a night of family fun at the Great American Picnic. From the Philadelphia Mixer buffet to Hershey Park rides, Zoo America, and Chocolate World, there was never a dull moment.

DON'T MISS: NATURE AT RISK WORKSHOPS (SATURDAY)

Saturday, July 17 • 10 am – 12 pm

Grande I Ballroom

Tickets: \$10 (one price for two workshops!)

Bees and bats play an integral role in ecosystems across the country. Unfortunately, both species face serious threats. Get an update at this family-friendly workshop and find out what you can do to protect our pollinators.

9:00 – 10:00 am:

Urban Beekeeping: The Next Revolution?

Jeremy Barnes, president of the York County Beekeepers' Association, will discuss the value of bees to agriculture, the economy, and the environment and what each of us can do to help preserve them. Local League members will offer their perspectives and tips on keeping a hive at a League chapter.

10:00 – 11:00 am: Battling Bat Disease

Greg Turner, a biologist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, will present some of the wildlife agency's recent findings about this important flying mammal. White Nose Bat Syndrome is believed to have surfaced in Pennsylvania in 2008 and began killing cave bats in 2009.

NEXT STOP: DES MOINES

2011 National Convention

July 12-15, 2011
Des Moines, Iowa

Making the most of your chapter's conservation and recreation

opportunities. Guiding the League into the next decade. Greeting old friends – and making new ones! You'll find all this and more at next year's IWLA national convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Nearby attractions include Blank Park Zoo, Iowa State Fairgrounds, the Science Center of Iowa, and Adventureland. Mark your calendar today and check the League Web site for details in the coming months.

2012 National Convention

July 16-20, 2012
Lincoln, Nebraska

