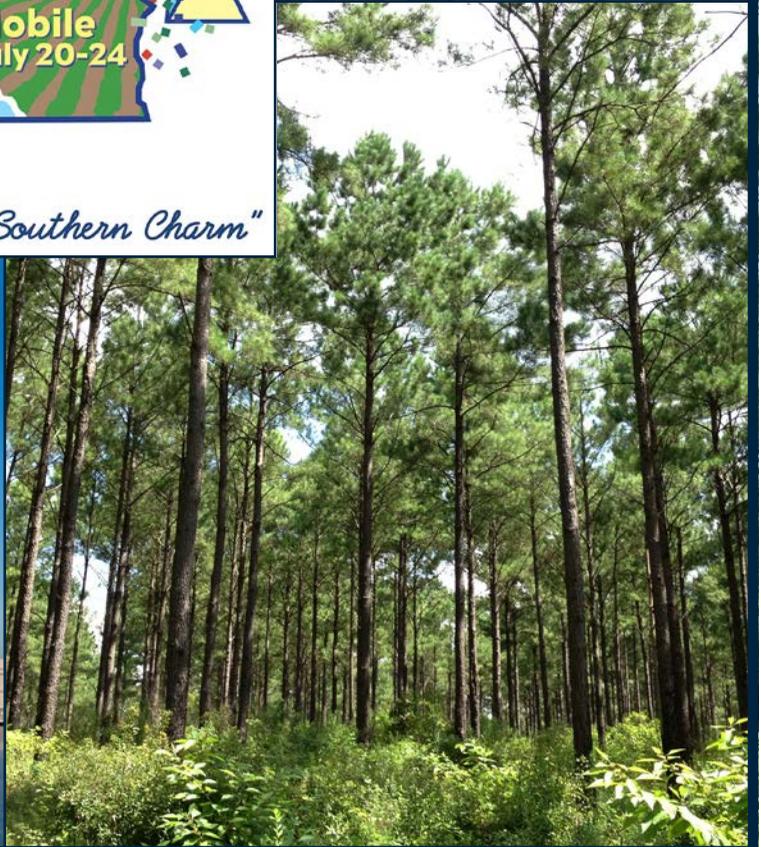


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Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez!

Okay, Mardi Gras has come and gone for 2014, but in July, the good times will roll again in Mobile as we gather for the 99th NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. Mobile is home to the original Mardi Gras celebration in the United States, dating back to 1703; 15 years before New Orleans was founded. On any given day there are plenty of reminders of celebrations past as you stroll downtown where trees lining the streets are enduringly adorned with beads as a testament to the multitude of revelers eager to catch “throws” of necklaces, doubloons, moon pies and other trinkets from the mystic societies on parade.

Between the covers of this issue of *The County Agent* you will find all of the information you need to register for the conference. My colleagues in Alabama with help from our friends in the Florida panhandle and southeast Mississippi have worked tirelessly for the past four years and have planned a great meeting to showcase the best in Gulf Coast agriculture.

There are 27 outstanding professional tours showcasing coastal plains agronomy, livestock, horticulture and alternative crops. Some tours will explore marine and delta habitats while others will take you back in time to a period when life was a little slower. The Poarch band of Creek Indians will provide a unique spotlight of their culture, historical landmarks and economic development projects on the reservation. And don't forget the food. I can assure you there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy southern and Gulf Coast cuisine.

The opening session on Sunday will “Feel So Right” as Ft. Payne’s Randy Owen, lead singer of the group Alabama will entertain us with song and stories. Monday’s Keynote address is sure to be an inspiring lesson of our history, beginning with the Morrill Act and continuing with the Hatch Act, Morrill-2 and the Smith-Lever Act officially creating the Cooperative Extension Service and the County Agent. You may be surprised to learn how an innovative idea by the young president of a small fledgling college created on the grounds of an old run-down plantation in Alabama became the model of “taking the university to the people” and the basic premise of Cooperative Extension.

The Capstone speaker on Thursday will outline major challenges facing agricultural Extension professionals in today’s society and explore what will be required to remain relevant so those who follow us can celebrate again in 2114. The 4-H Talent Review will be like none you have ever seen as my Alabama teammates have worked up a star-studded performance that for the first time in NACAA history will be showcased on RFD TV. Who knows, one of the youth selected for this show may soon be entertaining us on the

radio as we journey through our states from one meeting to another.

Our annual meeting would not be complete without the excellent oral and poster presentations showcasing many successful programs conducted by our members across the country. We will also take time to recognize our peers for excellence in their educational efforts through our awards and recognition programs.

Two excellent pre-conference tours have been planned by the Animal Science and Natural Resources

Committees and several super seminars during the week will highlight how to deal with climate extremes, farm business transfer, changes in the 2014 Farm Bill and Soil Health & Cover Crops. The Horticulture Committee will host a special seminar on Sunday afternoon featuring Mr. P. Allen Smith, a southern gardening, design and lifestyle television personality and the author of many best-selling books.

Plan to bring your family because your spouses and children will have plenty of superb educational and recreational opportunities throughout the week. If they don't get enough time in the sun you can always extend your “sabbatical” and escape to Orange Beach and Gulf Shores to unwind after the conference.

So don't wait. Flip through these pages and begin your plans to attend the 99th NACAA AM/PIC in Mobile. For additional information regarding the conference and local attractions visit the Alabama 2014 website www.aces.edu/nacaa2014. Be sure also to like the Alabama 2014 Facebook page and follow us on Twitter so you don't miss out on exciting announcements about the conference and things to do in the Mobile area. You can view any of these online resources by scanning the QR codes on the inside back cover.

My colleagues and I look forward to hosting you in Mobile, Alabama where you are sure to “Discover our Southern Charm.” I'll see you there!



Henry D. Dorough
NACAA President



Come to Mobile and Discover our Southern Charm

On behalf of the Alabama Association of County Agricultural Agents and Specialists (AACAAAS) we would like to invite you to the 99th NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. The 2014 AMPIC will be held in historic and beautiful Mobile, Alabama July 20 – 24, 2014. Make plans now to join us and discover our Southern Charm. This is the first time that Alabama has hosted this conference and we have planned a world class experience for everyone that attends.



AACAAAS President,
Max Runge

The Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel and the Battle House Renaissance Hotel & Spa will provide accommodations during our conference. These are two of the finest hotels on the Gulf Coast with spectacular views of the Mobile Bay. Just across the street, the Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center will host the conference. This state of the art venue provides unique waterfront views of Mobile Bay and has won numerous architectural awards. The outdoor terraces, river walks and expansive windows help to bring the waterfront even closer.

Mobile has a rich history with many exciting, educational, and fun activities. The influence of Spanish, French, African, and Creole settlers can still be seen today. Mobile held the first Mardi Gras parade and is considered by locals as the birth place of Mardi Gras in the United States. The Mobile Carnival Museum is less than a mile away from the conference location and is worth a visit. In addition to the rich history of Mobile the food can't be beat! Fresh Gulf Seafood is some of the best dining in the world (if we do say so ourselves!).

We invite you to come early or stay late to see more of Alabama's charm. You will explore our gulf coast coastal region while in Mobile, but there is so much more to discover in "Alabama the Beautiful." From the Coastal plains to the east to the mountains in the north, Alabama is rich in natural resources. Agriculture is important to our state as well. Agriculture, forestry, and related industries contributed \$70.4 billion to Alabama's economy in 2010, accounting for almost 40 percent of its GDP and employing 580,295 people — 22 percent of the state's workforce. Timber, poultry, row crops, and green industries lead agriculture impacts in the state.

