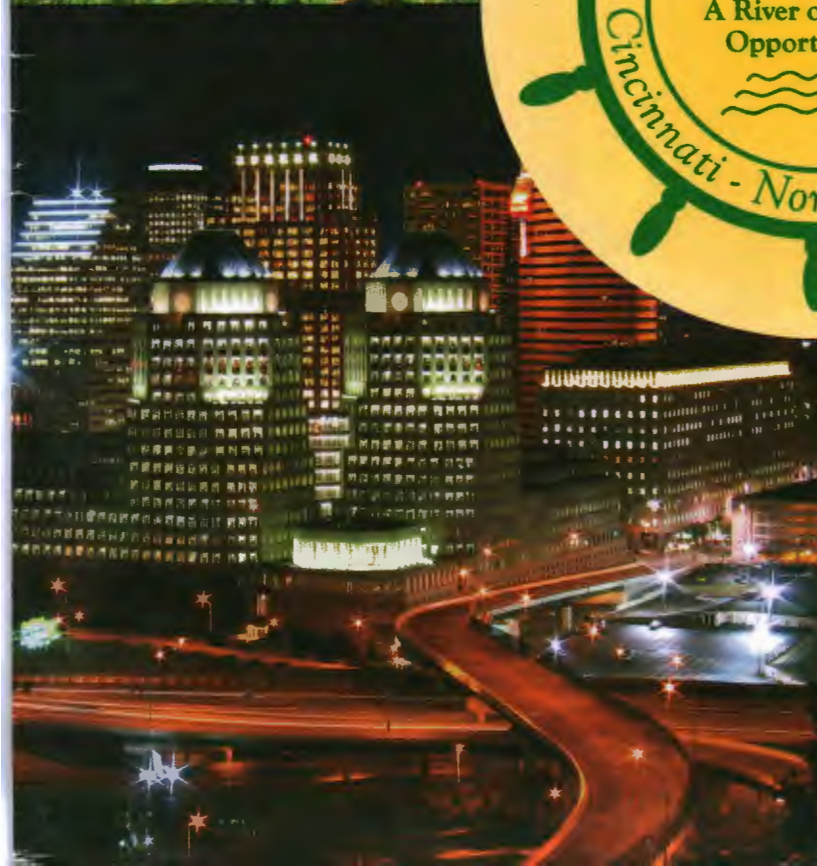


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Si yu, guten tag, con neech e wa, bonjour, ola, hello, and howdy. When Daniel Boone crossed the Cumberland Gap and came into Kentucky the first words that he was greeted with were the Cheorkee words for hello. Daniel made that crossing more than 200 years ago. People came from Virginia into the Kentucky and Ohio areas because the land was rich and the promise of the future was great. These lands presented settlers many diverse opportunities.

In the days of Daniel Boone many different native American languages were spoken in this area. Today, one can hear many different languages and experience many different cultures in the Cincinnati area. The area of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky will offer many diverse opportunities to NACAA members during the 2006 AM/PIC.

Some examples are the NACAA Heritage Dinner on Saturday, the Sunday evening Inspirational Program, the Trade Talks, the States' Night Out, Tour Day, Special Speakers and the DSA Banquet and Hall of Fame Recognition.

The NACAA Heritage Dinner replaces the old VIP Dinner with a picnic style meal and entertainment. The goal behind the dinner is to bring first timers, past National Board Members, present Board members and State Leadership together into a relaxed setting that will allow networking and bridge building to occur.

Growing up in the Cummings house meant going to church and experiencing a testimony meeting. This type of meeting allowed church members to stand up and tell about the good things that God had done for them in their lives. Our testimony meeting will have three individuals tell about the impact of a County Agent upon their own personal lives. A part of this meeting will include examples of Southern and mid-western music. Eric Horner will sing gospel and country music and will even have a song written exclusively for County Agents.

Trade Talks will once again be a part of the 2006 AM/PIC. We are asking that industry representatives to provide 10-15 minute discussions that provide the latest on cutting edge technology. Also, Ohio and Kentucky will have Brown Bag Technology Luncheons on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday that will bring in industry representation to provide up to date training for NACAA members. This is the type of training information that many of us cannot get at home.

States' Night Out will allow you to experience the outstanding cuisine of Cincinnati. You can get everything



*NACAA President
Mickey P. Cummings*

from Southern Style Catfish to Barbecue Ribs and Schnitzel. If you love to eat Cincinnati is the place to be and if you get the chance try to catch the Reds and Brewers game. Great American Ball Park has some excellent food and is one of the best places to catch a professional baseball game. The park is within walking distance of the Millennium and Hyatt.

Our list of speakers includes people whom we work with. You will enjoy hearing from a Senator (if nothing occurs in the area of

defense), users of Extension in Ohio and Kentucky and Frank McGill. Frank will talk to us about our past, present and future. He will be telling us a few stories about County Agents of the past and challenge us to make our future what we want by seizing the future as an opportunity. In 2002 Frank received the Service to American Agriculture Award. He has been a County Agent and a Peanut Agronomist in years past.

Tour day will take us to many varied places in Northern Kentucky and Southern Ohio. Get ready because this is a great slate of tours. Also, you will be interested to know that we will not be leaving at dawn for any of our tours. So, you can stay up late and come to the Scholarship Auction on Tuesday night. After tours are complete we will end up at Union Station for a "Taste of Cincinnati". You will be pleased with this meal and the museum area at the Station. There is something there for everyone.

The Sons and Daughters Program is going to be a great one. These guys will get to experience a Riverboat and many other exciting things in the area. The Spouses Program promises to be a great one as well. The people in Ohio and Kentucky have planned some great activities for our spouses and as you might expect Cincinnati has many wonderful opportunities for your spouse to experience.

Finally, the last evening will highlight the efforts of our DSA recipients. These people are the cream of the crop of NACAA. To me this is the best night of the AM/PIC. It makes me proud to be a County Agent when I hear the accomplishments of the DSA winners. This year the DSA Banquet will be even more special. We will be awarding the very first Hall of Fame Awards to members of NACAA.

This year will be a first for an AM/PIC. It will be the first time two states from two separate regions have cooperated to host an AM/PIC. I hope that you will come and be a part of this history making event. Please come and experience a River of Diverse Opportunities in Cincinnati in 2006.

WELCOME TO CINCINNATI

AMPIC Co-Chairs

Welcome to Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky for what will be an historic NACAA AMPIC! The 2006 AMPIC will mark the first time that agents from two different states in two different NACAA regions have hosted an AMPIC together. While separated by a river, agents in Kentucky and Ohio are joined by the excitement of hosting you and your family for an exciting, educational, and family-oriented meeting.

When you arrive in Cincinnati, you'll find world-class facilities for the AMPIC. All AMPIC activities will take place in the Cincinnati Convention Center and the two adjacent AMPIC hotels; The Millennium and the Hyatt Regency. Both hotels are connected to the Convention Center by Cincinnati's Downtown Skywalk, so there will be no need for you to move your car from the parking lot.

You may want to plan to arrive early in Cincinnati to take advantage of several pre-conference activities. In addition to the livestock and horticulture pre-conference tours, Sunday activities at this year's AMPIC includes two different workshops on Geospatial Technologies for Extension Personnel, and a Cincinnati Reds vs. Milwaukee Brewers baseball game at 1:15 p.m. A limited number of tickets for both of these special activities are available on the AMPIC Registration Form.

The diversity of agriculture in the Buckeye and Bluegrass states will provide for an amazing array of professional development tours. You may choose to see world-renowned thoroughbred horses, dairy and beef cattle, meat goats,

hair sheep, turkeys, pheasants, bison, elk, and other livestock. If you're interested in learning about crops, your choices will include row crops, flowers and greenhouses, vineyards, commercial fruit & vegetables, forage production, tobacco, ornamentals, and lots more. You'll also have the opportunity to see

some of the country's finest examples of agricultural marketing and value-added farm products and services. Tours focused on forestry, natural resources, world-famous distilleries, environmental education, aquaculture, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, agri-tourism, and agri-tainment will round out your tour options on both sides of the Ohio River.

When the tours wind down on Wednesday afternoon, the fun will just be getting started! When you arrive at Cincinnati's Union Terminal, a *Taste of Cincinnati* dinner buffet, served in the rotunda of this historic 1930's art-deco style passenger train terminal, will be available for your dining pleasure. Afterward, you and your family will have the entire evening to stroll through three different museums located in Union Terminal: the Natural History & Science Museum; the Cinergy Children's Museum; and the Cincinnati History Museum. You may also choose to take in one or more IMAX movies in the OmniMax Theater. All activities will be free and open only to AMPIC attendees until 11:00 p.m.!

The Sons and Daughters program at this year's AMPIC will be



Mike Hogan, Ohio



Tim Hendrick, Kentucky

unforgettable with trips to Paramount's Kings Island Amusement and Water Park, the Newport Aquarium, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Sons and daughters will conclude the week with their very own Riverboat dinner cruise complete with a DJ and dance party, as well as activities for younger children.

Spouses and Life Members will enjoy tours to attractions such as the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Churchill Downs in Louisville, the Cincinnati Zoo, Newport Aquarium, the Shops at Newport on the Levee, the National Air Force Museum, and Jungle Jim's International Food Market. History buffs will enjoy visits to historic towns such as Lebanon and Waynesville, Ohio and Frankfort and Covington, Kentucky. Those interested in shopping will enjoy a day-long shopping trip to Ohio's largest manufacturer outlet mall, and world-class shopping at stores such as Sak's Fifth Avenue, connected by Skywalk to the AMPIC hotels.

So make your plans now to participate in this year's AMPIC in Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky, where *Agriculture* truly is *A River of Diverse Opportunities!*

Sunday Night Inspiration Program to Feature Eric Horner and Testimonials

A special Sunday night Inspiration Program is planned this year. Eric Horner will be our featured entertainer. For years, Eric Horner sang back-up for Lee Greenwood and was the star's music director. He has also performed with Shania Twain, Vince Gill and other big names. Horner is most known for singing his piece "We Will Stand" following President Bush's speech at the 9-11 ceremonies and for his release of "She's a Hero and Woman Too" following the capture of Pvt. Jessica Lynch in Iraq.



Eric Horner grew up in Paducah, Kentucky and later became a guitar student of fellow Paducah native, Steven Curtis Chapman and the two performed together in a local gospel group.

"Dare To Dream" is the featured song on his 2005 limited edition and very patriotic "Those Who Dare to Dream" album, which also includes "Celebrate America," "On the Wings of Eagles," "America the Beautiful," "The Star Spangled Banner," "God Bless America" and several other songs.

Horner and Lee Greenwood joined to produce the hit "God Bless The USA" and when Horner sang it, the audience responded by quickly jumping to their feet and joining in. That's the effect it has on most people.

A highlight feature of this year's inspiration program will be inspirational testimonials from very successful Extension Service clientele who have had life impacting experiences as a result of their Extension involvement. These three people are Joe Motz from Ohio; Carl Chaney from Kentucky and Columbus Cummings from Alabama, who has additional claim to fame being the grandfather of our present NACAA President, Mickey Cummings. See you in Cincinnati.

Tickets Available for Cincinnati Reds Baseball Game

NACAA has reserved a block of seats at Cincinnati's Great America Ballpark for a game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Milwaukee Brewers which will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2006, starting at 1:15 p.m. The



ballpark is an easy five block walk from the AMPIC hotels. Tickets are available for \$17 each on a first come-first serve basis and must be ordered and paid for with your AMPIC registration. Tickets will be distributed in your AMPIC registration packet. Seats are located in the mezzanine section along the third base line.

