



2nd  
Annual

# Renewable Roots Retreat

at Timber Wolf Lake Camp - Lake City, MI

November 6th-7th,  
2025

\*On-site Overnight Accommodations Available

## Ticket Cost \$149 Each

all Missaukee County  
Taxpayers Receive \$25 off  
ticket price

Join us for a fun celebration of  
sustainable practices,  
environmental education, and  
hands-on nature exploration!  
We have something for  
everyone!

## Retreat OFFERINGS

- Over 15 educational and hands-on sessions. (listed on the back of this flyer)
  - Educators, farmers, nature lovers, community members, anyone who wants to learn is encouraged to attend! All are welcome.
- On-Site lodging available for just \$50 extra includes Friday morning breakfast (Nov. 7th) and a morning guided forest therapy led by a Recreational Therapist from Grounded Therapy Network, LLC
- 3 Meals included in ticket purchase - all from local Missaukee County restaurants and businesses.
- Stunning venue in the heart of Michigan surrounded by nature.

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## SESSION OFFERINGS

Additional  
sessions  
may be  
added!

### Education Training & Certifications

#### Project WET Certification in Watershed Education

Aspen Schupbach- Grand Traverse Conservation District

#### MEECS (Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support) Training & Green Schools

Samantha Lichtenwald- Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE)

### Michigan Culture & Knowledge

#### Braiding Sweetgrass

Jen Burfield

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

#### Michigan Geology

Michigan Geological Survey

#### Historical Dog Sledding & Current Alternatives

Heather Greenwald- Stonewall Acres

#### The Four Medicines & Nigitigaaninaan (Our Plants)

Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways

## Wildcrafting & Plant Identification

#### Intro to Foraging/Wildcrafting

Tiffany Jones- Wexford Conservation District

#### Growing and Using a Tea Garden

Stephanie Wiley- Kalkaska Conservation District

#### Mushroom Growing 101 Course

Justin Sean- Great Lakes Mushroom Company

**Microgreens**-Justin Sean- Great Lakes Mushroom Company

## Sustainable Practices

#### Alternatives to Traditional Pesticides

Zach Peklo and Michael Ramsey- North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

#### Forest Invasive Species in Northern Michigan

Julie Crick- MSU Extension

#### Christmas Tree Farms and Environmental Practices

Lucas Santure- MAEAP/CTAP

#### Sequestering Carbon and Increasing Productivity in Soil Health

Sierra Gross- Natural Resources Conservation Services

#### Right to Farm, GAAMPS, & Manure Management

Jodi DeHate- Missaukee County Farm Bureau

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NOVEMBER 6TH,  
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## Agenda



Check-in.....8:30am

Breakfast .....9am-10am

- **Keynote Speaker- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly Presentation**

Session 1.....10am-11am

- **Growing and Using a Tea Garden- Stephanie Wiley- Kalkaska Conservation District**
- **Intro to Foraging/Wildcrafting- Tiffany Jones- Wexford Conservation District**
- **Alternatives to Traditional Pesticides- Zach Peklo- NCCISMA**
- **Mushroom 101 Course- Justin Sean- Great Lakes Mushroom Company**
- **Project WET Watershed Certification-Aspen Schupbach- GTCD**

Session 2.....11:15am-12:15pm

- **Christmas Tree Farms & Environmental Practices- Lucas Santure- MAEAP/CTAP**
- **Sequestering Carbon and Increasing Productivity in Soil Health- Sierra Gross- NRCS**
- **Traditional Dog Sledding & Current practices- Heather Greenwald- Stonewall Acres**
- **Mushroom 101 Course (cont.) - Justin Sean- Great Lakes Mushroom Company**
- **Project WET Watershed Certification-Aspen Schupbach- GTCD**

Lunch.....12:30pm-2pm

- **Awards Ceremony**

Session 3.....2pm-3pm

- **Braiding Sweetgrass- Jen Burfield- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**
- **The Four Medicines- Ziibiwing Center for Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways**
- **Right to Farm, GAAMPS, & Manure Management- Jodi DeHate- Missaukee County Farm Bureau**
- **Project WET Watershed Certification- Aspen Schupbach- GTCD**

Afternoon Break 3pm-3:30pm

- Options for hiking, ax throwing, billiards, cafe, or hanging out by a fireplace. Snacks available in the main hall.

Session 4.....3:30pm to 5:30pm

- **Michigan Geology- Michigan Geological Survey**
- **Forest Invasive Species of Northern Michigan- Julie Crick- MSU Extension (1 hour from 4:30pm to 5:30pm)**
- **Microgreens- Justin Sean- Great Lakes Mushroom Company (2 hour course)**
- **MEECS & Michigan Green Schools- Samantha Lichtenwald- EGLE (2 hours course)**

Break.....5:30pm -6pm

Dinner.....6pm-8pm

- **Missaukee Conservation District Annual Meeting**
  - **Board Chair Susan Schwager**
  - **Annual Report**
  - **Year Accomplishments**
  - **Keynote speaker**

Sunday Morning Breakfast- 8:30am

Guided Forest Therapy led by Grounded Therapy Network, LLC.....10am



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### Local Lake City Attractions



Rustic Hog BBQ  
Pancho Villa



Shoreline Cafe  
The Coffee Cup



and more...

### Additional options for overnight accommodations in the area

Lakeview Motel & Gift Shop  
214 Main Street  
Lake City, MI 49651  
231-839-4958

Evergreen Resort  
7880 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-9947

Holiday Inn Express  
7642 US 131  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-779-4656