

BC Nature Conference and Fall General Meeting

September 20 - 22, 2018

“Connections”

Hosted by Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club (CONC), Kelowna

Thursday, September 20

- 1:30 – 3:30 pm BC Nature Executive Meeting Location TBA
4:00 – 6:00 pm Club Directors' Meeting – light dinner provided Location TBA
4:00 – 7:30 pm Registration – Hotel Lobby with coffee, tea, and refreshments

Dinner on your own

- 7:30 - Greeting by WFN elder
7:30 – 9:00 pm **“Connecting with Nature, from the Perspective of Artists and Community”** by Nancy Holmes, Associate Professor, Creative Writing, Poetry, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies, The University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus Redwood Ballroom
Coffee, tea, and refreshments served following speaker

Friday, September 21

- 6:00 – 8:00 am Early Morning Birding (pre-registration required) Meet leaders in hotel parking lot
7:30 – 9:00 am Registration - Hotel Lobby with coffee, tea, and refreshments

Breakfast on your own

- 9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome by City of Kelowna Mayor Colin Basran Redwood Ballroom
9:15 – 10:00 am **“Naturalist Activities in the Central Okanagan”** by Rick Gee Redwood Ballroom
10:00 – 10:15 am Coffee, tea, and refreshments Redwood Ballroom
10:15 – 11:15 am **“Community Collaboration in Three Major Rehabilitation Projects in the Central Okanagan”** by Wayne Wilson, Executive Director, Central Okanagan Land Trust Redwood Ballroom
“Parks Planning in the Central Okanagan” by Wayne Darlington, Manager - Park Planning/Capital Projects/Visitor Services, Regional District of Central Okanagan Redwood Ballroom
11:15 – 12:15 **“Early Childhood Education and the Natural World”** by Terri Russell, ECE, BSW, MSW, Instructor, Early Childhood Education, Okanagan College Redwood Ballroom
“NatureKids BC: what we do”, Christina Chowanec, Program Coordinator, NatureKids BC Redwood Ballroom

Lunch on your own

- 12:00 – 4:00 Executive Retreat (BC Nature Executive only)
1:30 – 4:30 pm Field Trips (pre-registration required. See www.okanagannature.org) Meet leaders in hotel parking lot
4:30 – 6:00 pm Education and Conservation Committees – light dinner provided Boardroom

Dinner on your own

- 7:00 – 9:00 pm **“Conservation Northwest Sagelands Heritage Program Overview”** by Jay Kehne, Conservation Northwest Conservation Associate Redwood Ballroom
Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served following speakers

Saturday, September 22

6:00 – 8:00 am Early Morning Birding (pre-registration required)

Meet leaders in hotel parking lot

7:30 - 8:30 am Registration - Hotel Lobby with coffee, tea, and refreshments

Breakfast on your own

9:00 – noon NatureKids BC regional leaders meeting

Location TBA

9:00 - noon Field Trips (pre-registration required, see www.okanagannature.org)

Meet leaders in hotel parking lot

Noon - Soup & Sandwich Buffet Lunch will be provided

1:30 – 4:00 pm BC Nature Fall General Meeting, Chair Alan Burger

Redwood Ballroom

Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served

Free Time

6:00 – 10:00 pm Banquet (pre-registration required) - "Road ecology in the Anthropocene: lessons from Banff and beyond" by Adam T Ford, Canada Research Chair in Wildlife Restoration Ecology, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, The University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus

Redwood Ballroom

Silent Auction Winners, Awards, Closing Remarks by CONC President

No Host Bar throughout evening, Silent Auction (cash or cheques only)