4-H TALENT REVUE

The 4-H Talent Revue will be held at the Cincinnati Convention Center on Monday evening, July 24. Through the effort of the committee a wonderful program has been planned that will not only entertain, but inspire the audience. As one of the many highlights of this year's conference, the 4-H Talent Revue will include 4-H youth from across the Southern and North Central Regions. Our talented youth will bridge "A River of Diverse Opportunities" by bringing you several individual acts, including the opening number and grand finale. The Master of Ceremonies for this year's 4-H Talent Revue will be Heather French Henry, 2000 Miss America.



With the talent and energy of our 4-H youth, your spirits will be lifted by performances that will include instrumental, vocal, dance and group acts.

Performers will arrive on Saturday, July 22 and begin working with our choreographer and emcee at the Convention Center. Along with the time spent rehearsing for the show, the 4-H youth and their chaperones will enjoy a great time relaxing and having fun on Sunday afternoon with a special activity.

TWO PRE-CONFERENCE GEOSPATIAL WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS

Limited Enrollment in each workshop! First come, first served. Registration for these workshops is on page 19.

GPS Applications for Extension Programming (I)

July 23, 2006 (Sunday) - 9:00am-4:00 pm

GPS is the foundation for navigation, guidance, and making management decisions from geographically referenced data. In this workshop, participants will learn about GPS, learn data collection techniques, how to collect location information using mobile GPS data collection units, and integrate data with other geospatial applications including GIS and remote sensing.

Exercises will be based around applications useful in Extension programming. This will involve hands-on outdoor exercises and computer use. Free software will be provided to further enhance mapping capabilities of GPS. The workshop will be taught with Garmin GPSMAP 76S and PocketPCs with ArcPad 6.0.

Topics covered:

- Basics of GPS operation
- Investigate field surveillance applications
- Considerations in selecting and using GPS equipment and software
- Collecting points, lines and object areas
- Techniques for good GPS data collection
- Exporting GPS data for viewing

Class size limited to 10.

Registration fee of \$50 includes materials, lunch, and breaks.

GIS Applications for Extension Programming (II)

July 23, 2006 (Sunday) - 9:00am-4:00 pm

Participants will learn the basics of GIS, obtaining and importing geodata, overlaying and querying data, and

creating maps for reporting. Exercises will be based around applications useful in Extension programming. The workshop will be taught using hands-on computer exercises using ArcGIS 9.1. Other software and utilities will be introduced for value-added work in map production.

- Importing GPS field data to GIS
- Creating and editing shapefile objects and associated data attribute tables
- Import and view geo-referenced raster images
- Querying data
- Using techniques to buffer, merge, and clip objects
- Measure areas and distances
- Work with projecting data
- Create maps for presentation and printing

Class size limited to 10.

Registration fee of \$50 includes materials, lunch, and breaks.

Prerequisites

Need to have basic understanding of concepts related to geospatial technologies including GPS, GIS, and remote sensing. Must have experience with Windows XP, copying and moving files.

Who Should Participate?

This workshop is designed for Extension professionals who have limited experience with GPS and GIS. It is designed for use in various Extension programming needs including crop production, natural resource management, forestry, wildlife, and land use planning.

These workshops are organized with partial financial support by the Ohio Geospatial Extension Program.



LIFE MEMBER TOURS

Life Members will surely be excited to attend the 2006 AMPIC Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Both Kentucky and Ohio have much to offer our esteemed life members. You will receive a warm welcome when you arrive and the hospitality will continue throughout the conference. Life Members can meet in your own hospitality room to take a break, renew old friendships, make new friends, or just relax and rejuvenate.

Highlights of your program include breakfast with Ms. Heather French-Henry, Miss America 2000, the Life Members' Annual Meeting with an inspiring message from our national president's father, Rev. Paul Cummings, and your choice of exciting tours to Kentucky and Ohio. See you in July!

Life Member Tour #1

National Museum of the United States Air Force



The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton is home to the US Air Force Museum. Extensive buildings and grounds showcase more than 300 aircraft, spacecraft and missiles. The museum focuses on the past, present and future of military flight while honoring the service of thousands of men and women to their country. A six-story IMAX movie theater creates an awesome experience through specially created films about flight. An outstanding day for veterans. Walking, wheelchair accessible.

All day tour

Lunch at the Museum's Cafe, optional IMAX movie \$6.00.

Life Member Tour #2

Riverboat Lunch Cruise and Conservatory



All aboard the River Queen paddle boat to enjoy a lovely buffet lunch while cruising up the lazy river. With Ohio on one side and Kentucky on the other, enjoy the scenery to the sound of the banjo player or join a game of bingo. Once we are back on dry ground, a short ride will take us to the Krone Conservatory. Stroll through the Palm, Tropical, Desert and Orchid houses at your leisure. Completed in 1933, the conservatory is home to more than 3,500 plant species from around the world.

Half day tour (approx: 11:30 - 4:30)

Cost \$26 including lunch

Life Member Tour #3

Newport Aquarium and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center



Start your day underwater at the fabulous Newport Aquarium where underwater tunnels allow you to observe sharks and other aquatic life in new and unique

ways! More than a million gallons of fresh and salt water are needed to showcase the thousands of fish and animals from around the world. Next we'll head "underground" at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The Center preserves the memory of the thousands of slaves who sought freedom and the thousands of free men and women who helped them achieve the dream of freedom for all.

All day tour
Cost \$24 plus lunch

Life Member Tour #4

Three Chimneys Horse Farm, Woodford Reserve Distillery, and Kentucky State Horse Park



Travel with us to the Heart of the Bluegrass State to see the finest in Horses and Bourbon. We will begin with a tour of Three Chimneys Horse Farm, one of the finest in the Bluegrass State. It incorporates 1,500 acres in seven divisions, five of which are devoted to mares and foals, one to yearlings, and one is home to nine world class stallions. The most recent addition to the stallion barn is Smarty Jones, 2004 Kentucky Derby winner.

Next stop will be Woodford Reserve Distillery. The distillery has a rich 200 year history of producing Kentucky Bourbon. Woodford Reserve is a super-premium small batch bourbon. You will surely enjoy a visit to this National Historic Landmark.

Last stop will be at the Kentucky State Horse Park, a working horse farm with 1,200 acres surrounded by 30 miles of white plank fencing. The park is like none other

in the world. Dedicated to man's relationship with the horse, the park features two museums, twin theaters, and 50 breeds of horses.

All day tour
Cost \$18 plus lunch at Horse Park Cafeteria. Lunch prices \$5.50 to \$7.50.

Life Member Tour #5

H & B Louisville Slugger and Churchill Downs

It takes a special place to craft the Official Bat of Major League Baseball. Since 1884, Louisville Slugger has put prime lumber in the hands of the greatest players of the game. Your visit to the museum and production areas show you how the sport has changed, but the 'crack of the bat' remains one of the sporting world's most thrilling moments.



An American Icon since 1875 and home of the first jewel in the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred horse racing, Churchill Downs will provide you with the history and excitement of this sport. The Kentucky Derby Museum is the world's largest equine museum. You will view a film "the Greatest Race" on a 360-degree screen placing you in the center of Derby Day action. You will tour the grounds to gain a better understanding of the "Run For The Roses".

Cost: \$16 plus lunch at Churchill Downs. Lunch prices \$7 to \$10.



SONS' AND DAUGHTERS' ACTIVITIES

Water and rollercoaster rides, exotic land and sea creatures, and even a little culture; this year's sons and daughters program has it all. Come to Cincinnati and experience the best the region has to offer! This year all youth will be visiting the same attractions (youth under the age of 8 will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Each morning we will start the day with fitness activities and games prior to loading the buses. We will also have a Youth Headquarters where you are welcome to come and chill in the evenings

Sunday, July 23rd

Parents are invited to attend a brief orientation meeting from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. Medical and release forms must be signed by legal guardians and turned in by this orientation meeting. Children will be given opportunities to ask questions about the week's events and meet the chaperones who will be with them. From 7 to 9 P.M., the youth will have their own opening session with fun activities led by 4-H Educators so they can get to know each other. The evening's events will conclude when they meet up with parents for an ice cream social at 9:00.

Monday, July 24th

Spend the day at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, one of the top ranked Zoos in the country. The Zoo's 75 acres is home to 510 animal species and 3,000 plant varieties. We will be having lunch in one of the pavilions located at the zoo. Visit www.cincyzoo.org to see all the attractions. Monday evening we will return to the Convention Center for dinner and the 4-H Talent Review.



Tuesday, July 25th

Whether you are seeking thrill rides, the largest Nickelodeon themed area in the world, live shows, or fun in the large waterpark, Paramount Kings Island has something for everyone (don't forget your swimsuit). Visit www.pki.com for all the ride and attraction details. We will be providing an early shuttle back to the Conven-



tion Center for those who want to participate in State's Night Out and a late shuttle for those who want to stay and play at Kings Island. Lunch and unlimited drinks will be provided at Kings Island as part of the registration fee.

Wednesday, July 26th

Enjoy the day with your parents on one of the many exciting tours. Wednesday evening everyone will enjoy the Museum Center at Union Terminal which includes three museums and an IMAX theater.

Thursday, July 27th

For the final day, we will kick back and visit the Newport Aquarium (www.newportaquarium.com/) and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (www.freedomcenter.org/). We will divide into two groups, with one group starting at the Freedom Center and the other group starting at the Aquarium. We will have a picnic lunch along the banks of the Ohio River and walk across the Purple People Eater Bridge. As evening arrives, kick up your heels with the DJ, feast on the food, take in the sights or compete in the galley games aboard the BB Riverboat cruise (www.bbriverboats.com/), while we make our way along the Cincinnati skyline on the Ohio River.



SPOUSES' PROGRAM

The 2006 AM/PIC committee in Cincinnati is excited to welcome the spouses of NACAA members to the "Queen City". Awaiting you is a very diverse and exciting set of tours and workshops that reflect the unique flavor of our region. Monday will feature eight full-day and four half-day tours. The workshops on Tuesday and Thursday cover a wide range of interests. Any additional charges for tours and workshops are noted in the descriptions and will be collected at registration upon your arrival. Certain activities will be limited in number of participants, so carefully consider your order of preference when making your selections.

SPOUSES' WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, July 25th:

Session I: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Spouses' Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Session II: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 27th:

Session I: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Session II: 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Session

A. Plain People: Culture and Quilting of the Ohio Amish

Linda Myers, owner of the Helping Hands Quilt Shop in Berlin, Ohio, will share her knowledge of Amish quilts and culture. Berlin is at the heart of the largest Amish population in the world. Participants will also learn how to craft an Amish Quilt square to complete at home.

B. Making Memories I: Beginning Scrapbooking

Discover how to create special family memories through the art of scrapbooking. Participants will craft a 7 X 7 card, and should bring six to ten pictures for use in the project. Chris Light, a Creative Memories consultant, will conduct the workshop.

C. Sensational Stamp Art for Beginners

Two Cincinnati-area art teachers, Doris Uhlman and Loni Pellow from Batavia Schools, will guide you through the basics of stamping. Learn how to make attractive art out of these simple objects.

D. Diamonds--A Girl's Best Friend

Jaime Marrison, a graduate gemologist and third generation jeweler will teach participants about birthstones, diamonds, and the diamond cutting process. Learn the four "C's" (cut, color, clarity, and carat weight) of diamond selection. This session will teach participants how to select and price-compare precious gems. Learn more about insurance appraisals from this certified appraiser, and discover why diamonds continue to be a girl's best friend.

