



GREAT LAKES ISLANDS ALLIANCE

2024 Great Lakes Islands Summit
Les Cheneaux Islands
Cedarville/Hessel, Michigan
September 22-25, 2024

Sunday, September 22

Time	Topic	Location
Afternoon	Arrivals & Hotel Check-in (confirm check-in time with your lodging)	Variable
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Group Dinner & Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summit sign-in and packet pickup• Welcome and Event Overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Angel Welke, GLIA Steering Committee Chair</i>○ <i>Mark Clymer, Clark Township Supervisor</i>○ <i>Peter Huston, GLIA Events Coordinator</i>	Les Cheneaux Distillers 172 S Meridian St, Cedarville, MI 49719

Monday, September 23

Time	Session	Location
7:00 am	Group Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catering by Little Buoy Bakery & Cafe	Hessel School House 3206 W. Cedar St, Hessel, MI 49745
8:00 am	“Parade of Islands” (brief round-robin introductions by island)	Hessel School House

Time	Session	Location
9:00 am	Introduction to the Les Cheneaux Islands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mark Clymer, Clark Township Supervisor</i> • <i>Others TBD</i> 	Hessel School House
9:45 am	Drive/walk to field trips	
10:00 am	Field Trips (split group, repeat in afternoon)	
	<u>Group A</u> Islands boat tour, Hessel Marina (Guides: James Keighley & Paul Tabor, Les Cheneaux Islands Association)	<u>Group B</u> Township Marina & Neal House (Guide: Mark Clymer, Clark Township Supervisor)
		<u>Group C</u> Great Lakes Boat Building School (Guide: Tom Coates, Director of Development)
12:00 pm	Drive/walk to Hessel School House	
12:15 pm	Group Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering by Cattails Cove 	Hessel School House
1:15 pm	Drive/walk to field trips	
1:30 pm	Field Trips (repeated)	
	<u>Group D</u> Islands boat tour, Hessel Marina (Guides: James Keighley & Paul Tabor, Les Cheneaux Islands Association)	<u>Group E</u> Township Marina & Neal House (Guide: Mark Clymer, Clark Township Supervisor)
		<u>Group F</u> Great Lakes Boat Building School (Guide: Tom Coates, Director of Development)
3:30 pm	Drive/walk to Hessel School House	
3:45 pm	Drum Ceremony and Presentation by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Hessel School House
4:45 pm	Networking/free time	Hessel School House
6:00 pm	Group Dinner	Ang-Gios Restaurant 232 M-134, Cedarville MI 49719

Time	Session	Location
8:00 pm -	Optional evening gathering (restaurant reserved for GLIA; cash bar)	The Islander Bar 134 S Pickford Ave, Hessel MI 49745

Tuesday, September 24

Time	Session	Location
7:00 am	Group Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering by Little Buoy Bakery & Cafe 	Clark Township Community Center 133 M-134, Cedarville, MI 49719
7:30 am	State of the GLIA Network and Open Discussion/Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLIA Steering Committee • GLIA Staff: Matt Preisser, GLIA Coordinator; Peter Huston, Events Coordinator; Philip Rice, Communications Specialist; Lisa Paul Sierk, Fundraising Specialist 	Clark Township Community Center
8:30 am	Keynote: The Power of Networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Tagai, Director, Center for Sustainable Communities, Island Institute (Rockland, Maine) 	Clark Township Community Center
9:15 am	Panel Discussion: Civic Engagement by Youth (moderator: Matt Preisser) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Potvin, Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Coordinator • YAC Students (invited) 	Clark Township Community Center
10:00 am	Break	Clark Township Community Center
10:15 am	Panel Discussion: Island Philanthropy (moderator: Lisa Paul Sierk) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie McGreevey, Executive Director, Mackinac Island Community Foundation • Janet Wermuth, Fundraising Consultant, Focus on Funding, Kelleys Island 	Clark Township Community Center

