

Conference Agenda



Grand View Lodge
Norway Center

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:00 am Registration Opens | Light Refreshments
10:00 Welcome
10:30 Mind the Gap: The Intelligent Community Movement
11:30 Lunch | Blandin Broadband Awards Presentation
1:30-4:30 Concurrent Sessions *(followed by one-hour free time/hotel check-in)*

Lake Margaret	Norway Center	Lake Itasca
Pursuing Broadband - Case studies of improved broadband	Climbing the Digital Use Ladder - Digital Inclusion, Adoption, and Innovation	The Intelligent Community Approach: Is it right for Minnesota?

- 5:30 Vendor Reception | Dinner
7:15 Digitally-Native Generations: A Panel with Young Leaders
8:30 Adjourn | Late evening networking in Northwoods Pub (Main Lodge)

Wednesday, October 9*

- 9:00 Welcome, Framing and Introductions -- Before and After the Internet: What's everyday joy got to do with it?

Concurrent Sessions *(45-minute sessions followed by a 15-minute break)*

Lake Margaret	Norway Center
10:00 - All Things Fiber and Wireless	10:00 - Intelligent Community Benchmarking
11:00 - Tech-Transformed Education	11:00 - Providers Panel - Trends in deployment; advice to communities

- 11:45 Lunch | Blandin Broadband Awards Presentation

Concurrent Sessions *(45-minute sessions followed by a 15-minute break)*

Lake Margaret	Norway Center
1:30 - Conducting a Successful Broadband Feasibility Study	1:30 - Healthcare: The Importance of the "Last Mile"
2:30 - Tech-Transformed Agriculture	2:30 - From Feasibility Forward - Broadband Project Dev.

- 3:30 Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition Update
3:40 NTIA Broadband Programs: Technical Assistance & Mapping Support for States & Territories *(followed by 1-hour free time)*
5:30 Social Hour | Dinner
7:15 Where Do I Put the Stamp on My Email? Problem Solving in the Digital Age
8:30 Adjourn | Late evening networking in Northwoods Pub (Main Lodge)

Thursday, October 10*

- 8:30 What if You Have Never Sent an e-Mail?

Concurrent Sessions *(45-minute sessions followed by a 15-minute break)*

Lake Margaret	Norway Center
9:45 - Closing the Digital Divide in Your Community	9:45 - Tech-Enabled Approaches to Attracting Businesses & People
10:45 - Incorporating Cultural Awareness in Tech Training	10:45 - Supporting Freelancers – Tech-based Entrepreneurship & Telework
11:45 - Representing the Digitally Under-Represented in Economic Development	11:45 - Tech for Older Adults – Exciting Tools for Health and Social Engagement

- 12:30 pm Lunch
1:00 Local Solutions for Globally Competitive Connectivity
1:45 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

**Breakfast is available in the Heritage Dining Room in the Main Lodge beginning at 7am*