E. Saving Grandmother's Quilt

Discover tips to determine the value of your quilts, and find out ways to care for, clean and store your quilts which will preserve your family's heritage and tradition for future generations. Master quilter and licensed appraiser, Helen Thompson, will teach you about preserving your family's fabric heirlooms.

F. Seven Strategies for Caring for Your Parents' Money While Caring for Your Parents

Are you finding that care-giving involves more than holding hands and driving your parents to medical appointments? This workshop reveals seven strategies you can implement now to reduce the stress of *financial* caregiving. Special topics include reverse annuity mortgages, changes in Medicaid and Medicare, and how to produce a simple and effective annual financial report for your family. The presenter is Sharon A. Burns, Ph.D, co-author of *How to Care for Your Parents' Money While Caring for Your Parents* (2003 McGraw-Hill). Dr. Burns serves as the financial caregiver for an aging parent, and is the Executive Director of the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education. She is also the primary content artist for www.seniormoney.biz, a web resource dedicated exclusively to financial caregiving.

G. Favorite Foods of Ohio from *The County Agent's Cookbook*, Published by the Ohio Association of County Extension Agents

Experience the great food, culture, and traditions of Ohio as the Family and Consumer Sciences Agents share information from the *County Agent's Cookbook* which you received as a spouse's gift. Discover how to make Peanut Butter Buckeyes, among other recipes.

Spouse's Luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker – Heather French Henry

Miss America 2000

Presenting - "The Power of the Dream"

Heather French Henry, Miss America 2000, has become a nationally recognized advocate for veteran's issues. Currently, she serves as the executive director of the Heather French Foundation for Veterans Inc. Heather has authored and illustrated a series of children's books entitled *The Adventures of Claire*. Heather lives in Louisville, Kentucky, with her husband and two children.

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I. Making Memories II: Intermediate Scrapbooking

Discover some intermediate techniques for creating special family memories through the art of scrapbooking. Chris Light, a Creative Memories consultant, will teach participants the skills needed to make borders that will highlight those special scrapbooking pages.

J. Red Hat or Pink Hat? Come Join Us for Some Party Fun!

Whether you're a Red Hat, or a Red Hat wan-a-bee, come to this two hour party for some fun and fellowship! If you're 50 plus you're a "red hat" and, if you're 49 or younger, you're a "pink hat". No need to bring a hat if you don't have one because we'll make

our own, although you are encouraged to wear the traditional red and purple! Other activities include making a craft, playing games, sharing Red Hat ideas from across the country, and enjoying cookies and punch. Be sure to bring stories and pictures to share from your Red Hat Club back home.

K. Beading Basics for Beginners

Nancy Snook, 4-H Youth Development Educator in Noble County, Ohio, will teach you the basics of jewelry making using beads. Participants will use colorful beads to make a bracelet. This is a make and take session.

L. Focus on Digital Photography

Digital photography technology is rapidly being adopted by families everywhere as the means of choice to preserve special memories. Ken Chamberlain, Photographer with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center's Communications and Technology Office, will discuss the do's and the don'ts associated with digital cameras. He will provide helpful hints about purchasing a camera, taking those memorable pictures, and how to properly store them.

M. Favorite Foods of Kentucky from *Pride of Kentucky Cookbook*

Experience the great food, culture, and traditions of Kentucky as the Family and Consumer Sciences Agents share information from the *Pride of Kentucky* cookbook they published to help promote the state's agriculture products. In addition to information about commodities, the book contains over 200 recipes that represent the unique culture of Kentucky – the Dried Apple Stack

Cake from the mountain regions, Bourbon Balls from the Bluegrass region, Kentucky Barbecue and Burgoo from the western region.

N. Eating for Health Using the "My Pyramid Guide"

What used to be known as the Food Guide Pyramid is now known as My Pyramid. In this workshop you will learn that My Pyramid is personalized for you. My Pyramid gives a detailed description of how many fruits, vegetable, grains, meat & beans, and milk you should eat. Along with food servings, My Pyramid gives details of how much physical activity you should participate in each day.

Thursday, July 27,
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Session

O. Sharing Memories: Make a Folding Photo Album

Learn how to make a small folding photo album which makes a great keepsake or gift, and is a fun way to use scrapbooking techniques. Basic paper folding and assembly procedures will be demonstrated by Kathy Wells, and each participant will have the opportunity to use provided materials in making their own album. Bring a grouping of photos along to add to your newly created album.

R. Paper Batik: Beautiful Art for Beginning Artists

Layer watercolor and wax on paper to create a unique 9 X 12 artistic expression suitable for framing. Jackie Pozderac, an art teacher formerly from Covington, will guide you through the process. It's not too messy, and very little art experience is needed!

**Q. Big, Beautiful Barns:
Discover How Barns Can be
Born Again!**

Dr. Ann Christy of OSU Extension is a barn rehabilitation expert. In addition, she renovated a barn which she now calls her home. Learn how to breathe life into those old barns with the help of Dr. Christy. Bring pictures if you have questions about restoring your barn.

**R. Diamonds-A Girl's Best
Friend**

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S. Baskets Around the Home

The Longaberger Company® is a world-renowned manufacturer of decorative hand-woven baskets. Sandy Free, a National Sales Leader, will provide a historical perspective of the company and demonstrate unique decorative uses for the product around the home. A weaver from the company will be on hand to demonstrate manufacturing techniques. Two lucky participants will be awarded baskets as door prizes at the conclusion of the session.

T. Fool Proof Planting

A University of Kentucky Horticulture Agent will present simple techniques for a fool-proof landscape design. The focus will include identifying the homeowner's

expectations, choosing healthy and pest-resistant plant material, using plants that complement their surroundings, selection of landscape hardwoods, installation considerations and hands-on landscape design application. This interactive session invites your landscape concerns, ideas, and creativity. Dava Hayden, experienced Kentucky nursery professional, will enlighten and excite you.

**Thursday, July 27,
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Session**

**U. Art Smart: Walking Tour
of the Contemporary Art
Museum**

This workshop will take you on a tour of the Contemporary Arts Center, just a 5-10 minute walk from the Convention Center. Our host will guide you through the museum for a one hour tour, and then you can explore the museum on your own. July exhibits include carpentry as art, simple architecture, and pioneering designs for affordable housing. Dress for walking and the weather.

**V. Breathtaking Views and
Bountiful Shopping
Adventures**

This short walking tour will take you to the top of Cincinnati's tallest building, the Carew Tower. A couple sets of stairs will take you to the pinnacle of this historic structure, where you can take in the city from 575 feet. In the time remaining, you can shop until your heart's content at such stores as the *I Love Cincinnati Store*, *Tower Toys*, and others.

**W. Colors On The Wing:
Butterfly Gardening for
Fun & Fascination**

Harriett Clark, former biology teacher and environmental educator at the Cincinnati Nature Center, will share her knowledge of butterfly gardening. Learn what plants nourish both the caterpillars and the butterflies, the life cycle of a butterfly, and flowers and plants that will attract them to your garden.

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**Y. Make Your Own Fresh
Herb Wreath**

Judy Lewis of Lewis Mountain Herbs and Everlastings is a nationally recognized leader in the production of herbs. She has been marketing herbs nationwide for over 20 years and hosts the Olde Thyme Herb Fair that is attended by over 25,000 people annually. Participants will have the opportunity to make their own fresh herb wreath with locally grown products. There will be a discussion on using herbs in the home garden.

Cost: \$15 per person

Heather French Henry

Miss America 2000

To be Featured Speaker at Spouses Luncheon and Life Members Breakfast

Heather French Henry not only achieved the title of Miss America 2000 but also has become a national figure whose expertise on veterans' issues is sought by leaders across the nation. As Miss America 2000 Heather embarked upon a national speaking tour that encompassed a three phase tour - - *Our Forgotten Heroes: Honoring Our Nations Homeless Veterans; Homes for Heroes; and Fighting the Silent Enemy: Hepatitis C.* Recognized for her outstanding contributions, Heather has received many awards including the title of the *Ten Outstanding Young Americans* by the American Jr. Chamber of Commerce and the *Americanism Award* from the Veterans of Foreign Wars to name a few.

She is currently serving as the Executive Director of the *Heather French Foundation for Veterans, Inc.* Thanks to her lobbying efforts Heather helped to influence an imperative piece of legislation for homeless veterans, the *Homeless Veterans Assistance Act of 2001* and has also helped to raise significant funds for special veterans' initiatives across the country. Heather continues to lobby

in Washington and most recently testified before the U.S. Senate in support of increased funding for prostate cancer research.

In her spare time Heather has authored and illustrated a series of children's books entitled *The Adventures of Claire* due out this year nationwide.



She is the wife of the former Lt. Governor of Kentucky, Stephen L. Henry, M.D. Heather and the Lt. Governor are the proud parents of Harper Renee Henry and Taylor Augusta Henry. Heather and her family reside in Louisville, KY.

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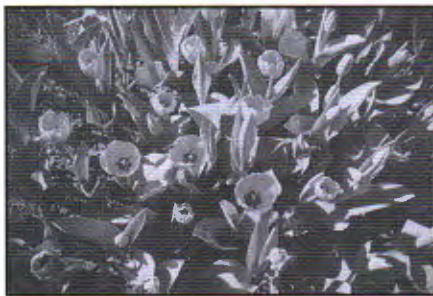
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SPOUSES' TOURS

Tour 1 Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden

The world famous Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden was rated the #1 attraction in Cincinnati and one of the top five zoos in the nation by Zagat Survey. It has



also been recognized by Child Magazine as one of "The 10 Best Zoos for Kids." Over 1.2 million people visit the Zoo's award-winning exhibits, and more than 500 animal and 3,000 plant species annually. The Zoo is an accredited member of the American Zoo & Aquarium Association (AZA), is internationally known for its success in the protection and propagation of endangered animals and plants, and engages in research and conservation projects worldwide. The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is the number one family attraction in town, don't miss it!

Lunch is at your own expense.

Tour 2 Prime Outlet Mall

The Prime Outlet Mall at Jeffersonville is largest outlet center in Ohio. Those in the mood to shop until you drop can take advantage of more than 100 manufacturer outlet stores. The architecture reflects the rural surroundings but the merchant mix is decidedly cosmopolitan.

Lunch is at your own expense.

Tour 3 National Museum of the United States Air Force

The National Museum of the United States Air Force located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, is the service's national institution for preserving and presenting the Air Force story. Each year 1.2 million visitors come to the museum to learn about the mission, history and evolving capabilities of America's Air Force.

The museum is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum featuring more than 300 aircraft and



aerospace vehicles amid more than 17 acres of indoor exhibit space. A highlight of the museum is a hanger containing several Air Force One planes which have flown dozens of U.S. Presidents. Thousands of personal artifacts, photographs and documents further highlight the people and events that comprise the Air Force storyline, from the beginnings of military flight to today's war on terrorism. The museum's galleries present many rare and one-of-a-kind aircraft and aerospace vehicles, and thousands of historical items that chronicle the evolution of military flight from the Wright brothers to the B-2 stealth bomber. A number of popular and historically significant aircraft headline the museum's growing collection. The museum also features an IMAX® theater that shows films every hour at the top of the hour.

Cost: There is no charge for the tour but IMAX® films are \$6.00 per person. A government issued photo ID (drivers license, passport, etc.) is required for admission for the tour. ID not required for individuals under 18 but must be escorted by an adult. Lunch is at your own expense.

