



# 2025 TIMBERMEN'S CONVENTION



**APRIL 24-25, 2025**  
**KEWADIN CASINO**  
**SAULT STE. MARIE, MI**

## CONVENTION AGENDA

### 2025 SPONSORS










# THURSDAY, APRIL 24


8am-5pm	<b>Vendor Setup</b>	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
12pm-4:30pm	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Water's Edge</i>
11am-3pm	<b>Complimentary Shuttle Rides to Downtown Sault Ste. Marie</b> <i>Enjoy complimentary Casino shuttle rides to Downtown Sault Ste. Marie for shopping and exploring Michigan's oldest city. Shuttles to Downtown are available throughout the Convention.</i>	<i>Kewadin Casino Lobby</i>
4pm-6pm	 <b>Timbermen's Welcome Reception, Sponsored by Forest/Loggers/Mauck Agencies</b> <i>Join MAT President Vaughn West, along with MAT and MATSIF board members and staff, to kick off the Convention</i>	<i>DreamMakers Theatre</i>
6pm	 <b>MATSIF Annual Safety Awards Banquet</b> <i>Join MATSIF for a delicious dinner buffet, followed by safety award presentations. Open to all attendees.</i>	<i>DreamMakers Theatre</i>
9pm	<b>Cash Bar and Networking</b>	<i>DreamMakers Theatre</i>

# FRIDAY, APRIL 25

7:30am-4:30pm	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
7:30am-9am	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
8am-6pm	<b>Visit Indoor Vendor Exhibits</b>	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
8am-12pm	<b>Forest/Loggers/Mauck Insurance Agencies &amp; TIMSER Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<i>Drummond Island</i>
9am	<b>Morning Presentation: Welcome from Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Chris Olson</b>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
9am-9:30am	<b>Historical Presentation by the Chippewa County Historical Society</b>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
9:30am-9:45am	<b>Networking Break, Indoor Vendor Exhibits</b>	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
10:00am-10:45am	 <b>Morning Session: Log and Lumber Truck Compliance and Safety Update with Jimmie Locklear</b> <i>Join Jimmie Locklear with Forest/Loggers/Mauck Insurance Agencies, as he offers a training on latest log truck safety standards.</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>

11am-4pm 	<b>Complimentary Ladies' Event sponsored by Ponsse</b> <i>Women are invited to escape for a few minutes and enjoy basic spa treatments with wines and cheeses, throughout the day.</i>	VIP Room
11:00am-12pm	<b>Timbermen Members Annual Meeting</b> <i>All voting MAT members are requested to attend the Annual Meeting; board nominations and voting to take place for four seats.</i>	Grand Ballroom
12:15pm-1:00pm	<b>Lunch and Legislative Update with MAT lobbyist Jason Wadaga</b>	Grand Ballroom
1pm-1:45pm 	<b>Afternoon Keynote: Tariffs, Global Trade and its Effects on Michigan's Forest Products Industry</b> <i>Hear from Sonja Johnson, Executive Director with the Van Andel Global Trade Center, on topics related to tariffs and global trade, and how Michigan's forest products industry may be affected.</i>	Grand Ballroom
2pm-2:45pm 	<b>Technology and Innovation in Logging Equipment</b> <i>Hear from a panel of equipment experts on how emerging mechanizing harvesting technology assists loggers in both increasing efficiency and safety.</i>	Grand Ballroom
3pm-3:45pm 	<b>Forest Products Promotions Strategies</b> <i>Join the Real American Hardwood Campaign to learn about how Michigan's hardwoods are being marketed in the United States, in order to regain market share and compete against big plastics.</i>	Grand Ballroom
3:45pm-5pm	<b>Visit Indoor Vendor Exhibits</b>	Water's Edge, Grand Island
5pm-6pm 	<b>Networking Social</b> <i>Enjoy networking social from 5pm-6pm, with complimentary beer and wine provided by the Michigan Association of Timbermen</i>	DreamMakers Theatre
6pm-9pm 	<b>Annual Awards Banquet Presented by Forest/Loggers/Mauck Insurance Agencies</b> <i>Enjoy ceremonies, legislative introductions and updates, scholarship and annual award presentations, live and silent auctions, wonderful food and great fun!</i>	DreamMakers Theatre
9pm-10pm 	<b>One Hour Open Bar and Ice Cream Social Sponsored by AIS Forestry Division</b>	DreamMakers Theatre

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26

8am 	<b>Michigan Master Logger Complimentary Breakfast</b> <i>Join the Michigan Master Logger Certification Program for a complimentary breakfast, open to all Convention attendees.</i>	Grand Ballroom
8:30am-10am	<b>MAT Board meeting</b>	Drummond Island



