



Convention Coordinator Report MAY, 2018 By Vickie Wright

NATIONALS

2018 Escanaba, MI

Host: Upper Peninsula Trappers Association

Location: Upper Peninsula State Fairgrounds

2401 12th Ave., N

Escanaba, MI 49829

Date: July 26 – 28th, 2018

We are in the final planning stages of our 2018 National Convention, working on the following:

- Booths are almost sold out at this time. Only 18 tables left out of over 375
- We are expecting 160 tailgaters
- Demo List is complete and has been posted on our website, the UPTA, and the CVB
- Hotel list is complete and comp rooms have been finalized-CVB Updates Hotels w/vacancies
- Food Vendors (outside) are finalized
- All sponsorships are complete
- Local advertising opportunities have been secured. NTA Interview (Radio) was conducted and aired April 21 in “Tails and Trails”, and I completed a phone interview with the Escanaba Outdoor News
- I will again be attending the CVB meeting in Escanaba in June, visiting the fairground now that the buildings are clear of winter storage
- Links on various local activities will be provided on the CVB website and the UP Trappers- to various sightseeing events for attendees to explore if they wish to do so while they are in the area.
- Roy Dahlgren and Bob Steinmetz are working on adding Kids workshops to our agenda and obtaining sponsors
- Demo area construction details and sponsorship is complete
- There will be a Barbeque Social available on the grounds after the dealer buildings close, and before the auction. Advertising has gone out with all vendor registration packages, and our website offers tickets.

2019 National – Springfield, MO

Host: Missouri Trappers Association

Location: Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Date: July 11th – 13th, 2019

- Missouri State Trappers Association will be hosting the 2019 National Convention at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds with a date of: July 11th – July 13th, 2019.
- Host Hotel contract has been finalized. All hotels will be housed in Springfield, Missouri.
- Facility contract (Ozark Empire County Fairgrounds) is in place.
- State Contract has been sent.
- Host Hotel will be The Oasis, Springfield, MO
- Working with Springfield CVB on surrounding hotels.

2020 National

- Michigan Trapper Predator Callers Association submitting a bid for 2020
- Tamara Masterson will be presenting information at the Escanaba National in July this year.

REGIONALS - WESTERN

2018 Western – Livingston, Montana

Host: Montana Trappers Association

Location: Park County Fairgrounds/46 View Vista Dr., Livingston, MT 59047

Date: June 1st & 2nd, 2018

- Finalizing the small details as the convention is in two weeks.
- 36 inside vendors have registered. We are SOLD OUT of indoor vendor space! J & M Fur will have a sizable display in the Demo Building also.
- Matt Lumley (Big Game Fur) has secured Demo constructors, and is well connected with politicians who will attend and speak
- Our webmaster has been very involved in keeping our sites up to date with the latest info. For the first time, we have posted a link to the program booklet on the Western Convention page
- Watch for my full write up/article in the next issue of the American Trapper

REGIONALS - SOUTHEAST

2018 Southeast – Rainsville, Alabama

Host: Alabama Trapper Predator Caller Association

Location: Northeast Alabama Agricultural Center / Rainsville, Alabama 35986

Date: October 5th and 6th, 2018

- 77 Tables (33 vendors) have already been sold for a convention that is 5 months away!
- All sponsors necessary have committed to programs, plaques, T-shirts, Ball toss and Demo Area
- Mike and Vicki Sievering from ATPCA have been very helpful in getting an early start on this convention
- Vendors will be around the outside of the show arena, with a hog trapper, a farm co-op with canoes and 4 wheelers, and children's games in front!