Tour 4 Newport on the Levee

Newport on the Levee has become one of the undisputed leading local and regional tourist attractions in Newport, Kentucky and the Cincinnati, Ohio area. Located just across the river from Cincinnati's



dramatic skyline view, the Levee features a year-round schedule of festivals, special events, live bands and a great selection of restaurant offerings – many are unique to the market and offer river views and patio dining. The Levee's popularity has also grown because of entertainment venues such as the *Newport Aquarium*; an exciting interactive game world at GameWorks; Shadowbox Cabaret, a live sketch comedy and rock 'n

roll theater; nationally-renowned live comedians at *Funny Bone Comedy Club*; and an AMC-Newport 20 movie theater featuring stadium-seating for more than 4,000 guests. Newport on the Levee also features first-class retail venues including *Barnes & Noble*, *Hollister*, *Mango Arts* and an art gallery, *Oh My Godard Gallery*. *Lunch is at your own expense.*

Tour 5 Historic Lebanon and Waynesville, Ohio

These two historic southwestern Ohio communities offer a unique combination of history and culture. Lebanon and Waynesville are widely becoming known as tourist attractions with each possessing many points of interest. Tour participants will dine at The Golden Lamb



Restaurant in Lebanon, an establishment that has been visited by 12 U.S. Presidents and has been declared as Ohio's Oldest Continuous Business by The Ohio State Historical Society. Waynesville is known as the "Antiques Capital of the Midwest" and is home of the "Ohio Sauerkraut Festival". The two communities will provide a unique shopping experience with over 100 antique and specialty shops. *Lunch will be provided.*

Tour 6 Kentucky Horse Park & Keeneland Race Track Horse Museum

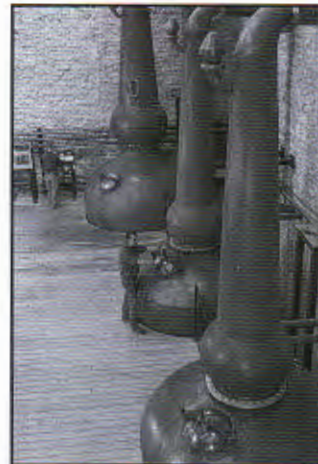
Located in Lexington, Kentucky, the Kentucky Horse Park is a working horse farm with 1,200 acres surrounded by 30 miles of white plank fencing. Dedicated to man's relationship with the horse, the park has two outstanding museums, twin theaters and nearly 50 different breeds of horses. What's more fun than going to the races? Keeneland is one of the few race tracks in America where the racing fans are allowed to get close to the horses. Ever had a mile-high



corned beef sandwich? How about bread pudding with Keeneland's own Maker's Mark bourbon sauce? Keeneland is almost as well-known for its great food as it is for its great racing. If you love horses and great food, this tour is for you! *Lunch will be provided.*

Tour 7 WinStar Farm LLC, Buffalo Trace Distillery & Equus Run Winery and Vineyard

Located in Versailles, Kentucky, WinStar farm encompasses approximately 1,450 acres where award winning horses are bred. When development is completed, the farm will include 10 barns, a state of the art foaling complex, a newly renovated stallion complex and training barn and research lab. If you want to learn first hand how to make the finest Bourbon in



the world, then Buffalo Trace Distillery is for you. Three different tour options are available for visitors. A spacious picnic veranda allows guests to spend a relaxing day taking in the gorgeous natural scenery of the grounds and savor the culinary delights of chef-in-residence, David Larson. Amidst picturesque thoroughbred horse farms, historic stone fences and the quaint charm of Midway, Kentucky, Equus Run Vineyards is the perfect place to enjoy a picnic or meander through the gardens. Tour what *Kentucky Magazine* has voted as the best winery in Kentucky three years running. *Lunch will be provided.*

Tour 8 Historic Frankfort, Kentucky State Capital

Steeped in a rich history, nestled in one of the most beautiful river valleys in the nation, Frankfort is considered one of the most picturesque state capitals in



the United States. There is so much to do and enjoy in Historic Frankfort. Begin by visiting the Kentucky State

Capitol building. Completed in 1910, the Beaux Arts design features 70 iconic columns, decorative murals and sculptures of Kentucky dignitaries. Then venture to the Floral Clock located on the West Lawn of the Capitol Grounds. It is planted with thousands of colorful flowering plants. The face of this clock is 34 feet in diameter. Located across from the Capitol building and overlooking the Kentucky River is the Governor's mansion. Tour includes the state dining room, ballroom, reception room and formal salon. Tour the Buffalo Trace Distillery. Rich in heritage and legend, Buffalo Trace Distillery is located on an ancient buffalo crossing that became a pathway for westward moving explorers, pioneers and settlers. Distilling began here over two centuries ago, making it the oldest distilling site in the United States. To end the day, enjoy a sweet treat at Rebecca-Ruth Candy and Factory Tours. Photo I.D. is required to visit Capitol building.

Lunch will be provided.

Tour 9 Cathedral Basilica and MainStrasse Village (Half-Day Tour)

Covington, Kentucky, is directly across the river from Cincinnati and offers some unique attractions. Two of these are the St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption and MainStrasse Village. The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption is one of only 35 minor basilicas in the United States. This historic temple of worship is one of the most beautiful works of religious architecture in America. It features Gothic architecture and the world's largest church stained glass window. MainStrasse Village is an extraordinarily extensive and intact urban neighborhood that houses one of the greatest concentrations of mid-nineteenth century residential buildings in the country. Here you will enjoy fine stores and eating establishments in an area that has historically been the center of commerce for this unique community. *Lunch is at your own expense.*



Tour 10 Jungle Jim's International Market (Half-Day Tour)

"Jungle" Jim Bonaminio is the owner and creative spark plug behind the Tri-state's largest and most unique

grocery store. This highly self-motivated, notoriously creative entrepreneur built his market from a tiny roadside produce stand in 1971 into the four acre food lovers' paradise it is today. This Fairfield, Ohio, landmark is as popular a supermarket as it a tourist attraction. People come from several states away for the unique shopping experience that Jungle Jim's International Market offers. Tour participants will take a tour of the store and enjoy samples from around the world. *Lunch is at your own expense.*

Tour 11 Contemporary Arts Center and downtown Cincinnati (Half-Day Tour)

For more than 65 years, the CAC has been a forum for progressive art and ideas serving the city of Cincinnati and the region. Founded in 1939 as the Modern Art Society by three visionary local women, the CAC was one of the first institutions in the United States dedicated to exhibiting contemporary art. The CAC established itself as a leader in 1940 as one of the first American institutions to exhibit Picasso's Guernica (1937), which traveled throughout the United States from 1939 to 1952. It has continued this pioneering tradition by featuring the work of hundreds of now-famous artists early in their careers including Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Nam June Paik, I.M. Pei and Laurie Anderson. In 1990, the CAC was at the center of an important First Amendment legal case, when it successfully defended the right of Cincinnati's citizens to view an exhibition of the photographs of Robert Mapplethorpe. The CAC is a non-collecting institution that focuses on new developments in painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, performance art and new media.

Lunch is at your own expense.

Tour 12 Krohn Conservatory (Half-Day Tour)

Eden Park's Krohn Conservatory is a nationally recognized showcase of more than 3,500 plant species from all over the world. The Palm, Tropical, Desert and Orchid houses exhibit permanent displays of exotic plants in natural settings, complete with a 20 foot rainforest waterfall. One of the most fascinating and entertaining events held at the Conservatory is the annual Butterfly Show. Countless butterflies are released to fly freely within the Conservatory's showroom, adding yet another blaze of color to an already charming display. *Lunch is at your own expense.*

Facilities Fee

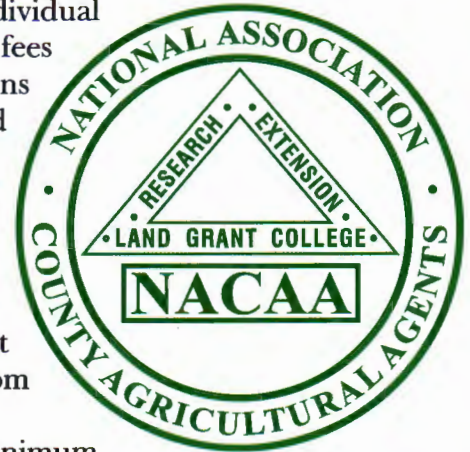
NACAA continues to make every effort to keep AM/PIC costs for individual members, families and guests as reasonable as possible. Our registration fees continue to be low by comparison to many other associations and organizations holding similar type conferences. Our professional improvement programs and awards programs are well supported by donors and sponsors each year.

A \$250 facilities fee applies only to those registering for the 2006 AM/PIC and choosing not to stay at the contracted facilities (Millennium, Hyatt). This is a flat, per member (active/life) fee and is not required for each family member/guest registering and staying off site. The concern being that the numbers staying off site could drastically impact our efforts to meet specified contract agreements with the AM/PIC hotels should we not meet our agreed upon room night commitment.

Each year hotel and meeting facilities contracts are based on agreed upon minimum numbers of hotel room nights and catering services being used by the organization. These contracts are based upon historical attendance numbers. Failure to meet the specified room night numbers results in costly penalties for both NACAA and the host states. These penalties include charges for each individual room night below the contracted numbers, the loss of complimentary rooms, and possible charges for meeting space. Depending on the numbers the costs could range from only a few hundred dollars per day to several thousand dollars per day. The other potential penalty for added costs would be the failure to meet contracted catering expenditures for the conference which would again result in significant added costs over and above the room night penalty for NACAA.

Staying at the contracted facilities will allow NACAA and the Ohio and Kentucky Associations meet our (your conference) contract commitments and would be appreciated!

It is your privilege to stay where you wish but please understand that NACAA does have contract commitments which we must honor, and we must do all we can do assure that we do so.



AM/PIC Ticket Policy and Registration Packets

Tickets will be required for admission to all non-general admission meal events, such as the lunchtime seminars/brown bag sessions, the annual banquet, etc. General admission meals such as the welcome meal will only require an official name tag.

No tickets other than the banquet tickets will be put into the registration packets. They will be picked up at the appropriate registration site, such as the tour tickets at the tour registration booth. Each registered individual will have a separate registration packet. Spouses and sons and daughters registration materials will not be with the agents or life members. They will need to be picked up at the respective registration booths.

We hope you will take a look at the AM/PIC website accessible through www.nacaa.com or <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/kacaa/2006%20Annual.htm>. The website includes information about Cincinnati, the conference hotels, schedules, and tour information. The agents from Ohio and Kentucky are eager to introduce you to our states and look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky!

REGISTRATION FORM

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

July 23 - July 27, 2006

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2006: Late fee is \$50

Return ALL forms together

Please fill out all forms completely. Enclose proper payment where needed. Detailed information about activities is available in other parts of this publication. Registration will be in the Convention Center.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.NACAA.COM - SECURE SITE - EASY TO USE

IMPORTANT - All registration forms and materials must be returned by May 15, 2006 in order to avoid a late fee. REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF FEES ARE NOT PAID AT THE TIME OF REGISTERING (I.E. WAITING FOR SECONDARY FUNDING). IF A PERSONAL CHECK/COUNTY CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION IS NOT SENT WITH THE REGISTRATION - YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE PLACED ON HOLD UNTIL THE MONIES ARE RECEIVED. SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:

For Insurance Liability reasons - Name Tags will be required at ALL EVENTS (meal functions, bus trips, conference sessions - everything). NO EXCEPTIONS

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PARTICIPANT'S NAME

(Last) (First)
(Preferred first name on tag)
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
PHONE - daytime () -
E-mail address

All confirmations will be mailed starting June 12, 2006 - hotel confirmations will be sent electronically or via U.S. Mail.