# 2024 AWARD WINNERS

## 2024 LEGISLATORS OF THE YEAR: SEN. JOHN CHERRY (D) AND REP. KEN BORTON (R)



## 2024 WARREN SUCHOVSKY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: ALEX GAPINSKI



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## 2024 EXCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING AWARD: NORTHERN HARDWOODS – A LONGYEAR COMPANY



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MANUFACTURING AWARD  
SPONSOR:





# 2024 AWARD WINNERS

## 2024 EXCELLENCE IN TRUCKING AWARD: PRECISION FORESTRY, INC.



2024 EXCELLENCE IN  
TRUCKING AWARD SPONSOR:



## 2024 LOGGER OF THE YEAR: OUTBACK FORESTRY LLC



2024 LOGGER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD SPONSORS:



## 2024 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER: THOMAS D. BUCKINGHAM, SR.



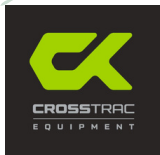
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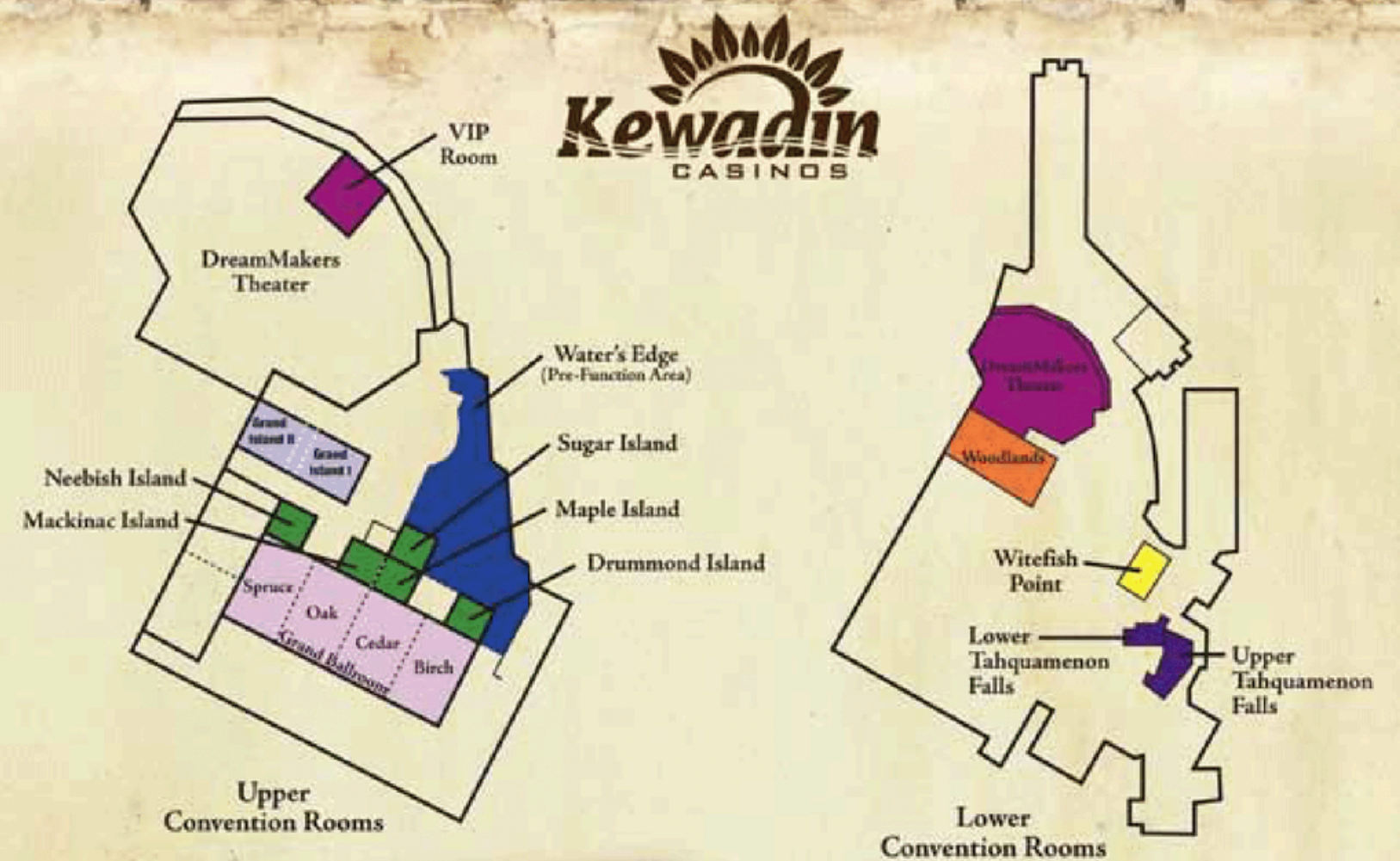
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# CONVENTION MAP



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