Tour day is sure to be a highlight of this conference and you don't want to be left out. The tour line-up will provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences and memories for years to come.

Our neighbors and colleagues in Florida and Mississippi have rolled out the welcome mat for our stops as well. We will end the day at Battleship Memorial Park and enjoy delicious Gulf Seafood.

The 4-H Revue in Mobile will be another unforgettable experience for attendees. It has been arranged for Kevin Sport from RFD Television and host of "The Right Place with Kevin Sport" to produce the 4-H Revue in Mobile. This will definitely be that "once in a lifetime event" for the 4-Hers because Kevin will be filming at least two episodes of his program at the Revue. These episodes will feature the 4-H'ers as they get to interact and perform with Kevin, his band, and other professionals, as well as 4-Her interviews with Kevin! This will be a must see show in Mobile.

Events for the whole family have been thoughtfully planned as well. The Sons and Daughters program is full of fun, sun, and activities that can only be discovered on Alabama's beautiful Gulf Coast. The Spouses activities have something charming for all spouses to enjoy. The Life Members are very special to us and we have an outstanding week planned for them including adventures at the 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center.

On behalf of the Alabama Association of County Agricultural Agents and Specialists, as well as the adjoining Florida and Mississippi counties we welcome you. We have worked hard to plan and host a world-class event. We look forward to seeing you experience our Southern charm in July.



"Discover Our Southern Charm"



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COMMISSIONER

Greetings-

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS (NACAA)

We are honored you selected Mobile County as the host location for the 2014 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference, being held July 20-24. It is indeed a privilege to have extension educators from across the nation here in Mobile County, Alabama, to visit many of our historical sites, learn about our agricultural and natural resources and see first-hand why we are so proud of our state.

We applaud the significant role agricultural agents play in providing education, service and advocacy in communities on the agricultural industry, products, agri-tourism and the economy.

Mobile County is a melting pot of cultures found in and around 11 municipalities. It is home to many historically significant landmarks including Bellingrath Gardens & Home, the USS Alabama Battleship, and the Southern Market which houses our history museum – the Museum of Mobile. Mobile County has it all!

The Mobile County Commission extends greetings to each of you! The 2014 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference is sure to be both informative and enlightening. Once again, we applaud NACAA members, for the tremendous contributions you make in communities throughout the United States!

Chandler to address NACAA as Keynote

Dana Chandler has worked in a variety of capacities within both the private and public sectors. A trained surveyor, civil engineer and project manager, he has helped to design and build projects throughout the South and nation. In later years, Chandler has worked specifically with corporations seeking to start up recycling facilities in the U.S. and Latin



America. He has also helped with a number of archaeological digs and surveys in the U.S., Mexico and Belize. A trained archivist and historian, receiving his graduate degree from Auburn University, Chandler now works as the University Archivist and an assistant professor of history at Tuskegee University. Currently he is the lead archaeologist for “The Ridge: A Macon County Archaeological Project.”

A world traveler, he has conducted research on a variety of topics at some of the most prestigious archives in the world. Chandler has, likewise, published a number of articles and spoken on Archaeological related subjects, primarily concerning the Maya. He currently has a book contract with the University of Alabama Press.

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Damian Mason to present Capstone Address



Few people are hilariously funny and farm knowledgeable. Damian Mason is both!

Since 1994, Damian has spoken in all 50 states and 8 foreign countries to some of the biggest names in agriculture. His presentations are hilarious, high energy, and occasionally edgy.

In a conversational yet comedic style, Damian will address contemporary issues impacting the industry of food, fuel, and fiber. More importantly, Mr. Mason will share his views on what it will take to keep the county extension agent relevant for the next century.

Damian says, “I’ve known every county extension agent in Huntington, Indiana from the time of my childhood. I understand the value they provide and I respect how and why the position was created. But rural America has changed. It’s imperative that the county extension role adapt to this new landscape.

From hobby farmers to large scale agricultural producers, to an ignorant consumer, there’s still a tremendous need for the sort of guidance and university extension that was created 100 years ago.

The internet, paid consultants, and industry sponsored advisors, aren’t the agent’s competition. In many ways, these things point to an even greater need for what the extension agent provides: impartial, research based information.”

Damian Mason’s presentation “Agriculture: Trends, Topics, and Tomorrow” is at 8:30 a.m. Thursday July 24.

DO NOT miss this general session on Thursday!!

Welcome - First Timers!

The NACAA Early Career Development Committee, would like to extend a special invitation and encourage you to attend the 2014 NACAA AM/PIC in Mobile, Alabama. We are very excited about this year's event and confident that the program offers something for everyone. This year's AM/PIC is educational, motivating, and very family oriented. Another perk is that the registration fee for any first timer with less than 10 years of experience is FREE!

For someone new to the AM/PIC registration process, we understand that there are many decisions that must be made. To aid in your registration process, there are various resources available. The County Agent magazine is a great place to start along with the AACAA's conference website (<http://www.aces.edu/aaca/nacaa2014/>). Another great resource available to you is a free webinar developed by the National Early Career Development Committee. An hour-long webinar will be held on **Friday, April 25, 2014** at 3:00 pm Eastern Time and will highlight the benefits of attending an AM/PIC and what events and activities first timers can and should attend throughout the week. It will also take you through the steps of the registration process. Additional information about the webinar is being finalized and will be sent to all NACAA members via email.

If you have specific questions about Mobile, AL or about any of the events that are planned, please feel free to contact a member of the AM/PIC planning committee. Contact information can be found on the AACAA's conference website. We hope to make your first AM/PIC a memorable experience and are here to help in any way we can.

Make sure you visit the Trade Show/ Commercial Exhibits

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the 2014 NACAA Trade show as it promises to be a great one! This year's show will offer something for the entire family. It will be a great social meeting place for casual business and exchanging ideas- be part of the excitement! Swing by for a quick visit and say "hello" to many familiar faces and meet new ones. A great mixture of business and educational vendors will be on hand to share products and information.



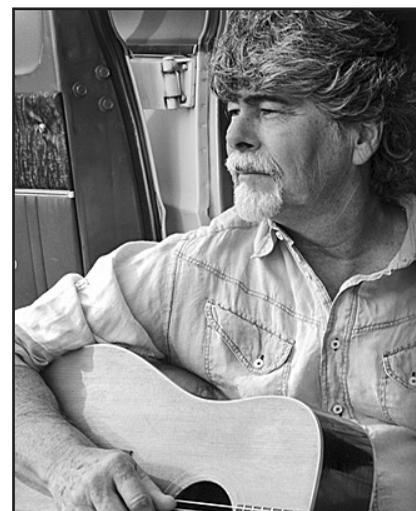
We have made every effort to make this year's trade show more assessable to AM/PIC attendees and to provide our vendors with enhanced opportunities to interact with our group. Our "Welcome to Alabama" opening meal will be held on Sunday afternoon, July 20, in the trade show area. Our trade show hours will be Sunday July 20 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and again from 8:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., Monday July 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday July 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The trade show area will also be the location of our poster presentations. The Alabama Association will also be sponsoring an ice cream break in the exhibit area as well. We have an outstanding group of vendors who are looking forward to participating and interacting with our members. Please plan to attend and participate!

OPENING CEREMONY IS SURE TO INSPIRE WITH "ALABAMA" RANDY OWEN PERFORMANCE

You won't want to miss the NACAA Opening Ceremony Sunday, July 20th as the evening's events will be highlighted by a performance from "Alabama" lead singer Randy Owen.

