



57th Annual Conference

September 12-17, 2022

Beaver Island, Michigan

This fall, OBFS will hold its 57th annual conference at Central Michigan University's Biological Station on Beaver Island, Michigan. The island is Lake Michigan's largest island with its own unique history, scenery, flora and fauna.

Workshops will be offered on September 13th and field trips will be offered on the 14th. The main conference is kicking off with dinner on Wednesday, the 14th and commencing with breakfast on Saturday, the 17th.

If you plan on attending workshops or fieldtrips, you will need to plan on traveling to the island the day prior. Helpful information on schedule, transportation, lodging and fees are below. Registration for housing, field trips and workshops will go live sometime in May.



Fees

To assist in your planning, the OBFS conference planning committee has determined the projected conference fees. These are subject to change prior to actual online registration in May. Prices include meals from dinner Wednesday, September 14th through breakfast, Saturday, September 17th (8 meals), plus three nights lodging and registration fees. For those attending workshops and/or field trips, there is an additional night room and board fee.

Your conference fee total will be dependent on your choice of lodging. Please read through the LODGING GUIDE before registering. The fees below are all-inclusive of your conference with the exception of the transportation to and from the island and any field trips or workshops that have fees.

LODGING TYPE	THREE NIGHTS 9/14 TO 9/17			ADDITIONAL NIGHTS	
	CONFERENCE	MEALS	LODGING	MEALS	LODGING
Tier One: Faculty Housing	\$476			\$87	
Tier Two: Dorm Units	\$398			\$61	
Tier Three: Campground Cabin Units	\$398			\$61	
Tier Four: Campground sites	\$380			\$55	
Lodging on your own Off-site	\$326			\$37 or see below	
Off-site lodgers can purchase meals separately, pay at station. Breakfast \$9, Lunch \$12, Dinner \$16					
Virtual Conference Option: Can't make it to the island, but want to attend virtually. You must still register, choose virtually attending and pay a \$50 Virtual Conference Fee.					

Note: Family members are welcome. If an additional bed is needed, the "Additional Nights" fee will be charged for each night as indicated above, which includes meals. If an additional bed is not needed, the "Meals" rate of \$37/day will be charged.

If 21 or older and attending the mixers on Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday evenings an additional \$30/mixer fee will be charged/day.

Please plan accordingly before registration opens.

Lodging Guide

Note: Individual lodging is not available on-site. You will be sharing your space with others. Faculty housing offers some individual bedrooms and dorm units are semi-private. If individual lodging is necessary, you will need to make a reservation for off-site lodging.

Tier One: Faculty Housing



There are six faculty units, two with 2 bedrooms and four with 3 bedrooms. These units are apartment style with efficiency kitchen, bathroom, and common space. All overlook Lake Michigan. These units are limited. If you prefer this lodging, you will want to register quickly. Unless otherwise specified (register as a group), roommates will be assigned.



More information at: [CMUBS Housing](#)

Tier Two: Dorm Units



Attached to the Main Lodge and Dining Hall are two small dorm units, male and female. Each has 10 bunk beds in a semi-private area separated by partitions and shelving units. Bathrooms/showers are in an adjacent area just steps away. These semi-private units will be filled with only one person per/unit unless you are ok with someone on the top bunk. While not as private as the faculty housing, they are nearest to the hub of all activities.

Tier Three: Campground Cabin Units



There are nine Cabin Units, most with 3-4 bunkbeds in a common room. Bathrooms/showers are nearby in a central latrine building. While they may sleep up to eight people, we will confine them to 4 or 5 people per unit to maintain some privacy and not use top bunks, unless requested. If you have a set of friends who are attending, this would be economically feasible for all. The campground is about ½ mile from the main research station.

More information at: [CMUBS Housing](#)



CMUBS Campground Common Area

Tier Four: Campground Sites

Bring your own tent and camp in one of five campsites, each with fire pit and electricity. Bathrooms/showers are nearby in two separate buildings, men's and women's. Additional (non-electric) sites are available in campground common area pictured above. The campground is about a 5-10-minute walk from the station:



More information at: [CMUBS Housing](#)

Off-Site Lodging

Beaver Island has many houses to rent which become more available after Labor Day. If you find your own lodging, you need only pay for meals and conference registration. Some shuttles to and from town will be provided by CMUBS. There are cottage rentals within walking/biking distance of the station.

[Off-site housing, transportation and visitors guide](#)

Transportation Guide



You are responsible for booking and paying your transportation to and from Beaver Island

Getting to Charlevoix Michigan:

Charlevoix is where both the Beaver Island Ferry and air transportation to Beaver Island depart from. Cherry Capitol Airport in Traverse City (TVC) is 48 miles from Charlevoix and all the major rental car companies are available there.

[car rentals and ground transportation](#)

Detroit airport (DTW) is four and a half hours from Charlevoix.

GETTING TO and FROM THE ISLAND

	FLY TO BEAVER ISLAND	FERRY TO BEAVER ISLAND
OPTIONS	Fresh Air Aviation: http://freshairaviation.net Island Airways: http://islandairways.com	Beaver Island Boat Company https://www.bibco.com/
RESERVATIONS	Reservation required. Planes fly between 8am and 4pm daily. Must arrive at least ½ hour prior to departure.	No reservation required unless bringing a car. Must arrive at least 1 hour prior to departure. Ferry departs Charlevoix (to island) at 11:30am and departs Beaver Island (to mainland) at 8:20am on Sept. 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17. The Ferry will not operate Sept.15
TRAVEL TIME	20 minutes	2 ½ hours
LUGGAGE	30 pounds and under free 20 cent charge per pound over 30 lbs.	No limit
TICKET PRICES	\$55-\$60 one-way	\$27.50 one- way
PARKING	\$5 per day. Pay upon arrival. You will be given a dated PARKING PASS to place on dashboard of vehicle.	No fee. When you arrive at the dock, go into office, pay for ticket and drop off luggage on the carts outside. They will assign a lot to park your vehicle in. A shuttle will then pick you up and return you to the dock.
VEHICLE TRANSPORT TO ISLAND	→	If you wish to have your vehicle brought to the island, a reservation is required. The cost is approx \$100 each way. Reservations should be made well in advance and as soon as possible with the Beaver Island Boat Company.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ:

When you register for the conference, you will need to indicate your mode of travel (ferry or plane) and departure time from Charlevoix for shuttle pick up. If you are flying, you will also need to indicate the airline you are traveling with.

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Flying to Beaver Island is fast and offers a breathtaking view of Lake Michigan and the entire archipelago. However, the planes do not fly when visibility is low. Therefore, if you schedule a flight, it is advisable that you schedule it for no later than 10:00am. This way, if planes are grounded due to weather, you will easily be able to hop on the 11:30am ferry and not be stuck on the mainland.

A shuttle runs between the Charlevoix Municipal airport, ferry parking and ferry regularly.

Email cmubs@cmich.edu with any questions.