



2025 TIMBERMEN'S CONVENTION

APRIL 24-25, 2025
KEWADIN CASINO
SAULT STE. MARIE, MI

CONVENTION AGENDA

2025 SPONSORS







THURSDAY, APRIL 24

8am-5pm	Vendor Setup	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
12pm-4:30pm	Registration	<i>Water's Edge</i>
11am-3pm	Complimentary Shuttle Rides to Downtown Sault Ste. Marie <i>Enjoy complimentary Casino shuttle rides to Downtown Sault Ste. Marie for shopping and exploring Michigan's oldest city. Shuttles to Downtown are available throughout the Convention.</i>	<i>Kewadin Casino Lobby</i>
4pm-6pm	Timbermen's Welcome Reception, Sponsored by Forest/Loggers/Mauck Agencies <i>Join MAT President Vaughn West, along with MAT and MATSIF board members and staff, to kick off the Convention</i>	<i>Water's Edge/ Grand Ballroom</i>
6pm	MATSIF Annual Safety Awards Banquet <i>Join MATSIF for a delicious dinner buffet, followed by safety award presentations. Open to all attendees.</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
9pm	Cash Bar and Networking	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

7:30am-4:30pm	Registration	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
7:30am-9am	Networking Breakfast	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
8am-6pm	Visit Indoor Vendor Exhibits	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
8am-12pm	Forest/Loggers/Mauck Insurance Agencies & TIMSER Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Drummond Island</i>
9am	Morning Presentation: Welcome from Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Chris Olson	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
9am-9:30am	Historical Presentation by the Chippewa County Historical Society	
9:30am-9:45am	Networking Break, Indoor Vendor Exhibits	<i>Water's Edge, Grand Island</i>
11am-4pm	Complimentary Ladies' Event sponsored by Ponsse <i>Women are invited to escape for a few minutes and enjoy basic spa treatments with wines and cheeses, throughout the day.</i>	<i>VIP Room</i>

