

Registration Deadline  
Monday, July 30th



# Leelanau Conservancy Annual Friends Picnic & Auction

Thursday, August 2nd, 5 P.M.  
Newton Farm  
Overlooking the Manitou Islands



## Celebrating 24 Years of Protecting Beautiful Leelanau!

### The Day's Events

Pre-Picnic field trips beginning at various times  
See Field Trips page.

5 pm -Social hour and Silent Auction bidding  
-Appetizers made from local products created by area chefs  
-Leelanau wines  
-Kid's Tent with activities for ages 3-12

6 pm Picnic dinner: A local foods menu!

7 pm Short program/awards  
President's Paddle Raise  
Mario NY Weekend Raffle Drawing  
Live Auction!

More info: [www.leelanauconservancy.org](http://www.leelanauconservancy.org) or call 231-256-9665

# About the 2012 Auction

Thanks to so many of our members, we have a great auction on tap! This year's event offers more opportunities than ever before for friends and family to get together to share great meals, visit wonderful places & get out and experience the best Leelanau has to offer. Get your group together now to bid on items that you just can't buy anywhere else! Our online auction site (see link on our website: [www.leelanauconservancy.org](http://www.leelanauconservancy.org)) has a great "email this page to a friend" feature so that assembling your "syndicate" and gathering friends to bid together is easy. Plan now to have fun for a great cause. If you cannot come to the picnic, you may still win auction items by placing a proxy bid online or by calling our office to place your bid (231-256-9665).

## Have Fun, Help a Great Cause! Over 90 items, here's just a sampling!

- LIVE- 2 day guided camping trip on S. Manitou with Director Brian Price and Naturalist Chip Franke
- LIVE-Spectacular morel dinner for 12 with Epicure Catering at Cherry Basket Farm, plus guided morel hunt with Leif Spork
- LIVE-Golf's First Major Package for 2013; 4 passes, accomodations, private chef
- LIVE-2 day insider's tour of Washington, D.C.
- 3 nights for 4-6 at a Manhattan penthouse overlooking the Empire State Building
- One week stay in a beautiful Santa Fe villa
- Twin engine flight for up to 4 to Mackinac Island with lunch & tour
- Cooking class for 6 with Guillaume from La Becasse
- Personal family history write-up by Susan Ager
- Two night stay at Black Star Farms
- 4 front row tickets to a Tigers game plus Club Pass
- One week stay Breckenridge CO ski home or Rocky Mountain cabin
- Cider and small plates for 8 at Tandem Cider; tour for 4 at Right Brain Brewery
- Artwork by many local artists
- Leelanau vs. the World wine tasting experience with Larry Mawby
- Gift certificates to local favorite restaurants
- Beautiful, hand-made quilts, jewelry, garden items, ceramic tiles and more
- Igloo building with Ken Scott
- Thanksgiving turkey from Ben Brown at Swanson Farm
- Private Leelanau cycling tour
- One week stay in a Fishtown Shanty
- Hike and picnic at Seven Points Farm for 4 to 6
- Sailing and fly fishing lessons
- 1978 MG Midget Roadster

# Picnic Registration

Advanced registration ends Monday, July 30th

After July 30th, ticket price goes up \$5.

Please mail this form so that we receive it no later than July 31st or register by phone (231) 256-9665. Registration is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. You may also register online until July 30th at [leelanauconservancy.org](http://leelanauconservancy.org). To purchase a Mario NY weekend raffle ticket, call 231-256-9665.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (where you can be reached on Aug. 1-8) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please register:

\_\_\_\_\_ adults & children 12 & over at \$30 each (after July 31st \$35 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ children under 12 who want to go through the regular food line (\$10)

\_\_\_\_\_ children under 12 who want to eat in kid's tent: PBJ, snacks, & juice. (\$5)

If you would like for your child to participate in the Kid's Tent, please provide a cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_ for our Tent Supervisor.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Leelanau Conservancy

Please charge my \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION (see pg 3 for detailed descriptions)

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm Whaleback Hike

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm Houdek Dunes Hike

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm Clay Cliffs Hike--Long Version

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pm Farmland Bus Tour

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 pm Conservation Hike from Picnic Site

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 pm Clay Cliffs Hike--Short Version

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm Northport to Soper Preserve Hike

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 4 pm VOLT Test Drive

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ 6 and 7pm Kids Tent Scavenger Hunt Hikes

# Pre-Picnic Field Trips

Explore, learn, get to know your Conservancy Staff and Docents!

## 3pm Whaleback Hike

Join staffers Fields Ratliff and Sarah Cook for a hike to learn about native plant communities and on-going restoration efforts such as the management of the invasive ground cover Sweet Woodruff. The hike will also include a stop at the Whaleback Platform with panoramic views of the Manitou and Fox Islands. The trail includes a steep section about 1,500 ft long so please bring the appropriate footwear. This is a family friendly event so feel free to bring the kids! Limit 20.

