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Annual Conference on the Adirondacks to be held in Lake Placid April 15 & 16

The 30th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks will be held at the High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 & 16, 2026 presented by the Adirondack Research Consortium. Registration is now open for either or both days on the Adirondack Research Consortium website, along with information on each days' topics, panels and featured speakers. www.AdkResearch.Org/events The cost of the conference is \$195.00 for both days and 175.00 for one day. Parking is provided at the hotel and attendees can take advantage of a group overnight rate at the High Peaks Resort, (Hotel phone number is 800-755-5598. The Program and Award Luncheons can be included with conference registration or participants can take advantage of the wide range of restaurants and coffee shops are within walking distance of the hotel.

This year's event was moved to Mid-April (rather than past years' Mid-May) to better accommodate the academic schedules of the many Universities, Colleges, and faculty members who will be participating. For more information or questions about the program, or to register by check, please contact executive Director Dan Fitts at Info@AdkResearch.org. Student and group rates may available by prearrangement in advance, please inquire if you are interested.

Each conference day includes an opening keynote presentations and luncheon program. On Wednesday author and Paul Smith's professor of natural science Dr. Curt Stager will be joined by David Kanietakeron Fadden of the Wolf Clan of the Kanienkehaka to talk about their acclaimed recently published book, "First Adirondackers: 12,000 Years of Indigenous Peoples in the Adirondack Uplands". An opening Keynote on Thursday will be given by SUNY college of Environmental Science and Forestry professor Dr. Jamie Shinn is titled "Insights from Appalachia," with a focus on how community engaged research can bridge social and ecological sciences. Wednesday's luncheon will feature a presentation by Paul Smiths students who have recently returned from a study trip to Nepal, and the Thursday luncheon will see the presentation of two annual awards: The 2026 Elizabeth Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award will be given to Jon Erickson, Assistant Dean of the Rubenstein School at the University of Vermont and the Richard H Morse Student Award will be go to SUNY Plattsburgh graduate student Alexander Amann.

Attendees will have the chance to choose between more than 16 panel discussions over the two days, with several running concurrently. Topics covered this year include water resource management and protection, wildlife biodiversity and changes in wildlife movement patterns, changes happening in the timber industry and the "built environment", invasive species, enhancing diversity in awareness and access to the Adirondacks, and a facilitated workshop connecting higher education research with communities. Of interest to many participants will be a panel discussion dedicated to publishing in the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies (AJES), the long-standing peer-reviewed scientific Journal published by the Adirondack Research Consortium. Copies of past journals will be available for purchase at the conference.

Along with the panel discussions and keynote addresses, a wide range of table display presentations, including tables by the Jefferson Project at Lake George, NYS Dept. of Health, and the Adirondack Watershed Institute. New to the conference this year will be Visual and Auditory Art Installations setup throughout the conference space by students from the University of Rochester.

The Adirondack Research Consortium was established in 1994 with a mission of advancing research and information on issues shaping policies impacting the future of the Adirondacks. For more information about the organization and the many programs held each year please visit the website WWW.ADKRESEARCH.ORG