



You're Invited to Participate in the 7TH National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 7th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (NTCEM) in Traverse City, Michigan June 7 - 10, 2005. The NTCEM is being held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, owned by GTB.

The NTCEM is one of the premier environmental events in Indian Country. With approximately 1000 people expected, the conference provides an opportunity for tribal leaders, tribal environmental managers, tribal scientists, tribal organizations, federal agencies, and other interested entities to share information about tribal environmental programs, and discuss issues of vital interest to Indian country.

The Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is the Midwest's largest year-round resort and conference center. Well respected in the travel industry, the resort is ranked in the top 20 mainland resorts and top 50 travel destinations and services worldwide by Conde Nast Traveler.

The National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (NTCEM) has generally been held on a bi-annual basis since 1992. This year's tribal co-host, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians was selected through a national competition. The conference focus is generally on multi-media environmental issues affecting tribes, familiarizing tribes with the full extent of tribal and federal environmental program activities, and generally on exchanging knowledge and skills that will enhance the environmental protection of native communities throughout the US.

The GTB is actively seeking agenda suggestions on environmental issues of importance in Indian Country and will use selected ideas to shape the conference agenda. You are encouraged to submit your ideas on environmental activities, issues, and opportunities for participation in the event. In addition, GTB will have significant room for interested vendors at the conference. For more information please contact Andy Knott, GTB Environmental Stewardship Director at 231-271-7363 or aknott@gtbindians.com or Suzanne McSawby, GTB Natural Resource Department Director at 231-271-7104 or smcsawby@gtbindians.com.

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