Check your region: [] NC [] NE [] W [] S

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS can be made on request for those having special menu or accessibility needs during the meeting. Please contact the registration office at the above address two weeks prior to the event to make a request.

Flying into Cincinnati

The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) is your destination airport. NACAA airport shuttles will be available on Saturday (7/22), Sunday (7/23), Friday (7/28) and Saturday (7/29). Cost will be \$10 one way per agent, or \$20 per couple/family. Other options are Airport Executive Travel (800)990-8841 or Taxis Services (859)767-3260. Indicate on your registration if you want NACAA shuttle service, and an email request will be sent 2-3 weeks before the meeting to confirm your flight details.

[] Yes, I need Airport Shuttle?

Driving into Cincinnati

The Parking options are available through the hotels and in parking garages around the Cinergy Center. Hotel parking range from \$14 to \$20 per day. Garages are located on Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Street with cost of \$6-8 per day. A map of garage facilities around the Cinergy Center can be found on the conference website.

Conference Emergency Phone number : 740-381-7074

If your spouse, child(ren), and/or guest is attending the conference, please complete:

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES (if attending):

Name Age
Name Age
Name Age
Name Age

GUEST'S NAME (if attending with you);

(Last) (First)

HAVE YOU WORKED LESS THAN 5-YEARS?

NACAA members attending for the first time, and employed after 7/1/2001 will have fees waived.

Complete the following:

Date of Employment _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

The First-Timer's Luncheon/Pride Recognition is provided for first time attendees on Monday, July 24, 2006. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome.

Number planning to attend? _____

ANNUAL BANQUET

Thursday Evening July 27, 2006; 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are required. 1 ticket per registrant is already included in the price of full registration. Pick up tickets when registering. Do you plan to attend: [] Yes [] No

Number planning to attend _____

REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

Check ALL Blocks That Apply to You

Participant's Name _____

	Last Name		First Name	
NACAA Member	Agent Fee # Attending		Spouse/Guest Fee # Attending	Total Fees to be Paid
First Time Attending	(Waived x _____) +		(\$170.00 x _____) =	\$ _____
Regular Member employed after 7/1/2001	(\$215.00 x _____) +		(\$170.00 x _____) =	\$ _____
Life Member	(\$215.00 x _____) +		(\$170.00 x _____) =	\$ _____
OTHERS				
Sons & Daughters (6 & Over)	(\$135.00 x _____)		=	\$ _____
Visitor	(\$215.00 x _____) +		(\$170.00 x _____) =	\$ _____
University or USDA Administrator	(\$215.00 x _____) +		(\$170.00 x _____) =	\$ _____
Guest of NACAA President	(Waived x _____) +		(Waived x _____) =	\$ _____
National Donor	(Waived x _____) +		(Waived x _____) =	\$ _____
PART-TIME ATTENDANCE:				
Number Attending Each Day: Sun ___; Mon ___; Tues ___; Wed ___; Thurs ___				
Daily Fee (\$100 x Number of Days ___ x Number of People ___)				= \$ _____
Attending only Thursday Night Banquet: (\$45 x Number of People ___)				= \$ _____
Cincinnati Reds Baseball Tickets		\$17.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
Geospatial Workshop	GPS Applications (I)	\$50.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
	GPS Applications (II)	\$50.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
Facilities Fee: If you do not plan to stay at the contracted hotel/campground facilities - you will be required to pay \$250 per member (Active or Life... not per person) to cover the facility costs associated with having our meeting at this hotel.				
				\$250.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Late Fee: Applies to all registrants listed above whose registration form and fees are postmarked after May 15, 2006 - \$50 per individual				
				= \$ _____
TOTAL FEES PAYABLE WITH REGISTRATION: (Make checks payable to NACAA)				
				= \$ _____

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IF PAID BY CREDIT CARD:

___ MasterCard ___ VISA ___ Discover Card ___ American Express

No other cards will be accepted.

Name on Credit Card _____; Number _____; Expiration Date _____
(List all numbers)

Signature _____ (IF CARD INFORMATION IS INCORRECT, OR NOT ACCEPTED DURING THE CARD APPROVAL PROCESS, YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE DELAYED)

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

There shall be a 90% refund of registration fee when a request is made 30 days or sooner before the AM/PIC (June 23 or before). There shall be a 75% refund of registration fee if request is made from 15-29 days before the AM/PIC (June 24 - July 8). There shall be a 50% refund of registration fee if a request is made less than 15 days and prior to the end of the AM/PIC (July 9 - July 27). No refunds will be given if a request is made after the close of the AM/PIC (July 27). Appeals due to emergency will be handled on a case by case basis by the NACAA Board. Requests must be made in writing to the NACAA 2006 Registration, Scott Hawbaker, 252 N. Park Street, Decatur, IL 62523. Refund for part-time attendance is the same, except there will be no refund for the banquet. Members and guests eligible for fee waivers will be refunded upon verification by the National President.

LODGING INFORMATION
THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT'S Name _____
Last Name First Name

CHECK IN TIME _____ (Date) _____ CHECK OUT TIME _____ (Date) _____

HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Reservations will be made in the order received. **First come – First served**
2. **All reservations must be made with this housing form. You will not be allowed to make reservations directly with the contracted facilities - all reservations must accompany a NACAA AM/PIC Registration and will be handled by NACAA.**
3. Room rates do not include tax which is 17.5%.
4. **Rooms will be held only with a first night's deposit – check or credit card.**
5. The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2006 to guarantee accommodations.

HOTEL INFORMATION: (Please check your first preference)

- Millennium Cincinnati \$125 + Tax, Standard, Double, \$145 for Triple or Quad (adults)
- Hyatt Regency \$119 + Tax, Standard, Double, Triple or Quad
- Both hotels are connected to the Cinergy Center (Convention Center) (Please see parking options on page 18)
 therefore neither are being designated as Headquarters hotels for any group.

PAYMENTS AND TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS

Name _____
(Last name) (First name)

Company Affiliation _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Credit Card to Guarantee Room and Used at Checkout

Master Card ___ VISA ___ Discover ___
 American Express _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____
 (list all digits)

Signature _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Departure Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Preferred Hotel Millennium Hyatt Regency

Requested Room Type

_____ 2 Double Beds	_____ Handicap
_____ King	_____ Smoking
_____ First Available	_____ Non-Smoking
_____ Rollaway	_____ Crib
_____ Other (please describe)	

Every attempt will be made to accommodate your request.

If you are sharing a room with other adults- you must list name in order for their name to be on the room as well. It is strongly recommended to send in your reservation forms together in order for the lodging reservations to be made correctly.

Sharing Room With: _____

Do you need a roommate? Yes No

NACAA will make every attempt to find you a roommate, however you are encouraged to find your own roommate as it may be difficult to determine roommate availability until early July, 2006.



NACAA ANNUAL MEETING PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Ohio and Kentucky share a common border and some similarities in their agricultural industries. There are, however, many differences in their diversity and uniqueness. Kentucky is most noted for its horse, tobacco, and beef production and Ohio for grain, greenhouse and vegetable industries. The professional improvement tours offered for the 2006 NACAA AM/PIC will highlight the many segments of the valuable AG production and utilization industries. Many of the tours will also include stops at historical sites and points of interest such as the Serpent Mound, and Louisville Sluggers. We know you will find much to interest you in our great states and look forward to hosting you at this years AM/PIC. Complimentary lunch will be provided on all tours!

Tour 1 Natural and Cultural Heritage of Southwestern Ohio

This tour will focus on the natural and cultural resources of Adams, Brown and Highland Counties in Southern Ohio. At our first stop, we will tour Cedar Works, a unique business which



produces a variety of outdoor wood products from local aromatic eastern red cedar. Lunch will be at Serpent Mound - the largest and finest serpent effigy in the U.S. At nearly a quarter of a mile long, the earthworks apparently represent an uncoiling serpent and is attributed to the Adena culture (800 BC- AD 100). Next we'll visit the Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia preserve complex encompassing 13,000 acres of rugged woodland, prairie openings, waterfalls, rock outcrops and clear streams. At this stop, we'll learn about their extensive restoration and management efforts. Finally we'll stop at Little Miami River Partnership on one of Ohio's Scenic Rivers. Here we will learn about collaborative efforts used to monitor and enhance water quality, and to encourage natural resource protection. Light to Moderate Walking!

Tour 2 The Diversity of Ohio's Dairy Industry

This tour will visit Stardust Dairy, a commercial dairy milking 900 cows housed in freestalls. The farm only grows corn for silage and purchases most all other feed inputs. Next



stop will be at the Land of Living Farm, where the John and Bonnie Ayars family milk over 300 cows consisting of Holsteins, Guernseys and Brown Swiss. Their Guernsey herd is world renowned for milk production and show champions. The next stop, which includes lunch, will be at Select Sires Inc., a federation of 10 farmer owned cooperatives that markets dairy and beef semen worldwide. They consistently have dairy sires in the top 10 PTA for all breeds. The next stop will be Young's Jersey Dairy, a family owned business that includes a 30 cow Registered Jersey herd, a milk and ice cream processing plant, retail store, full service restaurant and family fun center. The last stop of the day will be Mohrfield Holsteins, owned by Larry & Shirley Mohrfield and managed by Dan Koopman. This 50 cow Registered Holstein herd is well known around the world for its superior genetics and an aggressive embryo transfer program. Cows are housed in an evaporative cooled comfort stall barn where cows are managed individually. Light to moderate walking.

Tour 3 Alternative Livestock ... From Goats to Birds to Elk

Here's your chance to visit four of southern Ohio's successful alternative livestock operations. This tour will take you into Clinton and Miami counties with the first stop being MACREM Farms, a meat goat and hair



sheep enterprise owned and operated by the Mark Brooker family. We'll visit with the family about marketing to a growing ethnic population, how they are becoming the largest herd in southern Ohio, and what involvement they have had as leaders in a new and viable livestock industry in Ohio. Next stop is the Cherry Bend Pheasant Farm. This is one of the oldest and most successful alternative farms in Ohio. Not only do they raise and sell pheasant, they operate a hunting preserve, provide dog training, and operate a specialty food restaurant. Next is Bowman & Landes Turkeys Inc. Established in 1948, this is a fourth generation family owned and operated farm. This business produces, processes, and markets all natural, free range turkeys for the gourmet turkey market in south central Ohio. Miami Valley Elk owned by Gale and Brandon Shoup will round out the day. Find out how this Miami County elk farm got started and how they market their "World Class" genetics. Light to moderate walking.

Tour 4 Commercial Fruit ...Wine, Berries and More

Visit some of the more innovative commercial fruit operations in Southwestern Ohio on this



tour. The day starts with a stop at Valley Vineyards in Morrow, the second largest vineyard in Ohio. Your visit will walk you through the steps of winemaking, starting in the sixty-acre vineyard and ending in the wine cellar. We'll eat lunch on-site as we discuss their marketing plan, which includes a wine festival and steak cookouts on every weekend throughout the year. Located just a few miles up the road is Irons Fruit Farm, a fourth generation family farm located near historic Lebanon. The Irons family offers u-pick fruit and a retail store with an on-site bakery. Hayrides, a corn maze and farm animals add to the comfortable country setting, plus you'll want to see the 1912 horse barn that was converted into the retail store. Our final stop will be in Wilmington at Dale Stokes Raspberry Farm. This farm is serious about their berries. The Stokes family conducts field trials and has a tissue culture lab on-site. You will learn about their current research projects and everything you ever wanted to know about the benefits of berries. Moderate walking. Limited handicap accessibility.