For over 30 years Randy Owen has been the front man and lead vocalist of, ALABAMA, one of the most prolific groups in the history of music. With a career that to date has resulted in 21 gold, platinum and multi-platinum albums, 43 number one singles and over 75 million albums sold, Alabama ranks in the top 10 of the top-selling groups of all time for all genres of music...period. They have their very own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and they were named the "Artist of the Decade" by the Academy of Country Music in 1989 and "Country Group of the Century" by the Recording Industry Association of America in 1999. In November 2005, Randy and his Alabama band mates received Country Music's highest honor, being inducted into The Country Music Hall of Fame.

When not on the road performing, Randy can be found operating his successful working cattle ranch TENNESSEE RIVER MUSIC, INC near his Lookout Mountain boyhood family farm in Ft. Payne, Alabama. TRM has garnered many national, regional and state championships in the registered Hereford and Angus breeds.



Mealtime in Sweet Home Alabama



Alabama is truly a food lover's paradise. Your dining experience while attending NACAA 2014 will allow you the opportunity to sample our southern cuisine. Alabama's rivers, coast, and land yield the food its cuisine is known for.

We have selected menus that are representative of our southern traditions. The Alabama Association of County Agricultural Agents and Specialists will be hosting a catfish and chicken welcome dinner Sunday evening in the Trade Show area. Monday evening we will take a stroll over to nearby Government Plaza for some tasty southern BBQ. To get the morning started right, Chris Cakes will be catering our Wednesday Morning Tour Breakfast. Come with an appetite to enjoy pancakes hot off the griddle. Wednesday's After Tour Meal will be an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet at the historic USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park located on Mobile Bay.

Mobile has a large variety of restaurants to select from when planning your State's Night Out. Tuesday evening will be your opportunity to select the dining experience of your choice. Whether you are looking for fancy, laid-back, southern comfort food, or fresh local seafood, ACAA will be glad to help you. To find out more about our local dining, visit our website at www.aces.edu/nacaa2014.

We are excited about introducing you to our delicious cuisine in Sweet Home Alabama.

4-H Talent Revue

Polishing up those tap shoes, stretching out those vocal chords, and buffing up those instruments! That's what 4-H'ers are



doing to prepare for 2014 NACAA 4-H Talent Revue at the AM/PIC in Mobile, AL! And YOU won't want to miss it!



While you will still enjoy entertainment from some really talented 4-H'ers, this year's 4-H Revue will also feature RFD TV's Kevin Sport who hosts "The Right Place With Kevin Sport". Kevin will be working with the 4-H'ers to produce a Quality program that will also provide quite a number of segments for his television show! We feel that this will also give these exceptional 4-H'ers another avenue to display their talents!

Kevin is an Alabama native and is excited to be working with these 4-H'ers and we are proud of the opportunity we have to share this experience with 4-H'ers and you! Kevin is a real "encourager" of young people and their talents. From a young age, Kevin Sport knew music was at the core of his life. And he wants to share his love of music and entertainment with these young people!

You are promised a night of great entertainment with the 2014 NACAA 4-H Revue!

From the Mountains to the Sea 2014 Animal Science Pre-Conference Tour

Alabama has lots of diversity: diversity in topography, diversity in crops, diversity in soil types and diversity in livestock. The 2014 NACAA Animal Science Pre-Conference Tour invites you to learn about the history, people and livestock of Alabama.

Participants will gather in Huntsville, AL on Thursday, July 17. Dinner will be hosted by the Madison County Cattlemen's Association. You will be literally surrounded by rocket scientists because Huntsville is home to NASA Rocket program. Acres of cotton growing in silt loam soils also surround Huntsville and surrounding northern Alabama counties.

Hollywood will be the first stop on Friday, July 18th. Tour participants will learn how sheep and stocker cattle are raised and marketed in Alabama. From Hollywood, the tour will travel to Fort Payne, which is designated as the sock capital of the world. Fort Payne also is the beginning of the Appalachian Mountains and home of Tennessee River Music. Tennessee River Music was founded in 1979 and raises purebred Hereford and Angus cattle. Owned by Randy and Kelly Owen, tour participants will hear the vision John and Randa Starnes have for the operation.

Poultry rules the roost in Alabama. Alabama broiler production ranks 4th and Alabama layer production ranks 10th in the United States. The tour will take time to see how poultry and cattle production coexist harmoniously in north Alabama.



Innovative dairy farmer, David Wright, will showcase his farm to market approach. Their slogan is that the "Cream Still Rises to the Top." The cows and processing center is all located on the farm. The milk is pasteurized using the low temperature method, which improves shelf life. Besides milk, Wright's dairy also makes cheese and ice cream.

Another Alabama specialty, especially in July, is peaches. Cattle and peaches also go hand in hand in Alabama. The tour will eat dinner in Clanton, which is the center of peach production in Alabama and home to the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association.

On Saturday morning, the bus will continue south into Montgomery. Montgomery is the State Capitol of Alabama and home to the Alabama Cattlemen's

Association. Montgomery also was the first capitol of the Confederacy, home to Rosa Parks, the bus boycott and civil rights movement.



The tour will explore this rich southern history.

The tour will then head southwest and explore the prairie black belt soils and the cattle and fish farms that dominate the area. The bus will travel over the Edmund Pettus Bridge, site of Bloody Sunday and where the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery occurred in 1965. The final tour stop will be a milking goat dairy near Mobile.

It is important to note, the tour will begin in Huntsville, which is the opposite end of the State from Mobile. For those flying, Huntsville has an international airport and the hotel will have a shuttle from the airport to hotel. Otherwise, arrangements can be made for people to be picked up and transported to Huntsville from the Atlanta airport, or cities of Montgomery or Birmingham. We will have centralized meeting places in Montgomery and Birmingham for pickup while the rest of your party travels to Mobile.

Lisa Kreise-Anderson, Associate Professor at Auburn University has done an outstanding job planning this tour. Applications to join us on the tour are available on the NACAA website. There may be a fee for attending the tour. Fundraising is still in progress, so that has not been determined yet. As you can see from the description of the tour, it is going to be a good one! It will fill up fast, so make your plans and get your applications in.

To Apply:

Applications for the Animal Science Pre-Tour are submitted on-line (similar to other award programs). Once you are logged into the NACAA website (www.nacaa.com) the direct link is - <http://www.nacaa.com/awards/apps/index.php> Select the Animal Science Pre-Tour - then answer the following questions:

- 1.) Why you wish to attend the tour.
- 2.) How you intend to use the tour information in your educational programs.
- 3.) Describe your major animal science program emphasis. (500 words maximum.)

The application period will be between April 1 - May 15.

2014 Beaches to Woodlands NACAA AMPIC Pre-Tour Natural Resources/Aquaculture Committee

Coastal Alabama is a region known for beautiful beaches but also has lots of hidden gems! This tour from the Natural Resources and Aquaculture committee is being led by UF/IFAS Extension agents, private landowners, industry professionals and agency partners. Participant may register for one or both days of the tour. Arrival on Friday evening for an orientation dinner is encouraged. Participation is limited to the first 20 registrants.

