

****Pre-register to avoid waiting in line at the **Conference on November 11th 2017******

Register online at www.minnesotagoats.org or

Send your pre-registration with payment (checks made to MDGA) by November 6th to:
Bonnie Augustine 2450 Manning Ave. N Lake Elmo MN, 55042

Name _____ Youth: Y or N

Address _____

City/State _____

ZIP _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

Additional persons registered:

Name _____ Youth: Y or N

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MDGA MEMBERSHIP

2018 MDGA Dues can be paid along with your conference registration. Yearly dues: \$17.50/family or individual, \$20.00 if after January 31st.

New Member _____

Renewal _____

**What format would you like to receive the GGG newsletter?
(circle one) email/online paper**

Do you belong to **4H** or **FFA**? Please circle. Do you own dairy goats? _____

If so, which breeds

I grant permission to list my Membership on MDGA's Webpage.

Y / N Enclosed is \$5.00 to link to my webpage from the MDGA

Website Member page . **Y / N**

My website URL: _____

Check all that apply for payment total

_____ Membership for 2018 \$17.50 _____

(to join or renew for 2018)

Program Fee with notes and refreshments:

Adults (ages 17 & up) Price/Person X # people = TOTAL

2017 MDGA member \$25 X _____ = _____

2017 MDGA **non**-member \$30 X _____ = _____

Youth (16 years and under) Youth will be free, but will need to pay for there lunch which will be \$5.

\$5 X _____ = _____

LUNCH FEE The price for the conference does not include lunch. Please indicate how many lunches you would like. Lunch will be a Sandwich/Box lunch.

Standard lunches needed \$5 X _____ = _____

Vegetarian lunches \$5 X _____ = _____

Grand TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Membership, conference fees and lunch)

Make checks payable to MDGA—THANKS!!!

Saturday, November 11, 2017
University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus, Ruttan Hall

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
8:00-9:00	Registration		
8:45	Welcome MDGA President Casey Prochniak in Room 1		
9:00 – 10:15	Wanda Schott-Patsche “My Agvocacy Story”	Compeer Financial “Farm Financial Management”	Kara Schmidt Goat Showmanship
10:15 – 11:30	Wade Scott Farm Insurance	Linda Libra AI Basics	Youth Activity
11:30 – 1:30	Auction in room 1/Lunch/ Silent Auction in Hallway		
1:30 - 2:30	Wanda Schott-Patsche “My Agvocacy Story” Repeat Session	Linda Libra AI Q & A	Youth Craft Activity
2:45 – 4:00	2018 National Convention Update What are we doing!? Where can you volunteer!?		

Ruttan Hall (our usual place)1994 Burford Ave
 St. Paul Campus University of Minnesota
 Access Parking Ramp from Gortner Ave

Meet our speakers!

You shared THAT picture???

We're bringing the conference photo contest back this year. BUT all photo's submitted must have been posted by you (or parents if you took the photo) on social media, Facebook, Instagram, etc.

Rules:

1. Photos must be your original photo.
2. Bring a printed 8x10 photo of your image.
3. Entries should include caption information:
 - Your name
 - Which age category you are submitting under
 - Location photo was taken at
 - Caption or title of subject matter

Categories:

1. Junior kid (12 years old and younger)
2. Senior Kid (13—19 years old)
3. Senior Yearling (ages 20-40 years)
4. Aged Animal (ages 41+)

There is a \$2.00 per photo entry fee. No pre-entry is required. Bring your photos to the conference.

There will be a 1st and 2nd place prize for each category and a best in show prize.

Wanda Patsche

Wanda is a farm partner in CW Pork, Inc. with her husband, Chuck. Together, they raise pigs, corn and soybeans in southern Minnesota. Wanda shares her passion and time with a number of ag organizations. She is a current member of the Minnesota Pork Board, a past participant of MARL (Minnesota Ag Rural Leadership), a volunteer for CommonGround, Martin County Corn and Soybean board, Farm Bureau's Speak for Yourself, National Pork Board's Operation Mainstreet and a Women in Ag AgStar blogger. Recently, she is a Regional Ag Literacy Specialist for the Minnesota Ag in the Classroom project. Their family was name the 2012 Pork Farm Family of the Year and Wanda was recognized as the Minnesota Pork Promoter of the Year in 2015. In addition, she takes her passion for ag a step further by using social media to reach out to consumers across the U.S. and the world. She blogs at Minnesota Farm Living where her primary objective is to help bridge the "where does my food come from" disconnect between consumers and agriculture.

Kara Schmidt

Kara Schmidt has been breeding and showing American and purebred Toggenburg dairy goats for eighteen years. She has been an active youth member at the county, state, and national level for several years. Kara enjoyed participating in the youth events at National shows, placing in the top ten in showmanship at every level and winning first place at both the Intermediate I level and Senior showmanship level. Kara's fitting team won the fitting competition in 2013 as well. With lots of determination, Kara won both Premier Junior and Senior Youth Exhibitor one time each and has won Premier Toggenburg Youth Exhibitor several times. This many years of participation along with failures and successes have taught her a lot of things that she would love to teach the younger generation so that they can be the best showmen that they can be!