## 3pm Houdek Dunes Hike

Head out on a hike with staffer Jenee Rowe, to reach the highest spot here. You'll hike new terrain including, windy narrow trails through the shady northern hardwood forest, climb long dune ridges and be inspired by fresh vistas, mammoth birch trees and Houdek Creek. Learn how our Stewardship team unlocks the clues from nature to direct how we care for treasured Natural Areas like Houdek Dunes. This 2-mile trek includes moderate to steep slopes. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and a hiking stick. Meet at the Houdek Dunes parking area off M-22. Limit 25.

## 3pm Hike Clay Cliffs

This gorgeous property is sandwiched between Lake Leelanau and Lake Michigan, containing 105 acres of diverse habitat including spectacular clay bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan and mature hardwood forests that contain trees predating European settlement. The Conservancy has partnered with Leland Township to acquire this property as a new Natural Area. Staffers Brian Price, Matt Heiman and Anne Shoup will talk about the major habitat types and unique features of the property. Expect to do some hill-climbing and hiking off trail. Meet at the Picnic site to carpool to the property. Limit 40.

## 3pm Farmland Bus Tour

Join staffer Tom Nelson and former Ag Research Station Director and Conservancy Board Member, Jim Nugent on a tour of protected farms. Along the way, you'll have a chance to ask questions and hear about our farmland protection program and how farmers and others are responding to the devastating 2012 fruit crop failure. Bus departs from picnic site. Limit 40.

## 3:30 pm Conservation Hike

Join Conservancy staffers Yarrow Wolfe and Rick Halbert on a unique botanical and restoration hike from the picnic site through one of our most extensive land protection corridors. We will explore the different natural habitats, and see amazing views as we pass through active orchards and farmland. We will meet Paul Fischer, owner of the Happy Hour, to learn about a restoration project taking place nearby. This hike is for the more adventurous. We will go off trail to explore the 'hidden' gems of these private properties. Wear long pants, boots/covered shoes, and bring insect repellent. Water will be provided. Limit 25.

## 3:30 pm Hike Clay Cliffs

See 3pm description, but note that the 3:30 hike will be shorter and less vigorous. Meet at the Picnic site to carpool to the property. Limit 20.

## 3:15 pm Naganaba Trail To Soper Preserve Hike

Beginning at Northport Village's Naganaba Trail, join Docents Ann McInnis & Candy Gardner on a gentle hike through Village property to the Soper Natural Area. Along the way, you'll discover interesting things in the various natural communities. Streams, forested wetlands, woodlands, open areas, Braman Hill, are all guaranteed to add interesting tidbits to your nature knowledge. Family friendly. Meet at the West end of Nagonaba Road in Village of Northport.

## 4pm--VOLT Test Drives

Our "Green" Sponsor, Chevy VOLT, will be offering "ride and drive" experiences in their electric car. Sign up for a time slot; test drives will depart from the Picnic site. Four cars and staff from VOLT will be on hand.

## 6 pm & 7pm For Kids: Hike and Nature Scavenger Hunt

Sign your kids up to hunt for treasures in nature while you attend the picnic. These short hikes around the picnic site will leave from and return to the Kid's Tent. Remember those brown paper bag scavenger hunts from your childhood? Staffer Jenee Rowe still has one of those beloved vintage lists. Jenee, her two young boys, and docent Ann McInnis will lead your kids on a grand adventure. Dress for playing outside, layer on the sunscreen and bring a bug net, if you have one. Limit to 20 kids per time slot.

## Mario Batali NY Weekend Raffle

Get five of your best pals together for a chance at an unforgettable culinary weekend in NYC, including a six-course meal prepared and served by Mario himself at Babbo and \$6,000 to cover your travel costs. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Ticket price: \$1,000. Visit our website for more info and raffle rules. Call us (231-256-9665) or stop in to purchase your ticket!

## President's Paddle Raise

This fun event takes place right before the Mario Batali Raffle drawing. Our President, Warren Watkins, will ask for a show of paddles to support our land protection efforts. Those who raise paddles signal their intention to donate \$500 to either our farmland or natural lands preservation funds—you choose which matters most to you! This is a meaningful way for you to demonstrate your love for Leelanau County and inspire others too!

## Just for Kids!

Bring the whole family! Fun activities are planned for children ages 3 to 12 in our Kids Tent. Art, crafts, Legos and more, all supervised by staff from the Leelanau Children's Center. Bring a cell phone if you plan to leave your child. There are two meal choices for kids; see registration form for details.

## Thanks, Appetizer Chefs!

Taste a little bit of Leelanau via our talented chefs. See which chefs/restaurants will be present by visiting the Picnic page of our website.



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## Directions to the Picnic

The picnic site is located at the Newton Farm on Jelinek Road (County Road 637) off M-22 between Leland and Northport. Look for signs to guide you on the day of the event.



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