

May 2023

On June 17, for the first time in four years, more than 150 lake monitoring volunteers, LakeSmart volunteers, lake association members, and other lake enthusiasts will gather for the *Together for Healthy Lakes Conference* at the China Lake Conference Center.

The conference is jointly sponsored by Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM) and Maine Lakes (ML), both well-known and well-respected state-wide nonprofits that focus on lake conservation and lake health. Many guest speakers have been lined up to give presentations on lake science, emerging issues, and other topics that directly affect all those who live, work, or play on Maine's lakes. The conference will also include activities, hands-on workshops, opportunities to network and socialize, and awards and recognitions for long-time volunteers.

Conference activities will include a silent auction and door prizes. Funds raised through the silent auction will be split between LSM and ML and will help cover conference expenses, reduce registration fees for attendees, and support each organizations' mission. Door prizes will be raffled off throughout the event.

We are asking area businesses for in-kind donations of products, services or gift cards to include as bidding items for our silent auction or as door prizes for conference attendees.

Your donation provides a great opportunity for us to share your business information with 200 or more attendees as well as a larger audience of members, volunteers, and friends. If you are able to donate, your generous contribution will be recognized at the conference. Additionally, your business will be published on both organizations' websites and in other conference materials.

Given how long it has been since volunteers and members from each of these two organizations last gathered and the exciting joint sponsorship for this combined conference by our two organizations, we expect a large and enthusiastic turnout at this event.

Thank you for considering this request. True to the theme *Together for Healthy Lakes*, we are excited to bring more business recognition to conference attendees and let them know that together we are working to ensure that Maine's lakes and ponds will be enjoyed for generations to come.

We look forward to following up with a visit or phone call within the next few weeks, or feel free to contact us directly with any questions.

Maine Lakes: info@lakes.me Lake Stewards of Maine: <u>stewards@lakestewardsme.org</u>

Sincerely,

Maine Lakes & Lake Stewards of Maine Staff, Board and Volunteer



Donation Form

Donor/Business Name		
Business Contact Person		
Mailing Address		
City	State	_Zip Code
Phone	Email	
Website		
Yes! I would like my business logo used in acknowledgements. (Please email logo to stewards@lakestewardsme.org) Value of Item \$		

Donation Description (For gift certificates, please explain any restrictions. Unless noted otherwise, all items will be redeemable for up to one year from auction date.)



Thank You!

