



Wisconsin Cover Crops Conference: Your Farm, Your Options

March 13-14, 2014

Kalahari Resort - WI Dells

Program Agenda



About the WI Cover Crops Conference

The Michael Fields Agricultural Institute and WI Natural Resources Conservation Service are pleased to be able to host the 2014 WI Cover Crops Conference at the Kalahari Resorts in WI Dells. This conference aims to educate participants about soil health and the role of cover crops in improving soil health. This conference is intended for anyone interested in learning more about cover crops and cover cropping systems. Breakout sessions are offered in 5 different tracks, providing a broad range of breadth and depth for everyone from beginning and novice cover croppers to more advanced practitioners.

Conference Format

The WI Cover Crops Conference begins the evening of March 13, 2014 and runs until the afternoon of March 14, 2014. During this time there will be over 20 sessions for participants to attend including 18 breakout sessions and 5 plenary events including a Keynote Fishbowl Farmer-Researcher Panel and a Soil Health Farmer Panel. Breakout session tracks include: Cover Crop Basics, Cover Crops Management, Cropping System Specifics, Economics and Risk Management, and the Multi-functionality of Cover Crops.

Conference Speakers

Speakers at the WI Cover Crops Conference come from many different organizational backgrounds but share a common thread. All speakers have extensive practical or research experience with cover cropping in WI and the Upper Midwest and are pleased to be able to share those years of experience with conference participants.

Speakers include a diverse mix of conventional and organic farmers, agency staff, non-profit organizational staff, private enterprise staff, and UW Madison faculty.

Registration and Payment

There are two ways to register for the WI Cover Crops Conference.

1. Go to <http://bit.ly/covercrop> Follow the instructions listed on the Eventbrite page to register and pay for this conference.
2. [Click Here](#) for a downloadable registration form Fill out this form in its entirety and mail the completed form with payment to:

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
PO Box 990
W2493 County Road ES
East Troy, WI 53120

Lodging Accommodations

Lodging for the WI Cover Crops Conference is on-site at the Kalahari Resorts in WI Dells. The Michael Fields Agricultural Institute has secured a block of rooms for conference participants at the discounted price of \$104 for the night of Thursday, March 13, 2014. Please call 877-253-5466 to make reservations and request 'MFAI Room Block'.

Lodging accommodations can be selected during the registration process. Direct questions can be directed to Kalahari staff at: (608) 254-5466 or (608) 254-3314

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions about the conference itself or are experiencing difficulties registering please call:

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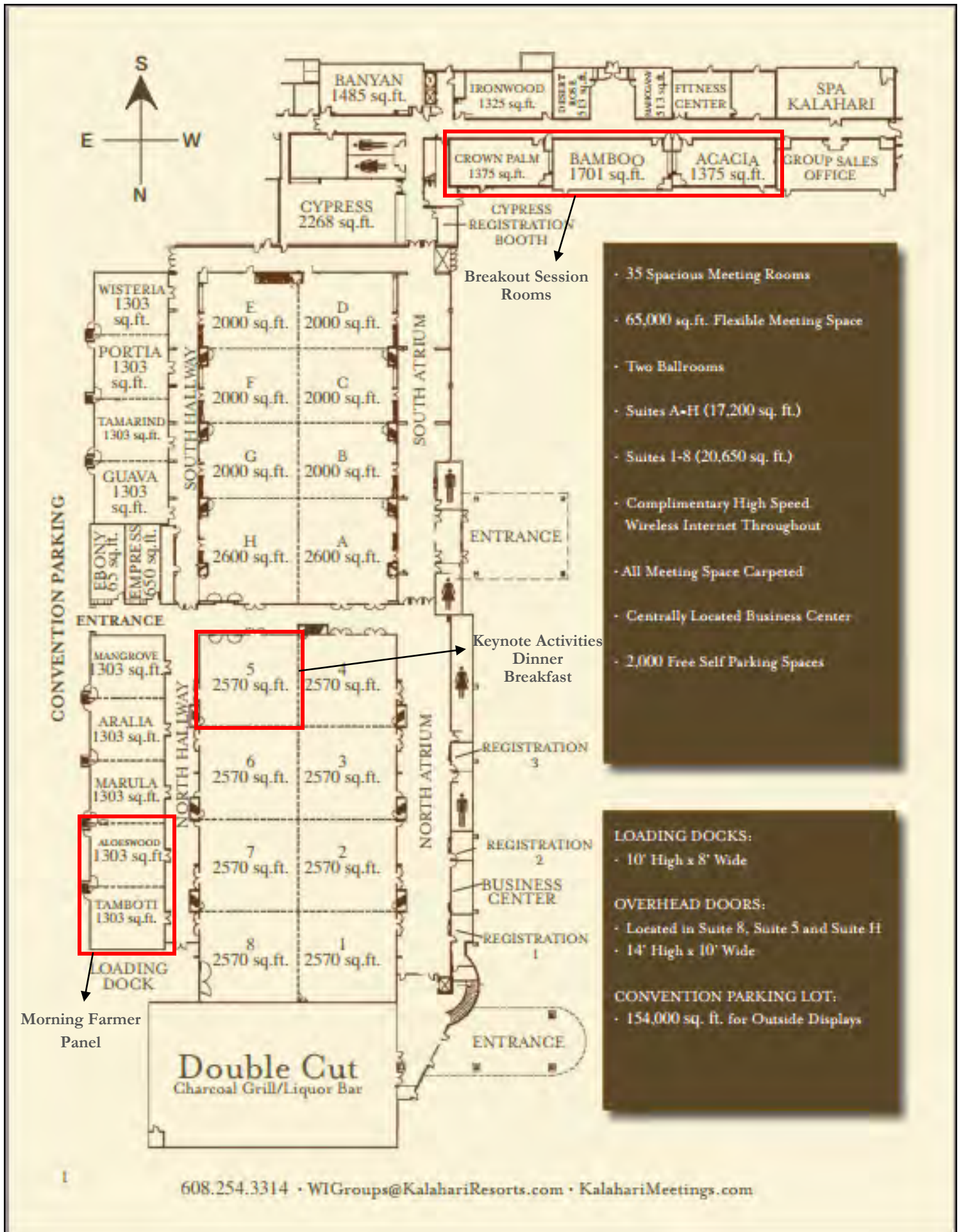
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3:00p-5:00p	Registration		
5:00p-5:30p	Keynote Kick-off - "Cover Crops: Where Do They Fit in Modern Cropping Systems?" <i>Suite 5</i>		Dale Mutch, Midwest Cover Crops Council
5:30p-6:30p	Dinner - Suite 5		
6:30p-8:00p	Fishbowl Farmer-Researcher Panel <i>Suite 5</i>		Farmers: Christine Mason, Nick Viney, Tom Burlingham, Allan Brooks, Dan Stokes Researchers: Erin Silva, Mark Kopecky, Matt Ruark, Jim Stute
8:00p-10:00p	Conference Mixer		