Saturday, July 19

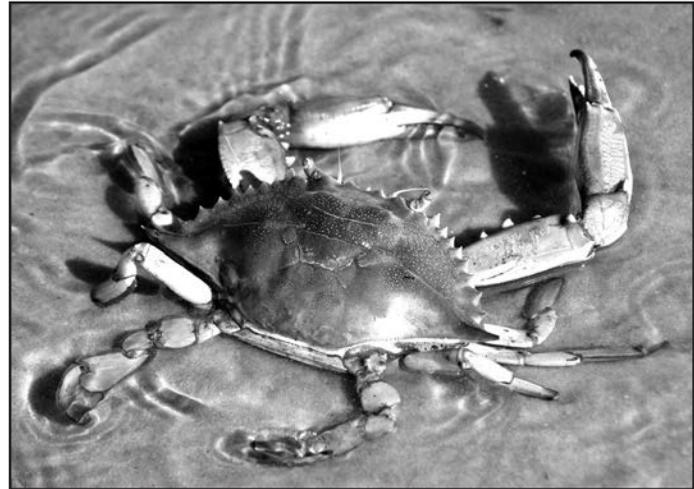
The Mobile-Tensas River Delta is directly north of Alabama's Mobile Bay, is home to some of the most diverse wildlife in Alabama and is currently at the center of a clash between conservationists and business interests. The Ecosystems in this 185,000 acre system vary dramatically including marshes, bogs, and sandhill communities.

While on the Bottle Creek Indian Mound 3.5 hour interpretive tour boat tour immerse yourself in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta as you march back in time some 800 years. These American Pyramids were built by hand more than 800 years ago by Native Americans. Then take the reasonable hike through the Delta culminating with a climbing to the top of the highest mound. Next the tour will move to the 2100 contiguous acre Splinter Hill Bog Preserve. It and the adjacent state owned Forever Wild Preserve is forested by longleaf pine savanna/seepage bog communities with interspersed sandhill habitats. The site is occupied by some of the largest and most visually impressive white-topped pitcher plant bogs globally. Numerous rare and declining species associated with seepage bogs, upland longleaf forest and coastal blackwater streams occur within this site.

Touring the Longleaf Pine forest will round out the day. Fire defined where these pines were found and fostered an ecosystem diverse in plants and animals. The longleaf pine forest dominate and cover over 140,000 square miles. Attendees will visit a large privately-owned plantation that is actively managed for timber, pinestraw production, and wildlife habitat. Foresters will share information and provides hands on demonstrations about how modern forestry is battling destructive invasive species and working to keep this ecosystem productive and economically viable.

Sunday, July 20

Dauphin Island is the largest barrier island along the Alabama coast. It was used by Native Americans for a burial ground and was first settled by the French in 1699. There are classic dune fields and associated biota along the southern shore and the northern shore is covered with salt marshes and oyster reefs. This is one of the most commercially productive



seafood areas along the Gulf coast with processing occurring in nearby Bayou La Batre, made famous by Forest Gump. The Port of Mobile is one of the busiest ports in the Gulf of Mexico and one of the largest industries in Alabama. While at the public beach on Dauphin Island you will visit dune fields, observe the dynamics of barrier islands, and the impacts of hurricanes, and see Natural Gas drilling operations. You will visit Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Estuarium for an overview of ecosystems and organisms of the island, the bay, and the Gulf of Mexico.

Participants may register for one or both days of this tour. Sponsorships have been solicited and will be used to defray the cost of participation. For more information, contact Libbie Johnson (libbiej@ufl.edu) or Sheila Dunning (sdunning@ufl.edu).

Registration Fee: Both days \$175.00 or one day for \$100.00. To apply for this Tour, please follow the same instructions on page 8 for the Animal Science Pre-Tour (on-line submission) - but select Natural Resources Pre-Tour.

Tour Limit: 20 registrants.



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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 18

7:00 am - Pre-Conference Livestock & Natural Resources Tours

8:00 am- 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 19

7:00 am - Pre-Conference Livestock & Natural Resources Tours

8:00 am- 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

12:00 pm-8:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration for 4-H Talent Revue

6:00 pm- 9:00 pm 4-H Talent Revue Orientation and Dinner

SUNDAY, JULY 20

7:30 am- Noon 4-H Talent Revue Rehearsal and Meal

8:00 am- 7:00 pm Registration

9:00 am- 1:00 pm Commercial Exhibits & NACAA Educational Exhibits, Poster Set Up

9:00 am- Noon Regional Directors and Vice Directors Workshop

9:00 am- 5:00 pm Scholarship Selection Committee

9:00 am- Noon Nominating Committee Meeting

12:00 pm-2:00 pm Past National Officers and Board Luncheon

Noon- 2:00 pm National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Luncheon and Workshop

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Horticulture Super Seminar Featuring P. Allen Smith

1:00 pm-5:00 pm Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room

1:00 pm-6:00 pm Commercial Exhibit Trade Show - and NACAA Poster Session Display - Open

2:30 pm -3:00 pm Break

1:30 pm-3:00 pm State Officers Workshop

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

2:00 pm- 3:00 pm Life Member Committee Meeting

2:00 pm- 3:00 pm NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting

3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Timer Orientation and Reception

4:30 pm- 6:30 pm Welcome to Alabama Dinner

5:30 pm- State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony

6:00 pm -6:15 pm National Leadership Rehearsal

6:00 pm-6:45 pm Parents Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program

7:00 pm-9:00 pm Opening Session and Inspirational Program

9:00 pm-11:00 pm State Pictures

9:30 pm-11:30 pm Hospitality

10:00 pm Alabama Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 21

6:30 am-7:45 am Voting Delegates Breakfast

6:30 am- 7:30 am Life Members Breakfast and Program

8:00 am-5:00 pm Registration

8:00 pm-5:00 pm Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room

8:00 am- noon NACAA Poster Judging

8:30 am -4:30 pm 4-H Talent Revue Rehearsal

8:00 am-10:00 am General Session

9:00 am-5:00 pm Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits Open

10:00 am-10:30 am Break

10:30 am-11:40 am Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions

11:45 am-1:15 pm Agriculture Awareness & Appreciation Award Luncheon (Tickets Required)

11:45 am -1:15 pm Meet the Authors Poster Session

11:45 am -1:15 pm First Time Attendee Luncheon (Tickets Required)

11:45 am -1:15 pm Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons (Tickets Required) Crop, Farm and Ranch Management, Landscape Horticulture , Sustainable Agriculture (SARE)

11:45 am -1:15 pm Excellence in 4-H Programming Luncheon

11:45 am -1:15 pm Educational Luncheon Seminars

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Climate and Agriculture Session Presentations

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

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

2:30 pm- 3:00 pm Break: Ice Cream Social

3:00 pm-5:00 pm Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations

5:00 pm -7:00 pm Dinner with AACAAAS

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

9:00 pm-11:00 pm State Pictures

9:30 pm-11:30 pm Hospitality Rooms

10:00 pm Alabama Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 22

6:30 am- 7:45 am Administrators' Breakfast

6:30 am-7:45 am Poster Session Breakfast

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

8:15 am- 4:30 pm Load buses for Life Member Tours (Tour 3 departs at 7:30 am)

8:00 am -5:00 pm	Registration
8:30 am-11:30 am	Delegate Session
8:30 am-11:30 am	Excellence in 4-H Program Workshop
8:30 am- 11:30 am	Extension Development Council Seminar Administrative Skills Early Career Development Teaching & Educational Technologies Ag Issues & Public Relations
10:00 am- 10:30 am	Break
9:00 am- 4:00 pm	Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits Open
9:00 am- 4:00 pm	NACAA Poster Session Open
11:45 am-1:15 pm	State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Communication Awards Luncheon
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence in Livestock Production
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence in Remote Sensing
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning or Small Farms/Rancher Program
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
11:45 am-1:15 pm	SARE Fellows Luncheon
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Professional Improvement Council Luncheon Seminar - Sustainable Agriculture
1:30 pm- 4:00 pm	Professional Improvement Council Seminars Agronomy and Pest Management Ag Economics Animal Science Natural Resources/Aquaculture/Sea Grant Horticulture and Turf Grass
2:30 pm-3:20 pm	Break
4:00 pm -6:00 pm	Commercial Exhibits close and take down
4:30 pm	States Night Out
7:00 pm	Silent and Live Auction Preview
8:00 pm	Live Auction
10:00 pm	Alabama Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

