

## Fall Fun

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As the summer heat burns on and last winter is only a memory, it's time to look forward to the Nebraska Rural Water Association's Fall Conference. The conference will be in beautiful Gering again. The Pre-Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by the actual conference on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and all day on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>. I have had the pleasure of planning the last 7 of these fall festivals and I hope this one is as fun and educational as those in the past!

With the summer being busy as usual, we are still putting together the official agenda. Don't be alarmed! We have a pretty good start for what operators will get to see and learn about. Don't forget about the wonderful food they serve at the fantastic Gering Civic Center.

Each year on Tuesday we have a stand-alone pre-conference. This allows operators to pick up five hours of training and it focuses on one subject. This year the pre-conference will be an update on drinking water rules and regulation. Lead and Copper, RTRC and Operation and Maintenance are a few of our focal points for this year's pre-conference. At the conclusion of the pre-conference all attendees are invited to enjoy an afternoon of golf. Be sure when you sign up for the conference, you let us know if you will be golfing. It just helps with the planning.

The Wednesday morning tradition will continue with a trap shoot and poker run. If you plan on shooting you can let us know when you sign up for the conference or if our Circuit Rider, Mike Stanzel, is helping you out with anything, you can let him know. Mike can run a mean trap shoot! Area 8 Field Rep Doug Woodbeck will be the go-to-guy for the poker run which is always a good time, too.

When all the fun is done on Wednesday morning we will have a quick four and a half hour general session from 12:30PM-5:00PM. This session will be followed by a social hour and awards banquet.

Thursday we will get serious about education and, of course, door prizes. We will start the day with a great breakfast followed by six hours of continuing education. The official agenda will be announced soon so be looking for it!

Hope to see you all in Gering!