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7:00a-8:00a	Breakfast and Welcoming Remarks - Suite 5		
	Pat Murphy, NRCS and David Andrews, Michael Fields Ag Institute		
8:00a-8:50a	Farmer Panel - <i>Tamboti and Aloeswood Rooms</i>	"What we do, Why we do it"	Farmers: Jeff Gaska, Nick Viney, Dan Stokes, Tom Burlingham, Allan Brooks
Morning Breakouts	Cover Crop Basics - Crown Palm Room	Cover Crop Management - Bamboo Room	Cropping System Specifics - Acacia Room
9:00a-9:45a	Cover Crops 101 <i>Heidi Johnson, Dane County UWEX</i>	Seeding and Termination <i>Harriet Bahar, MOSES</i>	Grain Systems <i>Jim Stute, Michael Fields Ag Institute</i>
10:00a-10:45a	Cover Crop Selection Tool <i>Nick Schneider, Winnebago County UWEX</i>	Aerial Seeding <i>Damon Raebe, Raebe Spraying Service</i> <i>Nick Viney, Badgerland Grain Farms, Edgerton</i>	Fresh Market Vegetable Systems <i>Clair Strader, Dane County UWEX</i> <i>Steve Pincus, TiPi Produce, Evansville</i>
11:00a-11:45a	Top Cover Crops for Wisconsin <i>Kevin Shelley, UW NPM Program</i>	Herbicide Considerations <i>Liz Bosak, UW Agronomy/ Weed Science</i>	Dairy and Livestock Systems <i>Nick Schneider, Winnebago County UWEX</i>
12:00p-12:50p	Lunch - Economics of Cover Crops General Session - Great Karoo Room		
	Paul Mitchell, UW Agricultural and Applied Economics/ Extension		
Afternoon Breakouts	Economics & Risk Management - Crown Palm Room	Multifunctionality - Bamboo Room	Cropping System Specifics - Acacia Room
1:00p-1:45p	Cover Crops: A Consultant's Perspective <i>Tom Novak, Total Crop Management LLC</i>	Roller-crimping Cover Crops <i>Erin Silva, UW Agronomy/ Extension</i>	Grain Systems <i>Jim Stute, Michael Fields Institute</i>
2:00p-2:45p	Crop Insurance <i>Ryan Stockwell, National Wildlife Federation</i>	Cover Crops for Soil Quality <i>Francisco Arriaga, UW Soil Science/ Extension</i>	Commercial Vegetable Systems <i>Ken Schroeder, Portage County UWEX</i>
3:00p-3:45p	Using Government Programs <i>Terry Kelly, WI NRCS</i>	Cover Crops for Nutrient Management <i>Matt Ruark, UW Soil Science/Extension</i>	Dairy and Livestock Systems <i>Nick Schneider, Winnebago County UWEX</i>
4:00p-5:00p	Conference Wrap-up		
	Jimmy Bramblett, USDA NRCS		

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