6:30 am- 9:00 am	Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours
6:30 am	Breakfast - Convention Center
8:00 am- 6:00 pm 4:45 pm	Professional Improvement Tours Shuttle buses for Alabama Dinner for non-tour participants
6:00 pm	Dinner - USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park
10:00 pm	Alabama Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 24

6:30 am -8:00 am	National Committee Members Breakfast Recognition of Retiring Chairs, Vice Chairs and Special Assignments
8:00 pm-5:00 pm	Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room
8:30 am- 10:00 am	NACAA Policy Meeting
8:00 am- 11:00 am	General Session
9:00 am- 5:00 pm	Registration

11:00 am-11:30 am	Break
11:45 am- 1:30 pm	Search for Excellence Luncheon- Sustainable Agriculture (SARE)
11:45am- 1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Super Seminar - Agronomy
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Super Seminar - Agriculture Economics
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Super Seminar - Climate and Agriculture Session
4:30 pm-5:00 pm	Formal Picture Opportunity
5:00 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	Alabama Meeting & Celebration

FRIDAY, JULY 25

8:00 am- 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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SATURDAY, JULY 26

8:00 am- 12:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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SUPER SEMINARS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Four Super Seminars will be held during this years meeting focusing on various topics:

Horticulture & Turfgrass Committee - Sunday, July 20 from 1:00-3:00 pm featuring TV host, writer, and professional gardener, P. Allen Smith.

Agricultural Economics and Community Development Committee - Thursday, July 24 from 1:00-4:00 pm discussing two hot topics: farm business transfer and crop insurance changes in the 2014 Farm Bill.

Agronomy & Pest Management Committee - Thursday, July 24 from 1:00-4:00 pm discussing Soil Health & Cover Crops.

Climate and Agriculture Sessions - Monday, July 21 from 1:00-3:00 pm (Member Presentations) and Thursday, July 24 from 1:00-5:00 pm discussing Risk Management and Weather Extremes, Manure Management, Climate Adaptation Practices, and Climate Decision Support Tools.

2014 NACAA AM/PIC Professional Improvement Tours

Kimberly Wilkins, Tours Chair

Professional Improvement Tours are scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2014. The Alabama agents, along with a few Florida agents, have developed a wide range of exciting and educational options for the day. Everyone should find a tour of interest. July is very hot and humid in Mobile. Some degree of walking will be a part of all tours. Keep in mind that farm tours may have uneven terrain. Please prepare accordingly. Water and snacks will be available on busses and lunches will be provided. Each tour has a \$20 Tour Fee.

Tour #1 The Creeks: Culture and Change

Visit the only federally recognized Indian Tribe Reservation in Alabama. Explore the historical side of the Poarch Nation as you visit landmarks such as the Baptismal Hole, the Old Schoolhouse, the Pow-Wow Grounds and the Poarch Creek Band of Indians Museum.



This tour visits several economic development projects of Alabama's Poarch Creek Band of Indians. This tour also visits Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, a 6,000 acre recreation area on Big Escambia Creek. Tour participants will experience not only the historical, but also the modern as they see how the tribe has become a completely self-contained nation with its own fire department, hospital, and other recently added amenities. A traditional Indian lunch featuring entertainment will be served.

Tour #2 Don't be A Shellfish

Learn how shrimp make it from 'tide to table' as you tour the shrimp and processing facilities in Bayou La Batre. Learn about different shrimp varieties found in the Gulf of Mexico and the challenges shrimpers face.



Travel to Oyster Gulch Pile (J&W Marine). Oyster shell, a valuable commodity, is saved and used to build reefs.

See Bayou La Batre's working waterfront. This small town has a long history of ship building and commercial fishing.

Visit Point aux Pines commercial oyster farm where oysters are raised in baskets. Learn about this growing Gulf Coast industry. At the Auburn University Shellfish Lab, visitors will learn about the University's research and education efforts.

Learn about the ecology of Alabama's coastal environments from bays and bayous to the Gulf of Mexico at the Dauphin Island Estuarium.

The tour ends at Alma Bryant High School. This school has the largest K-12 Aquaculture/Aquascience Program in Alabama and surrounding region. It has cultured more than a dozen species while teaching math and science hands on to its students. Recently, ABHS has begun expanding into oyster farming, exposing the students to a sustainable option to continue a traditional life on the water.

Tour #3 Boats, Bogs, and BMPs

Looking for a chance to explore water resources along the Alabama coast? Don't miss this chance to explore the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.



Participants will stroll boardwalks through bottomland hardwood wetland forest; take a boat ride along the bay and rivers; visit a pine-savannah pitcher plant bog that is maintained by prescribed burns, and tour sites illustrating ag and urban watershed best management practices.

The Weeks Bay Reserve has state of the art classrooms and a newly renovated visitor center that shares the education and research mission of the facility. We will also visit the Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, the gateway to the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta, and see firsthand how ecotourism is being combined with natural resource management and education.

Tour #4 Vines and the Art So Fine

Visit Fairhope, a scenic community that attracts visitors with its natural beauty and its vibrant downtown. This tour will visit the Windmill



Market, an open air marketplace where farmers, artists, antique dealers, bakers and more sell their wares. The market features local and organic produce.

The next stop will be the Eastern Shore Art Center. Participants will tour the center and complete a tarpaper art project. After lunch, we will travel to Perdido Vineyards to learn about the vineyards, their wines and flavored vinegars. There you will have the opportunity to sample one of Perdido's Muscadine wines. *(SARE Sponsored)*

Tour #5 Better Range and Gardens

On the Garden and Guns tour, discover the diverse plant collections, visit one of Mobile's premier nurseries, and explore a shooting preserve known for its sustainable



management practices. The tour begins at Mobile Botanical Gardens. The gardens cover a 100-acre site and include cultivated gardens, woodland trails and a longleaf pine restoration.

Martin's Nursery, founded in 1973, has grown from a "hobby" greenhouse to more than 40 irrigated acres of bed space. The nursery now covers a total of 280 acres. More than 70 varieties of azaleas account for 80 percent of the plants grown, while the remainder is hollies, boxwood and woody ornamentals. Finally explore Taylor Creek Shooting Preserve. The preserve, located near Theodore offers full-day or half-day guided quail and pheasant hunts, self-guided hunts and a continental pheasant hunt for 20 participants. Taylor Creek also offers an advanced intermediate 12 station clay course sporting over seven tower shots with two pond stations and a platform station. On this tour, you will get a close-up look at the preserve and learn about their sustainable management practices.

Tour #6 A Blooming Good Time

This tour travels to South Mobile County and historic Bellingrath Gardens and Home. Bellingrath Gardens was originally a fishing camp along Fowl River owned by Walter Bellingrath, a local physician. The gardens were opened for year-round viewing in 1934. A self-guided walking tour features something



for everyone including a rose garden, bayou boardwalk, Asian garden and a butterfly garden. Also included is the beautiful 15-room home built in 1935 and filled with antiques and collectables from all over the world.

On the trip to Bellingrath Gardens and Home, the tour will stop at Flowerwood Nursery. Flowerwood is a third-generation family-owned business. The nursery specializes in improved products including many selections of Encore® Azaleas, the Southern Living® Plant Collection, Endless Summer® Hydrangeas, and the Knock Out® Rose.