Tour 5 Aquaculture ...Not Just Fish Tails Anymore!

Aquaculture is a growing niche industry in Ohio. We will begin the tour by visiting Jones Fish Hatchery in Newtown, OH. Jones is a former federal fish hatchery



transformed into a thriving retail fish management company. Next, we will visit Ratliff Farms, a tobacco farm that has diversified into raising freshwater shrimp. Our next stop will be Dobbs Hill Farm, a family farm of certified products without chemical inputs. They raise trout and market their product at a farmers market in Cincinnati. Our last stop will be the Ohio Center for Aquaculture Development in Piketon, OH. Learn about the latest in aquaculture research and the complementary Extension programs. Light to moderate walking.

Tour 6 Cincinnati Floriculture A Behind the Scenes Look

This half day, afternoon tour will showcase the wide variety of floriculture businesses and institutions that make Cincinnati one of the nation's leaders in the floriculture industry. The first stop will be at HJ Benken Florist & Greenhouse. This 3rd generation, family owned florist & garden center, with substantial greenhouse production, is constantly re-inventing itself, while positioning itself as 'the' place to 'Experience the Beauty' of plants & flowers. Recent renovations have HJ Benken leading the way in the Cincinnati retail market. The next stop will be the Eden Park, Krohn Conservatory, a nationally recognized showcase of more than 3,500 plant species from all over the world. The Palm, Tropical, Desert and Orchid houses, exhibit permanent displays of exotic plants in natural settings, complete with a 20 foot



rainforest waterfall. The final stop will be the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. Established in 1875, it is the second oldest zoo and experimental garden in the country. In addition to many species of animals in natural settings, it features over 3,000 varieties of catalogued plants and annual plant trial/demonstration gardens that are a collaborative project of the Zoo, the Cincinnati Flower Growers Association, and OSU Extension, Hamilton County. These gardens include over 15,000 of more than 150 varieties of annual plants in beds and planters seen throughout the Zoo. Light to moderate walking.

Tour 7 Sustainable Agriculture ... Keeping the Small Farm Alive!

Step into the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and meet some true small farm entrepreneurs. This tour will introduce you to



unique individuals who have learned to keep their farms alive by increasing the value of their products. We will begin our tour at Ratliff Farm, a diversified dairy and tobacco operation that has added freshwater shrimp and sunflower seed production as additional income sources. Our next stop will be an experience in sight, smell and taste, as we enjoy a country-style lunch at Lewis Mountain Herbs and Everlastings. We will tour their farm which hosts a Bed and Breakfast and produces dried flowers and herbs. We will move on to Hopewell Farms, Inc. where you will meet a lady who produces and markets her horticulture talents to high end hotel and department store chains from New York to Chicago in the form of upscale displays. Our final stop will be Ellis Farms, Inc. where a traditional grain farm has been converted to package and market its own produced corn as squirrel feed. This farm also houses a packaged firewood operation. Light walking.

Tour 8 Wind Power, Recreation, Research, and Recycling

This tour will visit the Dull Homestead Farm with its six 10-kW wind generators atop 120 foot towers and a self designed and constructed corn dryer powered from the burning of old seed corn! The Dulls have been able to reduce their farm energy costs and even feed some elec-

tricity into the local power grid. Then we'll head to Young's Jersey Dairy for a look at how a family farm grew into a 24-hour restaurant and recreation complex. This will be our location for lunch and a chance to enjoy some of the recreational



facilities they offer. From there it's on to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center's Western Branch, where we'll see the field trials of Roundup-ready alfalfa and Bt-corn. From there it's on to Paygro, a commercial compost and mulch manufacturer that recycles resources from an on-site cattle feed lot and a local pallet manufacturer. Light to moderate walking.

Tour 9 Agricultural Tourism and Entertainment At It's Best

More than 360,000 people live in Butler County, which is located 30 miles north of Cincinnati. This half day tour will take you



to three farms and farm related businesses that look at this population as customers, not problems. Our first stop will be at the Barn-N-Bunk Farm Market that got its name from the conversion of the old family dairy barn and feed bunk. The market offers a blend of home grown produce, crafts, furniture, Amish baked goods and an Amish meat and cheese department. They sell the experience of a day in the country and hold several seasonal events and classroom tours. Our next stop will include some discussion time with a man who grew from a roadside produce stand in 1971 to a \$90 million a year business! Jungle Jim's International Market is a tourist attraction that offers foods from around the world to serve the needs of a very diverse population. In fact, it has been said that if you can't find it in Jim Bonaminio's

place of global gastronomy, you don't need it! From there it's on to the Niederman Family Farm. What was an active dairy farm until 2004, now is a site for a popular paintball business, a bed and breakfast, a location for corporate and private outings and a 22 acre corn maze as a part of school educational outings. In December, the Niedermans host the public to a free Christmas display of lights and figures on 11 acres of the farm. Light to moderate walking.

Tour 10 Commercial Vegetables... From Field to Market

John and Joyce Brown will be our first hosts at their family farm market. The Browns grow several hundred acres of fresh market



vegetables and are usually one of the first farms in Ohio to harvest sweet corn on their gravel based soils. In addition to their large wholesale business, they operate a very successful retail farm market and greenhouse business along with raising about 1000 acres of grain crops. Our second stop will be at GROCO farms, which is owned and operated by Mark and Ron Guess. With about 10,000 acres of grain crops and nearly 1000 acres of vegetables, time is of the essence and the Guesses have responded by designing and constructing several 60 foot wide self propelled harvest aids. We will visit their field operations as well as their packing shed where the produce is collected, prepared, and shipped by semi loads to markets across the United States. Our final stop will be at the Bainbridge Produce Auction, which was created in 1999 to expand production and marketing options for area farmers as well as produce buyers throughout the region. Locally grown bedding plants, perennials, nursery stock, cut flowers, hanging baskets and over 100 types of produce from apples to zucchini are marketed through the auction every year. Light to moderate walking.

Tour 11 Grazing Forages for Meat & Milk

Managed grazing systems have raised renewed interest in recent years because of the cost savings they can offer. The first stop of this tour will be at



Wilmington College, an independent, 4 year, liberal arts college with a very active agriculture department. They have established a multi-species grazing system using goats, sheep and cattle and have introduced various grasses and legumes to extend their grazing season. Our second stop will be at the Alexander and Gerber Farms. This mostly purebred Angus operation is a cooperative effort of two neighboring farms where the cattle are rotationally grazed through 30 acres of grass/legume paddocks most of the year with supplemental grazing of corn stalks and flown-on rye in the fall. They effectively use AI and embryo transfer systems for genetic improvements. The next stop will be at the seasonal dairy of the DeBruin family. Their 30 cow, spring calving herd of mostly Jersey crosses, average more than 16,000 lbs. of milk while grazing tall fescue / clover paddocks. The DeBruins are in transition to organic certification. From there we will travel to the Orr Family Farm where they manage a 900 ewe flock of Katahdin sheep. Dr. Orr has conducted on-farm research to identify genetic lines that express natural parasite resistance and co-grazes dry ewes and stocker cattle to reduce parasite loads. Our final stop will be at the Sims Family Farm where we will view their stocker cattle operation. They utilize typical cool season forages in their intensive grazing system and market over 2,100 head of 7 to 8 weight cattle annually.

Tour 12 Ohio Valley's Ag Transition... Tobacco to Grapes

The Ohio River valley has seen many historical changes and transitions in its agricultural heritage. We will begin this tour with a stop at the Rankin House, considered to be one of the first stations on the route of the Underground Railroad. A lighted candle in this home was a visible beacon for fleeing slaves to cross the river. Our second stop will be at the Ohio Tobacco Museum

which highlights southern Ohio's unique agricultural history and the place of origin of the famous "White Burley" tobacco. In the 1970's the region emerged as Ohio's first and most historic wine region. Our afternoon will be spent touring three vineyards and wineries, each with its own story to tell. Moyer's is the longest established of the three, then on to Kinkead Ridge which was started in 1999 and finally to Meranda where plantings began in 2003 as a part of the Ohio Ag Diversification Program and following four generations of tobacco production on the farm. Light to moderate walking.



Tour 14 Ornamentals, Sod and Water Gardens

Ohio is well noted for its high quality horticultural industry, so come along and enjoy some of the finest! Our first stop will visit Meadow View Growers, a family owned and operated wholesale and retail business that is committed to producing superior annual and perennial rooted cuttings. From there it's on to Green Velvet Sod Farm, growers of high quality irrigated sod with over 550 acres of various turf blends. We will view a demonstration of the Trebro automatic small roll turf harvester, one of their three high-tech harvesting methods. Then on to Ohio's leading grower of aquatic plants, Green Vista Water Gardens. Opened in 1995, they now grow over 300 varieties of water garden plants, stock fish for water gardens and ponds and offer an array of general landscape services. Next it's off to the Little Miami Flower Company where you will learn how a grain farmer with a few cows turned his land into the state's largest cut flower business. This father and son team produce a wide range of flowers with lilies being their number one crop. Our final stop will be at the Gateway Learning Gardens, a 5 acre demonstration garden planted and maintained by Master Gardener volunteers. Along with theme gardens and variety trial plots, the gardens are used for educational programs and for community enjoyment.



Tour 13 The Consumer Products and Sod Production Industries

This tour and luncheon, sponsored by The Scotts Company, will offer a behind the scenes look at the world's leading lawn and garden company's headquarters in Marysville, Ohio. With sales over \$2 billion a year, the company is strongly committed to serving a wide consumer base with products that are compatible with the environment. You will have the opportunity to learn about their product development from research to packaging and marketing and the technical support they provide through their consumer hotline center. Their extensive research plots will be a sight to behold! The return trip to Cincinnati will include a stop at one of the longest established sod production businesses in the area. Green Velvet Sod Farm has been growing and selling sod for nearly 50 years. The production area contains nearly 600 acres of several varieties of turf, and they use technologically advanced equipment for harvesting this valuable crop. The business also includes a retail sales center for grass seed, fertilizer and landscape supplies. Moderate walking.



Tour 15 Enviro-Hort Tour of Northern KY

Join us as we travel across the south bank of the Ohio River on an environmental and horticulture journey. Our first two stops and the last tour stop will feature projects that are a collaboration between county fiscal courts, parks departments and the Extension Service. The 50-acre Campbell County Environmental Educational Center features an interactive educational facility, interpretive walking trails and utilizes a hands-on approach to environmental education. Lakeside



Commons Educational Gardens is a two-acre "living lab" of beautifully landscaped beds of annuals and perennial flowers, ornamentals and water gardens that are used as teaching tools for numerous horticulture programs such as Master Gardeners. Next is a visit to Fidelity Investments' environmentally sensitive campus and a tour of their beautiful landscaped grounds. On to Sanitation District #1 where hundreds of local students and adults utilize an indoor and outdoor learning lab to study water quality and the journey of a raindrop. We'll visit one of the region's top nurseries, Ammon's Wholesale Nursery, which is conducting research of new Elm varieties in collaboration with the US National Arboretum. Our last stop is a visit to the Boone County Arboretum which is the nation's first arboretum within a sports and recreation park complex. Light to moderate walking.

