



Ontario Land Trust Gathering
October 19 – 21, 2016

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the OLTA Gathering?

The OLTA Land Trust Gathering is the annual training, skills development and networking conference bringing together land trust and other conservation professionals from across Ontario. Conference participants benefit from pre-conference 'Learning Institutes', interactive workshops and plenary sessions, covering topics ranging from conservation practices and charitable business, to fundraising and communications, information technology, public relations and more. There's also plenty of time for informal networking and celebrating accomplishments with your colleagues!

Who should attend the Gathering?

Anyone! Whether you are a land owner, land steward, volunteer, staff or board member of a land trust –there's something for you at the Gathering. But, it's not just for land trust people and those involved in land conservation. The Gathering also offers a great opportunity for those in the broader environmental or charitable sector to build their skills and connect with Ontario's land trust community.

When and where is this year's Gathering?

The Gathering starts with pre-conference 'Learning Institutes' on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 19, 2016. The main conference session then runs from the morning of October 20 to lunch on October 21. This year's venue is YMCA Geneva Park on the shores of Lake Couchiching near Orillia, Ontario. Geneva Park's beautiful natural setting which is in keeping with our deep appreciation for nature.

When does registration open?

Registration is now open and the Early Bird discount is available until **Monday, September 19**. Register today!

What is the registration fee?

Registration fees vary depending on OLTA membership, the sessions you wish to attend, and accommodation requirements. Our registration form outlining the full fee structure is found on our website.

Is the conference accessible?

Yes. Please indicate any accessibility requirements you may have on your registration form.

How do I arrange for accommodation?

OLTA is handling the booking of rooms at Geneva Park. The accommodation is single rooms. Double occupancy is available if you have someone to share the room. Please indicate that you sharing a room and roommate on your registration form. The fee is reduced by \$25 per night per person for double occupancy.

What are the methods of payment?

We accept VISA, MasterCard or cheques.

What if I need to cancel or change my registration?

Many conference costs are fixed or difficult to change as conference times approach. If you are unable to attend, as registered, please try to find someone to take your place, and be sure to let us know about the change. Contact the OLTA office with the name change by **Thursday, September 29, 2016**. After this date, substitutions will be subject to a \$30 administrative fee.

If you must cancel all or any part of your registration, submit your request in writing to the OLTA office (by mail or e-mail to phyllis.lee@olta.ca). Refunds (less a \$30 administrative fee) will be provided for requests received in writing by **Thursday, September 29, 2016**. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date. Refund cheques will be issued following the conference.

What is the dress code?

Please dress however makes you comfortable, and allows you to fully participate. Most attendees choose to dress casually. Also be prepared to walk to another building (a few minutes). And remember to bring warm clothes for sitting outside by the fire after the banquet!

Who do I contact regarding supporter opportunities?

Thank you for your interest in supporting the OLTA Gathering. We rely on the generosity of partners to make the conference a success. Please contact Phyllis Lee at 416-588-6582, to discuss supporter opportunities further, or visit the Conference Supporter page on our website.