Tour #8 Beauty and The Beast



This tour features beauty in the form of Flowerwood Nurseries and the beasts of Gator Alley.

Enjoy a guided adventure through Gator Alley, with a walk to the elevated viewing platform, where you can see more than 450 alligators ranging from hatchlings to mature adults, relaxing, sunbathing, courting and nesting. During feeding times, you can see the crew walk right out to the alligators with their meals. Continue your adventure with a nature walk on the elevated boardwalk and see alligators in their natural habitat along with other native species such as turtles, ospreys, owls and bull frogs only a couple feet away.

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Tour #9 Battles, Back Roads, and Box Cars

Get off the beaten path as you travel the back roads of north Mobile County to Chunchula and Citronelle, Native American names meaning, thicket clearers and land of healing springs.



Learn how early settlers traveled from England to the shores of Alabama. Visit Heritage Homestead in Chunchula, and explore an old “Dog-Trot” Cabin Building, surrounded by a Longleaf Pine Forest managed with silviculture and agritourism.

Move ahead in time to the 1800’s and visit Kitty-Hutty Home, an authentic pre-Civil War home in Citronelle. Enjoy a cool cup of punch or a mint julep served by the gracious lady of the house and the Azalea Trail Garden Club Belles.

Experience a Civil War battle as you visit Citronelle, the last Civil War surrender site east of the Mississippi. Tour the old church, Hygeia Cottage and Train Depot museum while your lunch is cooked on open camp fires by Civil War re-enactors.

Tour #10 Ponies and Pretzels

First, visit Manna Bakery where the owner Manja Leyk mixes her native German style of bread making with the more American style, using organic ingredients.

Impressible Mini’s has raised Miniatures horses for 22 years and have produced some of the smallest in the country. The tour visits Henrietta’s Dairy next. The family-owned farm in West Mobile includes a herd of 200 Saanen goats from Switzerland and Henrietta’s Happy Hens. Henrietta’s Dairy has been in operation for five years and was the first Grade A goat dairy in Alabama. End the tour at Pittman Farms in Grand Bay. The farm has been involved with conservation education for many years. Bob and Carol Pittman annually host more than 700 children and adult groups on the farm to showcase their unique ecosystem. The Pittman’s will display long leaf pine management, goat production, conservation easements and gopher tortoise habitat.



Tour #11 Oyster Glad You Came to Alabama

Learn how shrimp make it from ‘tide to table’ as you tour the shrimp and processing facilities in Bayou La Batre. Learn about different shrimp varieties found in the Gulf of Mexico and the challenges shrimpers face. Travel to Oyster Gulch Pile. Oyster shell, a valuable commodity, is saved and used to build reefs. See Bayou La Batre’s working waterfront. This small town has a long history of ship building and commercial fishing.

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Tour #12 From Cattle to Turf and High Tunnels

Leroy Hill is an all-American success story. He has spent more than 50 years perfecting the coffee trade. His company, the former Hill & Brooks® now



Leroy Hill Coffee Company Inc.®, is headquartered in Mobile. The products can be found in restaurants, health care facilities, grocery stores and convenience stores. Currently, the Leroy Hill Coffee Company® has 22 locations with service centers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Oak Hill Produce got its start when Brian Keller started raising produce as a way to diversify the family business, Oak Hill Tree Farm, in Grand Bay. He raises hydroponic lettuce and cucumbers year round and has fresh produce during the summer and fall growing seasons. He sells both at local markets and to the public at his farm.

Explore Leroy Hill Farm, a commercial Angus farm producing high quality feeder cattle to fit the modern beef industry. Feeder cattle are either marketed in truckload lots or ownership is retained in the feed yard.

Final stop on the tour is Driskell Farms, a diversified family

farm located in Mobile County. Cotton, peanuts, turf, corn, and cattle comprise the Driskell Farms partnership. *(SARE Sponsored)*

Tour #13 Do you Feel Lucky?

Get a behind the scenes view of Windcreek Casino and Resort. Take a guided behind the scenes tour through the casino, cooking studio and spa. The Casino and Hotel feature over 225,000 square feet of



gaming, hotel and restaurant space. The 17-story, 236 room luxury hotel features spacious rooms and the finest amenities. The casino features over 57,000 square feet of gaming floor and 1,600 electronic gaming machines, as well as four new restaurants including a signature steakhouse, an international buffet, a 24-hour café and a coffee bar. Participants will take part in a cooking demonstration in the state of the art kitchen and then get to enjoy their creations. This tour will also enjoy some free time to explore other attractions at Windcreek including the new 8 screen movie theatre, bowling alley and arcade.

Tour #14 Where's The Beef?

Beef is big business in Alabama and the panhandle of Florida. Hastings Farm is located between Mobile, and Pensacola. The family raises Rotakwa Red Devon cross cattle, which are fed on grass with no hormones or antibiotics.



Perdido River Farms serves as a tribal entity leading the Poarch Tribe's stewardship of agricultural land. PRF produces feeder calves. In addition to the cattle production, PRF manages 2,200 acres including a pecan orchard and 200 acres of row cropland utilized for farming peanuts, soybean, cotton and wheat.

Gizmo Angus Farm is located in the Florida panhandle near Pensacola. Because of its location, Gizmo Angus Farm has been active in beef organizations in both Alabama and Florida. Cunningham Farm, founded around 1950, emphasizes marketing replacement females regionally versus locally.

Located just east of Mobile Bay and 30 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico, Auburn University's Gulf Coast Research and Extension Center in Fairhope enjoys a climate ideal for a diversified research program. Long growing seasons and mostly mild winters allow research on all of Alabama's major

row crops as well as on turf grass, vegetable and fruit crops, pecans, beef cattle and forage. *(SARE Sponsored)*

Tour #15 Southern Grown

Discover the beginnings of your favorite shirt and jar of peanut butter as this tour explores cotton and peanut production.



Cotton is big business in Alabama—grown in almost 90 percent of all Alabama counties. The state ranks ninth nationally in cotton production. Cotton seed oil and meal are valuable commodities in addition to the fiber produced.

Peanuts are also an important row crop in Alabama, particularly in the southern parts of the state. Alabama ranks third in the nation in peanut production.

This tour will visit several family farms that produce cotton and peanuts. You will get a chance to see how the equipment used is evolving with technology. The tour will also visit a cotton gin and peanut buying point.

Tour #16 Sea, Sand, and Critters

Travel an hour to the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. It's best known as Animal Planet's The Little Zoo that Could and features lions, tigers, bears, monkeys and more.

Then, it's a short 20 minutes ride to Sea, Sand and Stars in Orange Beach. This science and nature center features a 5,800 gallon aquarium with a variety of fish.

Lunch at the Alabama Gulf State Park Pier – the longest fishing pier on the Gulf of Mexico. Relax on the pier or on the beach. There will be a shady spot on the pier for lunch. Bring sunscreen and beach apparel.



The tour's final stop is Weeks Bay Reserve. The Weeks Bay Reserve encompasses over 6,000 acres of land and water in and around Weeks Bay and along Mobile Bay. The Reserve has an educational interpretive center and two boardwalks. One boardwalk leads to Weeks Bay while the pitcher plant bog boardwalk connects to Fish River.

Tour #17 A Step Back in Time

This tour highlights historic Mobile's people, places and celebrations. Explore Fort Conde. Built by the French, Fort Conde defended the strategic location of Mobile and its Bay against British or Spanish attack.



During your visit to Oakleigh Mansion, step back in time as costumed guides lead you through Mobile's official period house museum. Hear stories of Mobile's early history, the families who lived at Oakleigh and experience life in 1850's Mobile.