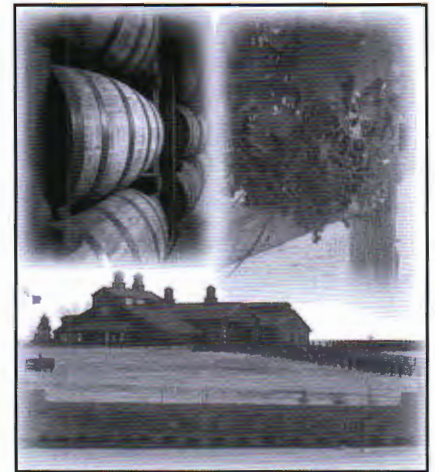
Tour 16 Bluegrass Agriculture and Industry Tour

This tour will travel south from Cincinnati through the "Knobs" of northern Kentucky into the Bluegrass Region of Central Kentucky, to Clark County where the bluegrass meets the Appalachian foothills. Our first stop will be at Brookview Farm, a beef cattle farm that has been in operation by the same family for more than 200 years. On to Southern States' Winchester Feed Mill which provides livestock feeds for farmers in Kentucky and surrounding states. Freeman Corporation Veneer Mill purchases logs from KY's Appalachian forests and cuts high-quality hardwood veneers for shipment to manufacturers worldwide. Next we will visit F. W. Rickard Seed Company, which is the world's premier producer of hand-pollinated hybrid tobacco seed. This tour will provide an opportunity to see some beautiful country and to learn about both the past and present agriculture of this unique region. Light walking.

Tour 17 Bourbon, Wine and Beef Tour

Kentucky is famous for Bourbon. This tour will visit Buffalo Trace Distillery where they make Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Their legendary Bourbon is known all over the world. The distillery has a history of finely crafted, award-winning bourbons. In the last 10 years alone, their bourbons have earned more than 85 top distinctions in national and international competitions and their bourbon is requested in countries around the world. Buffalo Trace stands as one of America's oldest distilling sites.

The next stop will be Lover's Leap Vineyard and Winery – Home to the largest acreage winery in the state, known for its nationally awarded wines, Lover's Leap is focused on producing world class wines that are affordable and approachable by the local consumer, novice and connoisseur alike.



The last stop will visit Anderson Circle Farm. This beautiful 7000 plus acre traditional cattle operation is in the heart of the bluegrass region. This farm stays on the cutting edge of modern cattle production and features some of the finest cattle handling facilities in the state of Kentucky with over 1300 commercial angus cattle. Moderate walking.

Tour 18 Today's Agriculture in the Buffalo Trace!

This tour is a sampling of agriculture in the Buffalo Trace Counties in North Central Kentucky. At the Litzinger Farms you'll hear about and see some of the adjustments



including no-till tobacco and labor reduction that is needed to produce quality burley tobacco following the Tobacco Buyout. The second stop will be the Philip Morris International Burley Tobacco Receiving Station. On to Boyd Beef Cattle Farms, which is widely known for its Angus and Hereford cattle. Lunch will be at Blue Licks State Park Lodge, site of the last Revolutionary War battle. Next stop will be "Four Season's Marketing," an innovative livestock feed and mineral company. The last stop of the day will be the Earl L. and Ruth A. Jones Dairy Farm currently milking 175 cows and producing their own feed and replacement animals. Light to moderate walking.

**Tour 19 Come to Bourbon County
Kentucky Bluegrass Country!!**

Timberlawn Farm is one of Kentucky's premier beef backgrounding operations. This tour will include a look at the farm's cattle handling facilities, grazing program, forage base and water resources that have been developed on this 1500-acre farm. Claiborne Farm-owned by the Hancock Family, is one of the most highly regarded thoroughbred horse farms in the world, having bred 5 of the 11 Triple Crown Winners in thoroughbred racing. A tour of the stallion facility will give you the opportunity to photograph stallions valued in the millions. For more information go to www.claiborne.com. Auvergne is a working farm that has been in the Clay family since the late 1700's. This tour stop will include an overview of the farm's cow-calf, replacement heifer and cash hay enterprises as well as a tour of the family mansion that was built in 1830. For more information go to www.eliteheifer.com. Light to moderate walking.

**Tour 20 From Tobacco Barns to
Apple Farms**

Kentucky's agriculture has evolved as tobacco production has declined. This tour will focus on some of these changes as well as examining some of the horticultural trends in KY.

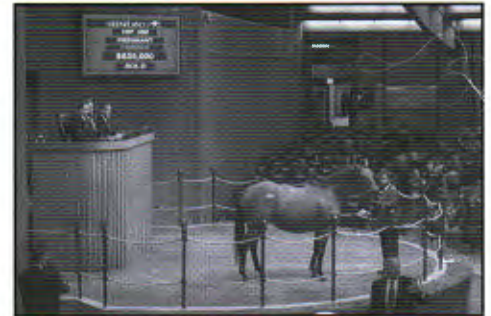


Evans Orchard & Cider Mill Inc. converted from tobacco 9 years ago and today features a fruit and vegetable farmer's market, an apple orchard and an agri-tourism operation. We'll visit the processing facilities of Central Kentucky Grower's Association (marketing cooperative) that began as a loose band of growers that now produces and ships bell and hot peppers, squash, cucumbers, and pumpkins across the country. We'll visit the Quest Farm which works with mentally handicapped adults to produce horticultural crops that include asparagus, bedding plants, chrysanthemums and poinsettias. On to Elmwood Stock Farm which has a traditional beef and tobacco operation but has diversified in the areas of commercial vegetable production, community

supported agriculture and composting. Additionally, the farm sells organic beef, poultry and lamb. Our last stop will take us to Shooting Star Nursery which grows and sells horticultural plants that are indigenous to Kentucky. Moderate walking.

Tour 21 Unbridled Spirits

Unbridled Spirits will feature a behind the scenes tour of Keeneland Race Course and Sales Pavilion where \$744 million of thoroughbred horses were



auctioned in 2005. We will visit Three Chimneys Farm, a 1500 acre breeding, boarding and racing farm. Three Chimneys is home of Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Smarty Jones and was the home of 1977 Horse of the Year Seattle Slew. Lunch for the tour will be at John Dance Good Ol' Days BBQ. We will dine in a converted seven bent tobacco barn that is used for serving up some of the finest Kentucky farm raised meats, fruits and vegetables. We will finish the tour at Brown-Forman's Woodford Reserve Distillery. Woodford Reserve is the official bourbon of the Kentucky Derby and the Breeders Cup. The 150 year old distillery is also home of the Kentucky Bourbon Museum and houses three large copper stills for its distilling process. Moderate walking.

Tour 22 Unbridled Spirits II

If you love horses you'll enjoy this tour. We'll take the behind the scenes tour of Keeneland Race Course and Sales pavilion and will join the Unbridled Spirits tour for lunch at Good OL' Days BBQ. After lunch we'll head to Walmac Farm and view mares and foals and get an up close look at some of their thoroughbred stallions. From there we will visit the KY Horse Park, a 1,200-acre working horse farm that features fifty breeds of horses. Our last stop will be Hagyard Equine Animal Clinic, with a staff of forty veterinarians, which supports the horse industry with specialized equine care, using the latest technologies. Cost: \$8.00 per person. Moderate walking.

Tour 23 Diversifying: With and Without Tobacco

Kentucky continues to be the largest burley tobacco producer in the world. As this industry changes, farmers are diversifying into other crops in order to be self-sufficient.



This tour will take a close look at burley tobacco production and will conclude with examples of diversification into new crops and opportunities. We'll tour a large tobacco-producing farm with a University of Kentucky research plot. On to "Kentucky's Best," a tour through a regional cigarette factory that uses Kentucky burley tobacco in its blend. We'll tour another tobacco-producing farm located near several thoroughbred farms. Our last tour stop will be at Caseland Farm – a beautiful, Licking River bottom farm that has diversified away from tobacco to vegetables and swine production. Light walking.

Tour 24 Sustainable Agriculture Tour

The outer Bluegrass Region of Central Kentucky lends itself to small-scale family farming. Noted author and poet, Wendell Berry, has championed the survival of the family farm and the culture and community it fosters. He continues to farm and steward the land his family grew up on. Starting with Berry's farm, we'll visit several family farms in the area that embody a sustainable philosophy and strive to make small farms a profitable and desirable way of life; farms that have explored non-traditional methods of farming the land and making a living. These include a subscription farming operation, a roadside "Farm Gate" style enterprise and a farm that markets their efforts through local farmer's markets. We'll also visit with the Kentucky State Resort Park's Director of Food Services about their locally-grown produce initiative. Our mid-day meal will be a locally-grown gourmet meal totally produced with area farm products. Light walking.



Tour 25 Taste of Kentucky

Get a taste of some well-known Kentucky industries, along with some interesting new enterprises. The tour begins at Kentucky Bison Company where



animals are produced for both meat and breeding stock. See and learn how bison production differs from cattle production. The tour continues to Lynn's Paradise Café for lunch and a visit with Chef Sara Gibbs. Kentuckians are big advocates of local production and consumption of agriculture products. Chef Gibbs will briefly discuss using locally produced products in Lynn's eclectic "home-cooking" menu selections. After lunch, take the opportunity to face down a 90 mph fastball at Louisville Slugger, where baseball bats have been manufactured since 1884. Everyone receives a free miniature Louisville Slugger bat as part of the tour. A visit to Churchill Downs (thoroughbred race track) and the Kentucky Derby Museum caps this tour. Participants will view artifacts and memorabilia from the Derby and other racing events and view a 360 degree film of past Kentucky Derby highlights. Costs: \$16 per person. Moderate walking.

Tour 26 Agricultural Diversification Tour

Visit three Kentucky agricultural diversification projects featuring fruits, vegetables and timber. Bramble Ridge Orchard, established in 2001, is nestled between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the Kentucky bluegrass region. This high density, trellised apple tree orchard has 2700 trees providing 13 varieties of apples. The family-owned business provides customers locally grown fruits, value-added products, family activities, and tours. The Bath County Agricultural Education and Marketing Center was funded by local, state and federal funds to focus on marketing, training, value-added processing,



and business development. The Center includes a training/meeting facility, commercial kitchen, light processing and marketing structures. Activities at the site include: County/Area Farmer's Market, Produce Auction and festival events. Finally, a stop at Harold White Lumber and Millworks in Rowan County. The Kentucky forest industry contributes \$4.5 billion annually to Kentucky's economy. This tour stop is an opportunity to learn about recommended forest management practices and secondary wood processing operations. Harold White Lumber and the Kentucky Division of Forestry will be on hand to discuss this "sleeping giant" of Kentucky. Moderate walking.

Tour 27 Explore the Diversity of North Central Kentucky Agriculture

Take a trip into the rolling hills and broad ridges of North Central Kentucky to see a diversity of agriculture, including burley tobacco, precision grain cropping,



managed grazing, beef cattle production, and winemaking. Visit Hornback Tobacco Farm where you'll see several acres of Burley tobacco, along with a blend of old and modern equipment and structures required for all phases of tobacco production. Ellis Farms features a couple thousand acres of corn and soybean production, and are on the leading edge of precision agriculture research. The luncheon at Creekstone Farms, the home of a nationally branded Premium Angus Beef operation, will feature some of their tasty product. A refreshing break is planned in the tasting room of Smith-Berry Vineyard and Winery, a leading farm in alternative agriculture. We'll cap off this tour at Capstone Farms where managed grazing is utilized in a beef calf production to maximize the forages of the rolling hills of the area. Moderate walking.

