

WISCONSIN HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

FALL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 2-4, 2023

CHULA VISTA RESORT, WISCONSIN DELLS

Thursday, November 2, 2023

3:00 p.m. – Board of Managers meeting (B & D)
6:00 p.m. – Board Dinner (Laguna Vista)
7:00 p.m. – Budget committee (B & D)
Kids N Bees Committee (Sierra Vista)
8:00 p.m. – Honey Queen Committee (B & D)
Other Committee Meeting if needed

Friday, November 3, 2023

(all activities in the Riverview Room South)

7:30 a.m. – Registration opens
8:00 a.m. – Exhibits open (Riverview Room North)
8:30 a.m. – Honey Show entries due (Santa Fe 3010)
*8:30 a.m. – Call to order by WHPA President – Nick Thill MC – Nick-Thill
8:45 a.m. – Introductions of Honey Queen and Candidates – Mary Kettlewell
9:00 a.m. – AJ Howery – “Keeping bees in the tropics. How it is different than Wisconsin.”
10:00 a.m. – *Break*
10:15 a.m. – USDA John Palmer- FSA Assistance for Honeybee Producers
11:15 a.m. – ABF update – Tim Wilbanks
11:45 a.m. – Wisconsin State Apiarist Update – Frances Hegarty DATCP
12:00 p.m. – Lunch (meal ticket required) (Upper Dells Ballroom)
*1:00 p.m. – Rick Sutton - “Want to grow from a hobbyist to commercial...what to consider!”
2:00 p.m. – Narek Gabrielian- Honey Acres “Pivoting for Prosperity: Honey Acres’ Journey in the Honey Industry”
3:00 p.m. – *Break*
3:15 p.m. – Business Meeting
Supper on your own
6:45 p.m. – Honey Queen Candidate presentations
7:10 p.m. – Honey Queen Fund Auction – Auctioneer Rick Sutton

Saturday, November 4, 2023

(all activities in the Riverview Room South unless noted)

7:30 a.m. – Registration opens
8:00 a.m. – Exhibits open (Riverview Room North)
*8:00 a.m. – Announcements
8:10 a.m. – Presentation by WHPA Honey Queen Kaelyn Sumner
8:20 a.m. – Presentation by ABF Honey Queen/Princess Allison Hager
8:35 a.m. – AJ Howery- “What we do to produce the best queens we can at Big Island Queens.”
9:35 a.m. - *Break*
9:50 a.m. – Rick Sutton- “How to grow your sales and market your honey”
10:50 a.m. – Youth Scholarship - Stephanie Slater
11:50 a.m. - Announcements & Door Prizes
12:00 p.m. – Lunch on your own
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Kids-N-Bees (Room G,H,I)
*1:00 p.m. – Amber Rhode, Apiculture Insurance Program USDA-Risk Management Agency-St. Paul Regional Office
2:00 p.m. – - Peggy DeSanto: The Condensing Hive: A Look at the Hive Hugger Winterization System
3:00 p.m. – *Break*
3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. WHPA BOARD PANEL
4:00 p.m. – Executive Committee Meeting (B & D) - Trade Show Closes
Social/Free Time
6:00 p.m. – Cocktail Hour (Grand Ballroom)
6:30 p.m. – Banquet (ticket required) (Grand Ballroom)
MC- Mary Kettlewell
7:30 p.m. - Awards Presentation, Crowning of Honey Queen, Dance...Get down and boogie!!