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Join us Sunday June 7th for a presentation by Jay Walker, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Aquarium

STURGEON RESTORATION AT THE GREAT LAKES AQUARIUM

Jay will provide an overview of the Great Lakes Aquarium and share the story of its newest project focused on sturgeon restoration in the St. Louis River. He will also cover some of the history of sturgeon in the St. Louis River and their remarkable comeback.

JAY WALKER has 29 years, experience working in public aquariums and twenty-six of those here in Duluth. Jay has a degree in Fisheries and Aquaculture and started working as the curator of animal care for Great Lakes Aquarium in 1999, where his primary role was in managing the animal care department and animal collection. In 2007 he was promoted to Director of Operation where his focus changed to more design and development of exhibits and managing the building operations. In May of 2019, the Great Lakes Aquarium board of Directors offered Jay the opportunity to lead as the executive director.

Lake Superior Freethinkers has funds to send one person to the Annual FFRF Convention in Milwaukee. October 15-18.

If you are interested in attending, speak to one of LSF's Board members.

For more info click this link: <https://ffrf.org/outreach/events/conventions/2026-national-convention-general-information/>



The convention will be held at the Baird Convention Center, beginning Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, with early bird workshops, registration and a complimentary welcome reception. The formal program will run Friday, Oct. 16 through Saturday, Oct. 17, followed by FFRF annual membership and state representatives meetings on Sunday morning, Oct. 18, concluding by noon.

FEATURED SPEAKERS include acclaimed novelist Percival Everett, podcast host Jennifer Welch, marriage equality plaintiff Jim Obergefell, civil rights leader Maya Wiley, and labor leader Randi Weingarten. Additional speakers include content creators Drew McCoy and Forrest Valkai. Attendees will also hear from award recipients and activists, including Peter Isley and Ibtissame Lachgar, among others. The convention will conclude with a keynote address by Ron Reagan.

The Lake Superior Freethinkers 2026 Community Partner is:



The Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative (LPCFC)

LSF has received a \$1000 grant from the Freedom From Religion Foundation to support the work of the LPCFC. We are seeking matching donations from LSF members and supporters to increase the support for LPCFC to \$2000 (or more).

Please send your checks made out to **EITHER** The Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative **OR** the Lake Superior Freethinkers, and mail the checks to:

LSF, c/o Charles Gessert, Treasurer, PO Box 3219, Duluth, MN 55803

BOTH the LPCFC and LSF are non-profits and the donations are tax deductible.

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JOIN US FOR **HAPPY HOUR**



**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, June 4th at Mexico Lindo,
Fitgers Brewery Complex**

**Mexico Lindo will validate your parking and we will validate your
skepticism about religion. We'll save you a seat!**

June Social Dinner



Join us June 17th at 5:30 pm at Chambers Grove Park for our first outdoor Summer Social Dinner. Bring your own food and beverage.

Take Exit 251B

21 min
14.5 miles

