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As 2018 draws to a close we're excited to share the following updates about the 2019 National Farm to School Conference:

- Call for proposals has been extended!
- Registration is now open!
- Pre-conference field trips have been announced!

Read on for full details on these exciting updates:

Call for Proposals has been extended!

If you are a mover and shaker in the school food movement now is your chance to share your experience and knowledge on the national stage!

After having received a number of requests to extend the deadline for our Call for Proposals for the 2019 Conference, we have decided to extend the date of submission. Considering this time of year is busy for many people, the new deadline for all proposal submissions is **11:59 PST January 20th, 2019**.

We would like to thank all of those who have already submitted for the original deadline – we appreciate the diversity in proposals we have received so far, and we hope this extension will further allow for those who are still eager to submit a chance to do so. *Please note: if you have already submitted and would like a chance to add to your proposal you are welcome to do so (although, not a required).*

Registration is now open!

That's right – you can officially register for the **2019 National Farm to School Conference May 15 – 17th in Victoria B.C!** Head-on over to the [conference website](#) for details, and get the early bird rate of just \$250+GST while you can! Includes access to all sessions on May 16th and 17th, as well as access to the evening harvest networking reception you won't want to miss!

[Register now!](#)

Pre-conference Field Trips

The [field trips](#) will highlight the incredible school food systems work happening in the **Vancouver Island Gulf Island region**, with each trip offering a unique and immersive **experience**. While full details will be available in January, we couldn't wait to share a sneak peak of what's in store! Check out the [website](#) for details!

That's all for now! We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 National Farm to School Conference, as we INSPIRE, INNOVATE and organize for IMPACT to close the distance between farm and fork and bring more healthy, local, sustainable food to the minds and plates of students!



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