11:00 am	Panel Discussion: Island Media (moderator: Philip Rice)			Clark Township Community Center
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Fortino, St. Ignace News/Mackinac Town Crier Julie Covert, Drummond Island Digest TBD 			
11:45 pm	Drive/walk to lunch			
12:00 pm	Group Lunch			The Tipper Room 74 East Hodeck Street Cedarville, Michigan 49719
1:45 pm	Drive/walk to breakouts			
2:00 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (you pick)			
	<u>Economic Development Track</u> Cedarville Hotel meeting room	<u>Education Track</u> Clark Township Community Center	<u>Environmental Track</u> Les Cheneaux Community Library	<u>Planning & Preparedness Track</u> The Tipper Room
2:00 pm	Les Cheneaux Islands Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teresa Carmichael, Board President 	Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Lohff, Super/6-12 Principal, Les Cheneaux Community Schools Bob Vaught, Superintendent of DeTour Area Schools 	Water Quality, Lake Levels, Invasive Species and More <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Smith, Les Cheneaux Watershed Council 	"Operation Safe Harbor," 2023 Island-wide Evacuation Drill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryce Tracy and Mike Kasper, Mackinac Island Emergency Management
2:30 pm	Eco-Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue Bakkila, Woods and Water 	Culinary Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Eberts, Les Cheneaux Culinary School 	Wildlife & Fisheries Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Randy Schaedig, Islands Wildlife Association 	

3:00 pm	Peekaboo Hill Multi-Use Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Murray, Friends of the LC Area Trails 	Kick Start Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robin Pendery, Les Cheneaux Community Foundation 	Outreach & Education via Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken Drenth, Aldo Leopold Festival 	(2:45) Wildfire Preparedness & Response (Fireboat, Dry Hydrants and more) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Merchberger, Clark Township Fire Chief
3:30 pm	GLIA Brainstorm Session	GLIA Brainstorm Session	GLIA Brainstorm Session	GLIA Brainstorm Session
4:00 pm	Networking/free time			--
6:00 pm	Group Dinner			Snows Bar & Grill 1187 S Park Ave, Cedarville, MI
8:00 pm –	On your own			--

Wednesday, September 25

Time	Session	Location
8:00 am	Group Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering by Little Buoy Bakery & Cafe 	Clark Township Community Center 133 M-134, Cedarville, MI 49719
9:00 am	Intro to Drummond Island and nearby Island Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christina Kolo, Drummond Island Tourism Association Joe Shorthouse, Manitoulin Island Other nearby island reps (invited) 	Clark Township Community Center
10:00 am	Group discussion - Summit reactions, what's next? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angel Welke, GLIA Steering Committee chair Matt Preisser, GLIA Coordinator 	Clark Township Community Center
10:30 am	TBD	Clark Township Community Center
11:00 am	Summit Closing Remarks	Clark Township Community Center

We encourage you to visit these nearby island communities on your own!

Bois Blanc Island, Michigan

- Ferry Dock, Cheboygan, MI (1 hour from Cedarville) <https://plauttransportation.com/>

Drummond Island, Michigan

- Ferry Dock, DeTour Village, MI (30 min from Cedarville) <https://www.eupta.net/ferry-system/>

Mackinac Island, Michigan

- Ferry Dock, St. Ignace, MI (30 min from Cedarville) <https://www.sheplersferry.com>
- Ferry Dock, Mackinac City, MI (45 min from Cedarville) <https://www.sheplersferry.com>

Manitoulin Island, Ontario

- Swing Bridge, Little Current, ON (4 hours from Cedarville, border crossing involved)

Neebish Island, Michigan

- Ferry Dock, Barbeau, MI (1 hour from Cedarville) <https://www.eupta.net/ferry-system>

St. Joseph Island, Ontario

- Bridge near Port Findlay, ON (1 hour 30 min from Cedarville, border crossing involved)

Sugar Island, Michigan

- Ferry Dock, Sault Ste. Marie, MI (45 min from Cedarville) <https://www.eupta.net/ferry-system>

Thank you for joining us! Safe travels home!



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