Tour 28 Central Kentucky Beef / Forage Tour

This tour will begin with a stop at the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture Forage Research Farm. Forage specialists will share information about UK's grass and legume plant breeding and forage

Extension programs that have made Kentucky a national leader in forage production and management. On to the 7,000 acre Anderson Circle Farm which specializes in beef and forage production. This 2,000 head Angus farm has a custom feeding and replacement heifer development program.



Holtzclaw Farm is on the cutting edge of forage production and operates a unique stocker cattle operation. The Holtzclaws are pioneers in pasture renovation, alfalfa grazing hay and baleage production and grazing of brassicas and corn. Our last tour stop will be at Alltech, which is a biotechnology company that provides natural solutions to the feed and food industries. Founded in 1980, Alltech now has a presence in 85 countries, employs over 1,700 professionals and is recognized as one of the leading research-based animal health companies in the world. Moderate walking.

Tour 29 Kentucky's Best (1/2 day tour)

This half day tour will feature the agriculture enterprises that Kentucky agriculture is best noted for: thoroughbred horses, beef, forages, tobacco and grain crops.



We'll visit Richwood Farm, a 1500 acre beef/forage farm that specializes in Simmental cross cattle and markets horse quality alfalfa hay. Just a few miles away we'll visit the Schwenke Brothers grain and tobacco farm. The Schwenkes have won the national corn yield contest four times and we'll hear their secrets of producing high yields. Our last stop will be at Dreamfields Farm, a thoroughbred farm owned and operated by the well-known KY jockey, Steve Cauthen. Steve rode Affirmed to the last Triple Crown in 1978. At Dreamfields Farm you will see mares and foals in the field and learn about the thoroughbred industry in KY. Light to moderate walking.

91st Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:00 AM Pre-Conference Livestock Seminar and Tour
7:00 am Pre-Conference Horticulture Tour
8:00 am-5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

State Officers Workshop
Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open
NACAA Poster Session Display
NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 22

8:00 am Pre-conference Tours and Workshops
8:00 am NACAA Board Meeting
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration
8:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sunday Night Inspirational Program Rehearsal
6:30 pm NACAA Heritage Dinner (By Invitation)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 4-H Talent Review Orientation and Dinner
10:00 pm Ohio/Kentucky Meeting

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
9:00 pm
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
10:00 pm

First Timer Orientation and Reception
State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony and Opening Rehearsal
Get Acquainted Indiana Dinner
Parents Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program
Sons and Daughters Get Acquainted Mixer
Opening Session and Inspirational Program
State Pictures
Ice Cream Social
Ohio/Kentucky Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration
7:30 am Pre-Conference Tours and Workshops
8:00 am - 1:00 pm Commercial Exhibits & NACAA Educational Exhibits Set Up
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Commercial Exhibit Show
7:30 am - Noon 4-H Talent Review Rehearsal
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Scholarship Selection Committee
9:00 am - Noon Regional Directors and Vice Directors Workshop
9:00 am - Noon NACAA Poster Set Up
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Geospatial Workshops
10:30 am - Noon Nominating Committee Meeting
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Computer Technology Center Open
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Past National Board Luncheon (picnic-rustic setting)
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Luncheon
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Program Recognition Council Workshop
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Extension Development Council Workshop
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Professional Improvement Council Workshop

MONDAY, JULY 24

6:30 am - 7:45 am
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
8:00 am - 10:15 am
10:15 am - 10:30 am
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
10:35 am - 11:40 am
11:45 am - 1:15 pm
11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Voting Delegates Breakfast (Meal by Invitation & Ticket) Guests may sit in back for listening only.
Registration
Computer Technology Center
Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits open
NACAA Poster Display
4-H Talent Review Rehearsal
General Session
Break
4-H Talent Review Rehearsal
Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions
Animal Science
Horticulture
Homeowner
Commercial
Crops
PRIDE and First Timer Luncheon
Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons

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11:45 am - 1:15 pm Exhibits and Lunch, Poster Session-meet the authors

11:45 am - 1:15 pm Brown Bag Luncheons Seminars

11:45 - 4:30 pm 4-H Talent Review Lunch and Rehearsal

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Committee Workshops for all NACAA Members

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Life Members Business Meeting

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leaders Meeting

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm 4-H Talent Review Rehearsal

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm Region Meetings and Candidate Presentations

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner - North Carolina/Florida BBQ

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Commercial Exhibits close and take down

7:30 pm 9:00 pm 4-H Talent Review

9:00 pm - 10:00 pm Ice Cream Social

9:30 pm - 11:00 pm State Pictures

10:00 pm Ohio/Kentucky Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 25

7:00 am - 8:30 am Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast

7:00 am - 8:30 am Administrators Breakfast

7:00 am - 8:30 am Life Members Breakfast

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration

8:30 am - 11:30 am Delegate Session

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Educational Exhibits Open

8:00 am - 4:00 pm NACAA Poster Session Open

8:30 am - 11:40 Extension Development Council Seminars

8:30 am - 11:30 am Professional Recognition Council Seminars

10:30 am - 1:30 pm Computer Technology Center Open

11:45 am - 1:15 pm Communication Awards Luncheon

11:45 am - 1:15 pm Poster Session Awards Luncheon

11:45 am - 1:15 pm Brown Bag Luncheon Seminars

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Professional Improvement Council Seminars

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm Break

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm JCEP Seminar on "Working with Elected Officials"

4:30 pm States Night Out

7:30 pm Silent and Live Auction Preview

8:30 pm Live Auction

10:00 pm Ohio/Kentucky Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:00 am Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours

6:00 pm Taste of Cincinnati Buffet at Museum

10:00 pm Ohio/Kentucky Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:00 am - 8:30 am National Committee Members Breakfast

7:00 am - 4:00 pm Computer Technology Center

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration

8:30 am - 10:00 am Extension Development Council Meeting

8:30 am - 10:00 am Professional Improvement Council Meeting

8:30 am - 10:00 am Professional Development Council Meeting

8:30 am - 10:00 am NACAA Policy Meeting

9:00 am - 11:45 am General Session

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Brown Bag Luncheons Seminars

3:30 pm NACAA Board in President's Room

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm DSA & AA Recipients, Hall of Fame Recipients, NACAA Board Members, Region Directors, Past Officers, Special Assignments, Special Guests, Council Chairs, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Assemble for Banquet

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Annual Banquet

9:15 pm - 11:00 pm President's Reception

10:00 pm Ohio/Kentucky Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM NACAA Board Meeting

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Cotton Marketing Seminar

SATURDAY, JULY 29

8:00 am - 12:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

Flying H Ranch Deer Hunt Benefits NACAA Scholarship Fund

*Submitted by: Life members Eddie Holland
& Frank FitzSimons*

The Flying H Ranch has been in the Holland family since the late 1960's. It is located in the beautiful Texas hill country of Llano County. It is known as the "Whitetail Deer Capital of the World" and for the abundance of wildflowers. Since my retirement as a County Extension Agent and becoming a life member of NACAA I have been involved in implementing many improvements in the ranch. Whitetail deer management has been one of the focuses of my ranching enterprise.

As a life member and Past National President it was my privilege to offer a deer and turkey hunt as part of the NACAA Scholarship Auction. My involvement and positive experiences with NACAA is the primary reason I wanted to help the scholarship fund. I intend to offer the whitetail hunt again this year in Cincinnati.

Frank FitzSimons, Past National President, purchased the whitetail deer management hunt at the 2005 AMPIC in Buffalo. The hunt package, valued at \$2500, was auctioned for \$700 and with Frank's \$300 dollar contribution back to the scholarship auction the total scholarship benefit was \$1000.

Frank and C.P. Chihasz, County Extension Agent and NACAA member from Abbeville, South Carolina came to the ranch in November. They were joined by fellow NACAA members, Kenneth White, Leon Church, and Tom Benton from Texas. We had great food, fellowship, and a great hunting experience. Everyone enjoyed sitting around the fire ring and telling stories of the hunt and county agent tales.

Frank took a nice 11 point management buck on the last day of the hunt. "Eddie has a beautiful, home place there in Bluffton" said Frank. The lodge and Eddie's new home are located on the Flying H Ranch which is located near the shores of Lake Buchanan. "Taking a nice buck was icing on the cake, compared to the experience of seeing Eddie's home place, learning the history of the area and hearing his management plans for the future" said Frank

We ended up hunting three days and saw a lot of deer. Four of us took different stands in the mornings and

afternoons and saw eight to ten real nice bucks each time we sat. That did not include the smaller spikes, forked horns and does that we saw. "Back home we might see two or three really nice bucks each season, if we are real lucky! Seeing that many 8, 10 and even 12 point bucks each time I hunted was worth the trip, even if I had not taken a good buck," Frank said. In addition to Frank's buck, C.P. was able to take a small buck and Leon harvested his first deer ever, a nice 4 point buck.

I also have hogs on the property and we got two of them during the three day hunt. While C.P. was able to take a small pig just right for the grill, Leon and Tom (or was it Bill) took a huge boar one afternoon. C.P. was on a stand near them and he said he heard them both shoot with a very slight pause between shots. According to their story, they were going to count to three and both shoot at once. We are not sure who was doing the counting (or shooting) but Leon said they counted one, two, (bang) three!

If you like to hunt, enjoy good hospitality and want to see the Hill Country of Texas then bid on the hunt at the scholarship auction in Cincinnati! We know two individuals who will most likely be bidding again this year, and I am sure President Mickey will be in there bidding also, as he did not get to go as planned with Frank this year.



NACAA AND OYF TAKE THE NEXT BIG STEP

*Glen Rogers, Past President and
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45% of all the 2006 national Outstanding Young Farmer nominations are from NACAA members. 50% of the 2006 national finalists were nominated by County Agents. Now its time for NACAA members to take it to the next level for the 2007 contest and it begins in April, 2006.

At the 50th Outstanding Young Farmer program Moline, Ill. Feb. 8 - 11, 2006, twenty Young Farmers from across the U. S. were recognized for their tremendous work with their farm, their conservation practices, and their community. All four national finalists had great things to say about their local County Agents in their states of Montana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, and New Mexico. Coley Jr, and Jody Bailey of Mississippi as well as Don & Cheryl Hartman of New Mexico were nominated by local NACAA members Steve Cummings, and Phil Hibner. Joining the Bailey's and Hatman's as National winners are Thad and Melissa Willis from Montana and Bradley and Kimberly Schyvinck from Wisconsin. In addition to the all the publicity on national TV with NACAA Service to World Agriculture winner Orion Samuelson, the four National winners received additional plaques and monetary compensation.

To enhance the program for 2007 the National OYF program committee has made some changes to program and this is a tremendous opportunity for NACAA to take the program to the next level. The changes make it easier for us to nominate not just one but several individuals from each state and to have two at the national meeting in Phoenix, Arizona in Feb. 2007.



The **AUGUST 1, 2006 DEADLINE** Nomination form has been shortened to one page thus making it much easier for you to send forward a potential candidate. If the candidate is selected as a semi-finalist you will hear from the judges by early August to fill out the additional information on the semi-finalist. The deadline for that form is **OCTOBER 1, 2006**.

The top 10 finalists get a free trip to Phoenix, Arizona with the resulting top 4 finalists getting a free trip to Washington, D. C. to participate in Farmer forums with federal legislators and agricultural leaders from all over the country.

In 5 short years NACAA members have brought this program from a struggling declining enrollment with no participation from NACAA to 45% of all nominations coming from NACAA memberships and 2 of the four finalists being nominated by our membership. We now have the opportunity to bring it to the next level, to have national televised exposure, and to have our clientele telling federal legislators their needs for the future.

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