



# 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE

IN

## JOLIET, ILLINOIS

MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> and 28<sup>TH</sup>

**Please Note:**

Times listed  
are CDT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> – MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE**

12:00pm – 1:00pm      **LUNCH and LEARN**  
**History of Midewin and Bison:** Midewin Archaeologist & Heritage Program Manager Joe Wheeler

1:00pm – 3:00pm      **Midewin Bison Experiment:** Midewin Range Management Specialist Kelly Gutknecht,

3:00pm – 3:30pm      **Brookfield Zoo Bison Program – including meat sales**

3:30pm – 4:00pm      **Bison Health-** Dr. Marshall U of I College of Veterinary Medicine

6:00pm – 9:00pm      **DINNER AND FUNDRAISING EVENT**  
 Juliet's Tavern & Banquet Room

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> – FOUR RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

8:00am – 8:30am      **Registration and Coffee**

8:30am – 8:40am      **Opening Remarks** - Bud Koeppen & Matt Ruhter

8:40am – 9:10am      **IIBA Member Meeting and Elections**

9:15am – 10:00am      **State of the Bison Industry** - Dave Carter, NBA Executive Director

10:10am – 11:00am      **Carbonomics** - Keith Burns, Co-Owner of Green Cover Seed

11:15am – 12:15pm      **Using Social Media** - Adam Ulbricht, MnBA Social Media Manager

12:15pm – 1:00pm      **Buffet Lunch** - Conference Auditorium

1:00pm – 2:15pm      **Bison Handling**  
 -Ken Klemm, Beaver Creek Buffalo & NBA Region IV Director

2:30pm – 3:30pm      **Panel Presentation and Discussion**  
 Buy Local Food Movement / Marketing & Markets / Farm to Table

3:30pm – 4:15pm      **Open Q&A with IIBA Producers**

4:15pm -              **IIBA Board Meeting**

**MIDEWIN:**

30239 IL-53  
 Wilmington, IL 60481

**JOLIET'S:**

205 N Chicago St  
 Joliet, IL 60432

**FOUR RIVERS:**

25055 S Walnut Ln  
 Channahon, IL 60410

**HOST HOTEL:**

Fairfield Inn Joliet South  
 1501 Riverboat Center Dr.  
 Joliet, IL 60431

**RESERVATIONS:**

For IIBA group rate of \$79 on Friday 3/27, call 815-741-3499. Includes 2 queen beds, parking, Wi-fi, and breakfast buffet. Hotel is approx. 17 minutes from Four Rivers Conference Center. Reservation deadline is 3/20/20.

**REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**

IIBA members and their guests - \$95 per person

No. Attending      Amount  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$95 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members - \$115 per person

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Join the IIBA now – annual dues = \$50

IIBA Membership = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Additional Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

**To register by mail:** send completed form and a check made payable to **Illinois Indiana Bison Assc.** to: IIBA, c/o Jennifer Karnes, 4300 N Old State Rd 37, Bloomington, IN 47408.

**To register electronically:** email [IIBAbison@gmail.com](mailto:IIBAbison@gmail.com) and the IIBA will respond with an electronic registration form and invoice. Please note there will be a 3% fee added to all credit card transactions.