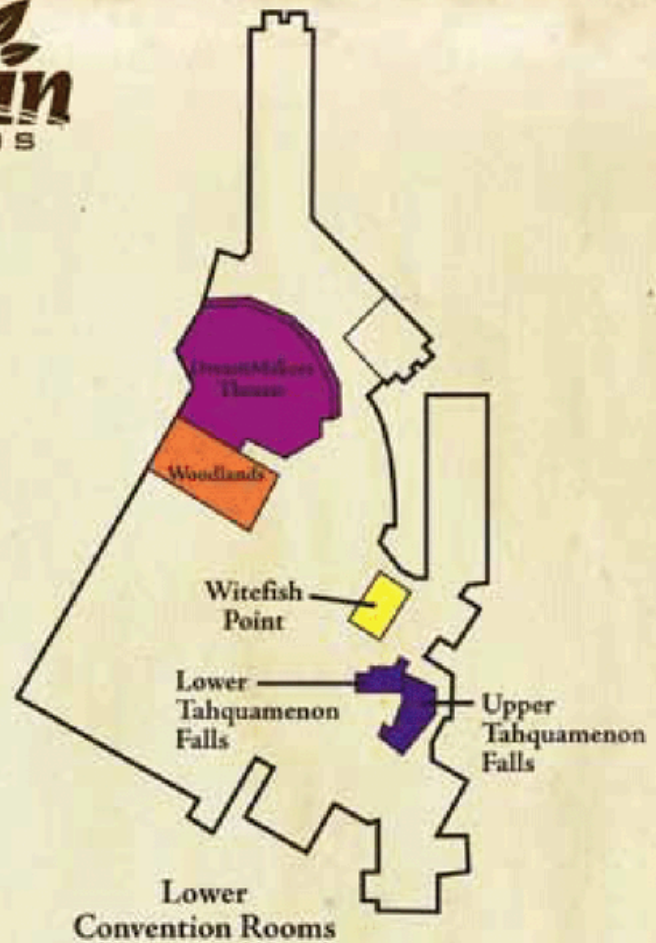
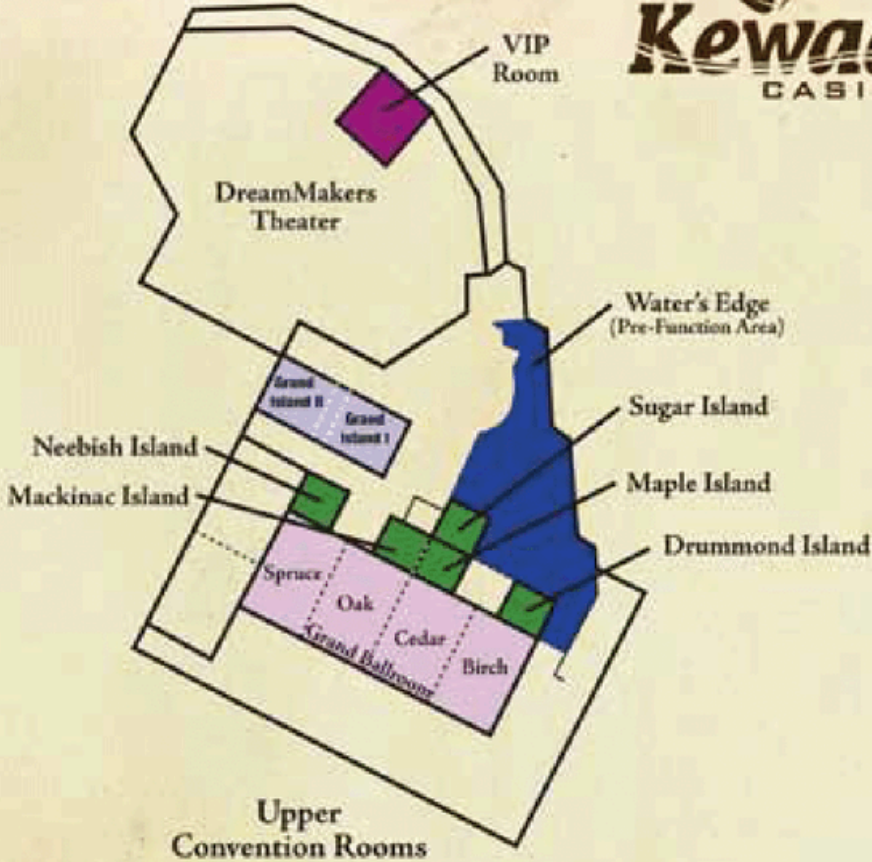
10:00am-10:45am	 Morning Session: Log and Lumber Truck Compliance and Safety Update with Jimmie Locklear <i>Join Jimmie Locklear with Forest/Loggers/Mauck Insurance Agencies, as he offers a training on latest log truck safety standards.</i>	Grand Ballroom
11:00am-12pm	Timbermen Members Annual Meeting <i>All voting MAT members are requested to attend the Annual Meeting; board nominations and voting to take place for four seats.</i>	Grand Ballroom
12:15pm-1:00pm	Lunch and Legislative Update with MAT lobbyist Jason Wadaga	Grand Ballroom
1pm-1:45pm	 Afternoon Keynote: Tariffs, Global Trade and its Effects on Michigan's Forest Products Industry <i>Hear from Sonja Johnson, Executive Director with the Van Andel Global Trade Center, on topics related to tariffs and global trade, and how Michigan's forest products industry may be affected.</i>	Grand Ballroom
2pm-2:45pm	 Technology and Innovation in Logging Equipment <i>Hear from a panel of equipment experts on how emerging mechanizing harvesting technology assists loggers in both increasing efficiency and safety.</i>	Grand Ballroom
3pm-3:45pm	 Forest Products Promotions Strategies <i>Join the Real American Hardwood Campaign to learn about how Michigan's hardwoods are being marketed in the United States, in order to regain market share and compete against big plastics.</i>	Grand Ballroom
3:45pm-5pm	Visit Indoor Vendor Exhibits	Water's Edge, Grand Island
5pm-6pm	Networking Social <i>Enjoy networking social from 5pm-6pm, with complimentary beer and wine provided by the Michigan Association of Timbermen</i>	DreamMakers Theatre
6pm-9pm	Annual Awards Banquet Presented by Forest/Loggers/Mauck Insurance Agencies <i>Enjoy ceremonies, legislative introductions and updates, scholarship and annual award presentations, live and silent auctions, wonderful food and great fun!</i>	DreamMakers Theatre
9pm-10pm	One Hour Open Bar and Ice Cream Social Sponsored by AIS Forestry Division	DreamMakers Theatre

