

## 26th Annual



Hello and thank you for registering for the 26th Annual Spring Conference Saturday and Sunday March 9 & 10, 2019. We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again! Here are important details about the conference, please read through carefully for info on parking, schedules, food, and fun!

*There is still time to [register](#) for **Pre-Conferences**, but there is **NO WALK-IN REGISTRATION** for pre-conferences, attendees **MUST register by Wednesday, March 6th**.*

*Walk-in registration for Saturday and Sunday is available on-site at MHU; feel free to bring a friend!*

### LOCATION

**We've changed venues!** The Spring Conference is located at Mars Hill University.

[Google map - directions to Mars Hill - OGS Spring Conference Map](#)

### ARRIVAL

Check-in starts at 7:30am at Ferguson Math & Sciences building. We will have your name tag and the revised conference schedule waiting for you. There will be signs to help guide you to parking, classes, and more. Look for the OGS logo. **Remember to check in - you must have your name tag with you to attend classes.**

### PARKING

MHU has many parking areas which are spread out around the campus and include on-street options. Give yourself some extra time to navigate parking and walking to **Ferguson Math & Sciences building** for check-in. Attendees may park anywhere in the immediate campus area except in lots otherwise marked as Reserved.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** MHU has TWO buildings called 'Ferguson'. We are using **Ferguson Math & Science building ONLY** - located on the northside of NC 213 (Cascade Street). We ARE NOT using Ferguson Health Sciences Center across the road.

### FOOD

***There is still time to pre-order a box-lunch!*** Box lunch orders **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **Monday, March 4th at NOON** (to order return to registration page [HERE](#), check the box that says, "I've already registered and want to add something" and select your order). If you pre-order a lunch box, it will be available for pick up at 12:30 on the upper quad just off College Street near Spilman Hall and the flagpole.

Food vendors serving healthy, local, and nutritious food will be available for breakfast/snacks (exhibitor area and near Day Hall), lunch (food trucks on College Street in front of Day Hall), and dinner (at Saturday Social) on Saturday and for breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Check out the [OGS Spring Conference Map](#) for our "Organic Meet-Ups": designated eating areas in Day Hall for Farmers, Gardeners, and Homesteaders to eat alongside folks who grow like you do!

## EXHIBIT HALL & TRADE SHOW

Our Exhibit Hall will be open all day Saturday and Sunday. Check out our [2019 EXHIBITOR LIST](#) and plan your visit. Exhibits are located on three levels of the beautiful Ferguson Math & Sciences Atrium. Visit the trade show to deepen learning, and purchase tools, seeds, snacks, equipment, and more!

## SCHEDULE

Visit our [Schedule page](#) for the most up-to-date version. Class changes and cancellations during the weekend will be posted on the Exhibit Hall and Day Hall message boards. **PLEASE NOTE:** classes may fill up, so arrive early if you have your heart set on a class and/or move on to your next choice if your first choice is full. Most (but not all!) classes are **repeated in the same track and timeslot** on Saturday and Sunday to help address this issue.

## [BUCHI BREW & CHEW: A Free Party!](#)

### 5:30–7:30pm Saturday at Wren Student Union

Kick back and relax with your fellow farmers and gardeners over Buchi and snacks! Keep the conversation flowing and farm inspiration growing. Enter to win raffle prizes, sample Buchi's line of locally fermented flavors, and mix up your own specialty concoction at the Buchi + Gaia Herbal Elixir Bar! (Mars Hill is a 'dry' campus and beer will not be available at the social). Tasty empanadas and more will be available for purchase from Cecilia's Kitchen.

## WHAT TO BRING

The weather can be unpredictable! Please come prepared with a winter coat and rain gear so you can stay comfortable walking around the campus! Help minimize waste by bringing your own mug for drinks, and utensils for lunch.

## WIFI

Network: MHUwireless Wifi

Password: mhillwireless

## TAG US & WIN!

Be sure to tag [@organicgrowersschool](#) and [#ogsspringconf](#) in your social media posts to get entered into a raffle for an OGS Shirt (size of your choice!) and tote bag to rock the weekend of! We'll announce the winner by sharing your post on social media on Sunday afternoon -- you can come pick up your shirt & tote bag at the OGS booth in the Exhibit Hall.

## LODGING OPTIONS

Updated lodging options are available on the OGS lodging website [HERE](#).

## **REFUND POLICY**

Registration for the OGS Spring Conference is **non-refundable**. The conference will be held rain, snow or shine. If you are unable to attend, we will be happy to send you documentation so that your registration fee can be recorded as a tax-deductible contribution to the ongoing work of the Organic Growers School. *The only exception is if you register for a half-day workshop, are notified that it is full, and choose not to attend another workshop.*

## **PHOTO POLICY**

Registration at an OGS event means that you grant us the right to use your photograph, video and voice recordings or likeness, with or without your name, for publicity and educational purposes for Organic Growers School.

## **Questions?**

If you have any further questions check out our [FAQs page](#) or email our Spring Conference staff, at [registration@organicgrowersschool.org](mailto:registration@organicgrowersschool.org)