Mobile residents proudly claim that their Mardi Gras celebration tradition is older than New Orleans. Learn more at the Mobile Carnival Museum which chronicles more than 300 years of Carnival and Mardi Gras in Mobile.

Discover how the local celebration evolved from its early days to the current modern traditions. The Queen's Gallery houses gowns, trains, and jewels worn by the queens of Carnival. Also on display is the attire of a 1920s flapper queen, as well as costumes of several jesters of well-known parading societies. The collections include original Mardi Gras art and posters by area artists. The mansion's former carriage house contains interactive exhibits, where visitors can "ride" and throw doubloons from a Carnival float.

Tour #18 The Magic of Marketing

Burris Farm Market offers quality vegetables and bakery products in Loxley, Ala. This farm stand grows some of their own produce to sell and also sources local vegetables and products for local consumers and visitors. This market is along the main beach route where it benefits from tourists who are looking to purchase produce for their stay at Alabama beaches.

Waters Nursery started life as a hog and row crop operation before diversifying into containerized tree production that are used for commercial and homeowner landscapes throughout the region. They sell many natives and trees suitable the Coastal South—wind tolerant, salt tolerant, and/or pest tolerant.

Family-owned Sirmon Farm originally raised traditional row crops but has diversified into sweet potato production. They grow their own slips to plant on their farm and have refrigeration on site to be able to hold their product for later sale.

Allegrri Farm Stand and Allegrri Farm began as a traditional row crop operation as well but the family chose to diversify into vegetables. The operation first sold its vegetables wholesale

throughout the Southeast and then added its own farm stand. On the farm, sequential plantings extend growing seasons allowing longer product availability. *(SARE Sponsored)*



Tour #19 Sustainable Fruit and Pecan Production on Small and Commercial Farms

Coastal Alabama is the center of the state's pecan and citrus industry. Many folks know about the area's pecan orchards, but the area is home to a growing number of Satsuma operations.

B & B Pecan Company began with just five acres back in 1956. B & B Pecan's markets its product through both an onsite retail shop and a mail order business.

Underwood Pecan Farm and Nursery has developed varieties such as 'Surprize' and 'Pioneer'. In addition to the pecan orchards, there is a container nursery specializing in low input pecan varieties. The nursery offers other fruits including blueberries, citrus, figs, and blackberries. The farm has worked with Auburn University researchers to graft new disease-resistant, large-nut varieties and to develop new grafting method.

Auburn University's Gulf Coast Research and Extension Center is home to extensive research on pecans and Satsuma mandarins. One pecan research project is a low input pecan cultivar trial. It evaluates pecan selections suitable for home and small commercial or organic plantings where sprays will be nonexistent or minimal.



Satsuma research at the station includes freeze protection methods, a tree density and spacing trial. *(SARE Sponsored)*

Tour #20 Searching the Shallows

Come see some of the area's most biodiverse ecosystems at the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. At Grand Bay, you will find salt marshes and fire-maintained pine savannas, habitats that support many important species of fish and wildlife. Finfish and shellfish such as brown shrimp, speckled trout and oysters abound here. Sea turtles,

bottlenose dolphin and, on occasion, manatees can be found in the deeper waters of the reserve. For the plant lover, many species of carnivorous plants and orchids can be found in the higher savanna habitats.

The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is a unique local, state and federal partnership designed to promote estuarine research and education along Mississippi's coast and encompass some 18,400 acres.



The Institute for Marine Mammal Studies serves as an important educational outlet for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, incorporating programs for conservation, education and research of marine mammals and their environment. Located in Gulfport, Mississippi, IMMS has also developed and supervised a marine mammal veterinary preceptorship program for final year veterinary students.

Research at IMMS covers a broad range of scientific disciplines including population dynamics, underwater acoustics and biomagnetism among others. Together with its scientific collaborators, IMMS hopes to make a significant impact on the health and well-being of dolphins in the Mississippi Sound and adjacent waters of the Northern Gulf of Mexico.

Tour #21 Down on the Farm

Meet farmers who have embraced new options to welcome customers and visitors. Visit the Yoder Family Dairy in Bratt, Florida. This micro dairy produces whole, pasteurized but not homogenized milk from less than 25 milk cows for direct sale. Gabbert Farm is home to one of the largest individual farm equipment collections in the South. For 24 years, thousands have attended the annual Jay Peanut Festival, and other events on the Gabbert Farm.

Enjoy lunch at the UF/IFAS West Florida Research and Education Center-Jay Research Farm.

From there, the tour moves to Sweet Seasons Farms, founded by Trent and Sharon Mathews. Four years ago, they partnered with a Utah company to create a 5-acre corn maze and an agricultural experience like none other in the Florida Panhandle. Visitors learn how their food is produced and why agriculture is important to their lives while enjoying the maze and fun farm activities.



Just down the road is Holland Farms, a diversified family farm that sells peanuts,

melons, and other produce directly to the public. Fall agritourism entertainment includes the Holland Farms Pumpkin Patch, featuring a farm hayride, sorghum maze, zip line, and family activities. *(SARE Sponsored)*

Tour #22 500 Years of Blue Waters and Blue Skies

Enjoy the drive along the Gulf of Mexico's blue water as you head to Pensacola Naval Air Station. A retired Navy Officer, who is both an Escambia County Master Gardener and a Florida Master Naturalist, will guide your trip.



Learn more about the history of this stretch of the Gulf Coast at a stop at the National Sea Shore, including information on the history and role of the military along the Gulf Coast.

When you arrive at the Naval Air Station, three locations await you. First, you will enjoy a private tour of the Naval Aviation Museum. Next follow a Park Ranger on a tour of Fort Barrancus, a brick fort set on the bluffs overlooking Pensacola Pass. The still operating Pensacola Lighthouse and Museum is your final stop where you can tour the Lighthouse on your own.

Tour #23 All Along the Seashore

See how people in the Pensacola area are committed to the preservation and restoration of their home waters even as they enjoy the water's bounty.

Project GreenShores is a habitat restoration and creation project along the urban shoreline of Pensacola Bay. This habitat restoration effort is a unique partnership of governmental agencies at the local, state, and federal level, businesses and nonprofit groups. It is a community based effort to restore oyster reef, salt marsh and seagrass habitat within the Pensacola Bay System.

Visit historic Fort Pickens, the largest fort built to defend Pensacola Bay and is only one of four forts in the South never occupied by Confederate forces.



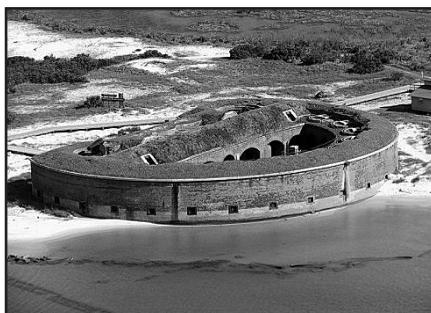
Naval Live Oaks Preserve, the nation's first tree farm, was established in 1828 to protect live oaks for military use. Trails meander through ancient dunes along both sides of the island where you can explore a variety of coastal habitats.

For more than 75 years, Joe Patti's Seafood Market has been located on Pensacola Bay. For years, Joe Patti's served restaurants along Florida's and Alabama's Gulf Coast. It now focuses on a retail operation. You will find a wide array of shops and eating options to tempt your taste buds.

