

Glacier Canyon Lodge at the Wilderness

45 Hillman Road
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
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Single \$82 Double \$99

Mention WiRSA Conference
at Glacier Canyon Lodge to receive rates.

Code Leader #622493

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Conference Registration

Members \$90 Non-Members \$140
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Group Rate \$400

(Schools wishing to bring a team of 5.
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Welcome Reception

October 29, 2017

6:30 pm

Conference

October 30-31, 2017

Glacier Canyon Lodge at the Wilderness
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

A conference for administrators, board members, teachers,
CESA employees, higher education professionals, public
library administrators, elected officials and citizens
interested in rural school and community issues.

**October 29
Pre-Conference**

6:30 **Welcome Reception**
— Hosted by **SIEMENS**

October 30 - Day 1

7:30 **Registration
Breakfast**

8:00 **Welcome**
Kim Kaukl, Executive Director, WiRSA
Vendor Showcase (5)

8:15-9:10 **General Session 1**
Dr. Katherine Cramer— *Politics of Resentment*

9:10-9:20 **Vendor Showcase (5)**

9:25-10:20 **General Session 2**
Rural Education Research Center
Andy Garbacz and Craig Albers

10:20-10:30 **Vendor Showcase (5)**

10:30-10:45 **Break and Visit with Vendors**

10:50-11:00 **Vendor Showcase (5)**

10:05-12:00 **General Session 3**
WPEN Local Level Advocacy Workshop
Heather DeBois Bourenane, Sandy Whisler
and Jessica Wieczorek, President

12:05-1:20 **WiRSA Rural Schools Awards
Lunch**
(Mauston Jazz Band)
NREA Update
Allen Pratt, NREA Executive Director

1:20-1:30 Vendor Showcase (5)

1:35-2:20 **Break-Out Session 1**
Tundra A **Trials and Errors with Personalized
Learning**— Rib Lake School District

Tundra B **Building Your Districts Continuous
Improvement Plan**— Viroqua School District

Tundra C **From Dissolution to Resurrection**—
Florence School District
and Miron Construction

Tundra D **Employee Benefits Overview— Trends
and Options**— National Insurance Services

Tundra EF **Best Practice in School Finance**—
PMA Securities

2:25-3:10 **Break-Out Session 2**
Tundra A **STEAM for Everyone**— Juda School District

Tundra B **PLCs How to Sustain Over the Years**—
Owen-Withee School District

Tundra C **Northern Insurance Purchasing Coop**—
Colby and Auburndale School District
and M3 Insurance

Tundra D **College and Career Readiness**— Forecast 5

Tundra EF **Maximize ACT Scores 3-5 Points Higher in
Rural Classrooms**— Academic Tutoring

3:10-3:25 **Break and Visit with Vendors**

3:30-4:15 **Break-Out Session 3**
Tundra A **Portage High School's Integrated STEM
Program**— Portage School District

Tundra B **Reasons to Create, Staff and Fund Summer
Camp and After School Programs**—
Pecatonica School District

Tundra C **Recipe for Blended Learning in Wisconsin
School Districts**- Wisconsin Digital Learning
Collaborative (CESA 9)

Tundra D **Personalizing Learning to Student
Academic Readiness**— Johnson Creek

Tundra EF **Unlocking Energy Efficiency**—
Focus on Energy

4:20-5:05 **Break-Out Session 4**
Tundra A **Social Media— Rural Schools Real Results**—
Unity School District and #SocialSchool4EDU

Tundra B **Jump Start to College Success**— UW Online

Tundra C **How Universities Can Support Rural
STEM**— UW Extension

Tundra D **Debt Issuance**— Ehlers

Tundra EF **Every Student Needs a Why to Try**—
OnTo College fna John Baylor Prep

5:30 **Reception**
— Hosted by



Auction

Dinner on your own following the reception and auction.

October 31 - Day 2

7:30 **Breakfast**

8:00-8:55 **General Session 4**
Mauston Teacher Prep Program—
Leah Luke

9:00-9:45 **Break-Out Session 5**
Tundra A TBA

Tundra B **Instructional Coaching Year 1—
The Struggle is Real**—
New Holstein School District

Tundra C **Expanding Concurrent Enrollment
Options in Rural Schools**— UWO-CAPP

Tundra D **TEACH Badgernet Network and
Technology Grants**— DOA-TEACH

9:45-10:00 **Break and Visit with Vendors**

10:15 **Vendor Teardown**

10:05-10:50 **Breakout Session 6**
Journey to Closing Rural Schools—
Tundra A River Valley School District

Tundra B **Break Out**— Owen Withee School District

Tundra C **How Access to Social Capital Shapes
Special Education Teacher's Jobs**—
UW Educational Research

Tundra D **Personalized Learning**— DPI

10:55-11:40 **Breakout Session 7**
Formation of The Woodland Region
Tundra A **Learning Center**—
Florence, Pembine and Niagara School Districts

Tundra B **Typology of Alternative Compensation
Plans in Wisconsin**—
Wauzeka-Steuben School District

Tundra C **Act! RITE 2 Add On...Three Pathways to
Teachers Licensing That Work**—
CESA 6 –UWO

Tundra D **Employee Financial Wellness**—
WEA Members Benefits

11:45-1:00 **DPI Standing Up for Rural School,
Libraries and Communities Awards
and Lunch**
Dr. Tony Evers, State Superintendent

1:05-2:00 **General Session 5— LeRoy Butler**

2:05-2:35 **WiRSA Annual Meeting**

2:40-3:40 **WiRSA Board of Directors Meeting**