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

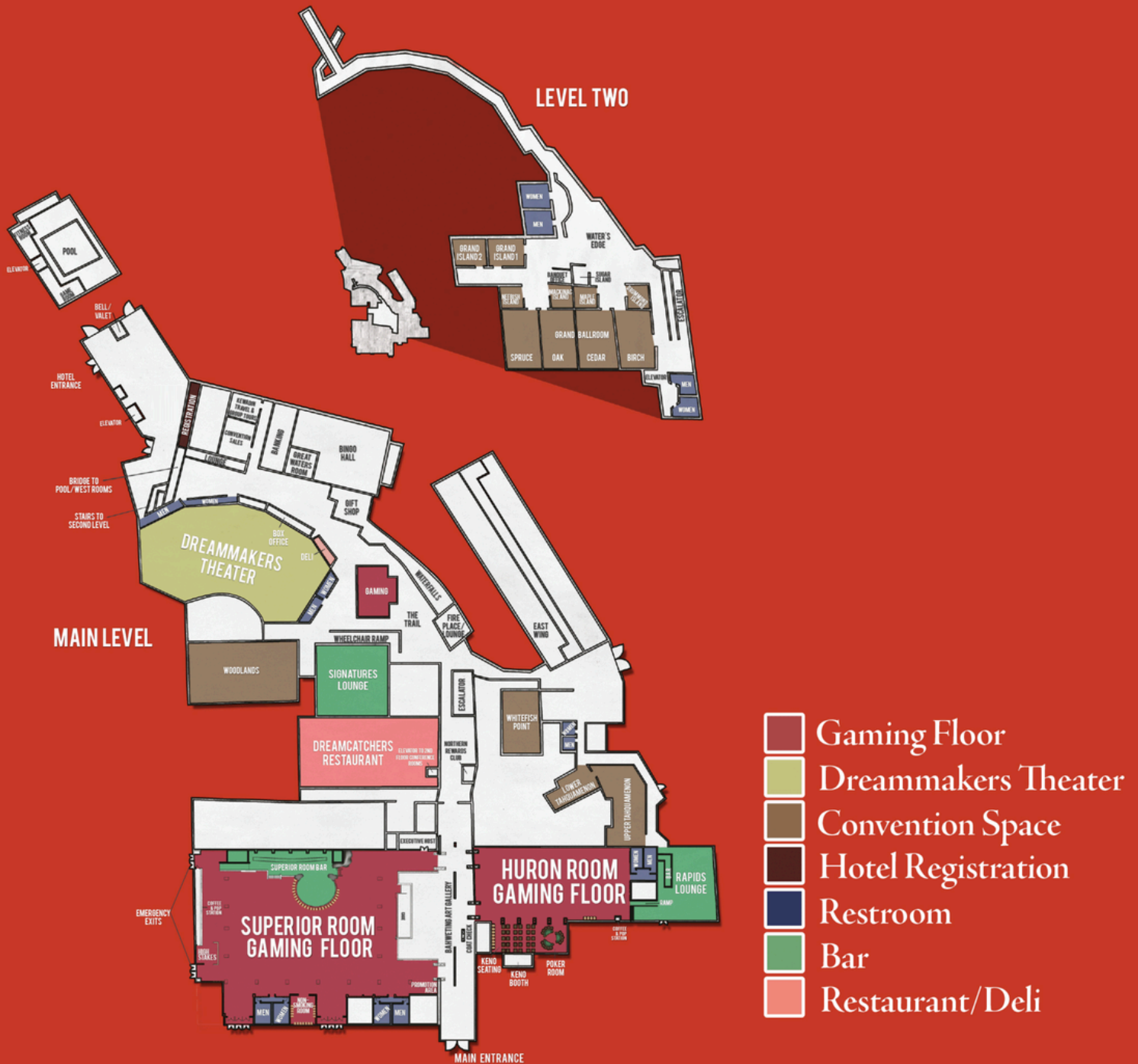
8am	Michigan Master Logger Complimentary Breakfast <i>Join the Michigan Master Logger Certification Program for a complimentary breakfast, open to all Convention attendees.</i>	Grand Ballroom
8:30am-10am	MAT Board meeting	Drummond Island



CONVENTION MAP



CASINO MAP



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 2025 TIMBERMEN'S CONVENTION!