Tour #24 Ports and Forts

Travel to the Mississippi Gulf Coast on this tour and enjoy a day at Ship Island and Fort Massachusetts. Mississippi's finest beaches are located on Ship Island. Tranquil stretches of barrier island shore invite you to explore and relax. Pristine gulf waters surrounding Ship Island attract swimmers, snorkelers, and boogie boarders. Ship Island is part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore and one of five Mississippi barrier islands located south of Gulfport and Biloxi.

Ship Island is home to Fort Massachusetts, a beautifully preserved brick fortification completed in 1868. The National Park Service offers fort tours during the season the ferries operate. The excursion boats arrive at the end of a 400-foot pier near the fort on the Mississippi Sound side or north shore of West Ship Island. In addition to history, the unspoiled island provides visitors excellent birding, shelling, and hiking opportunities.



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Tour #25 From Battle Scars to Modern Art

Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast, but two important sites have battled back from the storm. See Beauvoir, the final home of Jefferson Davis, former president of the Confederacy. Completed in 1852, it was called Orange Grove because of the Satsuma mandarins growing on the property. A later owner changed the name to Beauvoir in recognition of the beautiful view the property had of the Mississippi Sound. In 1877, Jefferson Davis was looking for a quiet retreat to write his books and papers. Davis died at Beauvoir in 1889. Beauvoir continues its restoration efforts with work continuing on the library.

While not nearly as old as Beauvoir, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art is a vital part of Biloxi's fine arts scene. The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art celebrates the innovative and creative spirit of Mississippi master potter George Ohr.

The museum and the reconstructed home of Pleasant Reed offer are connected a large brick plaza and surrounded by Live Oaks. The Pleasant Reed home features exhibits on local African American history.



Tour #26 Bottles and Rockets

This Tour will travel west along the Mississippi coast. First stop is the Infinity Science Center, the Visitor and Education Center for NASA's



Stennis Space Center. Visitors will have fun exploring the farthest reaches of outer space, the uncharted depths of the oceans and the varied layers of the Earth. Hands-on exhibits include the Omega Flight Simulator, Science Express, Science on a Sphere, Space Gallery and many more including a bus tour of the working NASA facilities.

After lunch, enjoy our tour of the Lazy Magnolia Brewing Company. Lazy Magnolia, founded in 2003, is Mississippi's oldest packaging brewery, and the first Mississippi Brewery to open since prohibition was enacted in 1907. You can now find their delicious brews in your favorite bars, restaurants, and local retailers throughout the South.

Tour #27 The Green Chemistry Tour

South Mobile County is a blend of suburban growth, industry, cattle ranches, cotton and peanut farms, pecan orchards, Treasure Forests and fishing villages.

We will visit one of the many chemical plants along the Gulf Coast, Evonik Corporation. Evonik converts waste by-products into valuable fertilizers for area farmers. Along the way, we'll see research to control cogongrass, one of the most invasive weeds in the South and a demonstration by Southeastern Pond Management.

Seafood is the main industry in Bayou la Batre on the Mississippi Sound. After a riding tour of the fishing village where Forest Gump was filmed, we'll visit a cooperative formed to turn crab and shrimp shells into value-added products and organic fertilizers.



The day ends at one of Alabama's premier Treasure Forests. Owner Bob Pittman will narrate a wagon tour of the native longleaf pine and hardwood bottomland ecosystem of the Gulf Coast and introduce you to "Classroom in the Forest", a youth program that began on his property. *(SARE Sponsored)*

LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM

LIFE MEMBER BREAKFAST

Monday, July 21st at 6:30-7:30 AM – Mobile Convention Center

Breakfast Speaker - Kevin Sport of RFD TV

“Am I in the right place?”



We all have asked that question more than once in our lives, and not just when we are trying to go somewhere unfamiliar for vacation like Mobile, Alabama. We ask that question whenever we have ventured somewhere new in our lives and that place was not quite what we expected, we have experienced the doubt that causes us to ask the question over and over again: “Am I really in the right place?”

Kevin Sport will explore that question while he gives a history of the journey he is on that led him to RFD-TV. From a young age, Kevin knew music was at the core of his life. He dreamed of singing and songwriting his way into people’s hearts through their radios, so he packed up his guitar, left his hometown of Greenville, Alabama, and headed to the country music capital of the world, Nashville, Tennessee. But after some time there, Kevin came back home to face

his shattered dream which did not materialize as he expected.

But the dream did not die, even though Kevin may have denied it for a time. Kevin remembers, “I was always asked when meeting someone I hadn’t seen in a few years, ‘Are you still singing? Are you still pursuing music, and if not, then why?’”

So Kevin had the support of caring people around him, and all that was left for him was to have faith. As Kevin set out again on his musical journey, however, he decided to use a different navigation system. Instead of using commercial success to determine whether he was in the right place, he used a different gauge. “I knew now what I didn’t know before,” Kevin says. “As long as you’re following your dream, your God-given dream, you’re always in the right place.” The right place is not a location on a map but a place in your heart.

Therefore, this time Kevin started his musical journey in a different place and with a different platform. Kevin began producing a television show called The Right Place with Kevin Sport, and the pilot episode was taped in his hometown of Greenville. The show is an entertaining and encouraging mix of interviews of and performances by country music artists. Kevin hosts as well as performs.

All Life Members are encouraged to join Kevin Sport for an enjoyable breakfast because we are always at the right stage of life to explore the question, “Am I in the right place?”

NACAA 2014 LIFE MEMBER TOURS

Tuesday, July 22nd

Life Member Tour 1: Land and Sea



Explore Mobile Bay from the land and the sea. This tour will depart the hotel at 8:15 a.m. The tour begins at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, where you can learn more about the diverse ecosystems of Mobile Bay. A ride on the Mobile Bay Ferry will carry you to Fort Morgan, which guarded Mobile Bay since 1834 until World War II. A bus will carry you to

beautiful Gulf Shores for a lunch at Desoto's Seafood.

Finally, the tour bus will travel a scenic route along Mobile Bay stopping at Weeks Bay Estuary before traveling through the scenic towns of Point Clear, Fairhope and Daphne.

**Life Member Tour 2:
Rivers and Roses**



Discover the beauty of Mobile Delta on a 2 hour pontoon boat adventure. Tour the 5 Rivers – Delta Resource Center before heading to the Original Oyster House on the Mobile Bay Causeway for lunch. This tour will depart the hotel at 8:15 a.m.

After lunch, we will cross the Bay to Fairhope to view the Rose Garden and stroll on the Fairhope Pier.

The last stop on the return trip will allow you to cool off while shopping in a Bass Pro Shop located near Mobile Bay. This tour is limited to a maximum of 42 people due to the pontoon boat capacity.

**Life Member Tour 3:
Flying to Shop**



Visit the world's largest Naval Air Museum in Pensacola, Florida. If weather permits, the Blue Angels are scheduled to perform a brief air show at 11:30 am. This tour will depart the hotel at 7:30 a.m. and a light breakfast on the go will be provided. We will take a guided tour of the museum beginning at 9:45 am followed by an early lunch in their unique Cubi Café. After lunch, we will return along scenic highway 98 to Fairhope. The downtown is packed with wonderful stores that you will enjoy visiting and shopping.

Finally as we leave downtown Fairhope, we will swing by the City Pier and their beautiful rose garden for a short visit.

**Life Member Tour 4:
Bellingrath Home and
Gardens**



Bellingrath Gardens is the number one public garden in Alabama. This tour will depart the hotel at 8:15 a.m. While on the grounds you will want to tour the beautiful Bellingrath home and a large porcelain figurine collection before strolling back through the garden for an early lunch at 11:30 in the garden cafe.

After lunch at the Bellingrath Cafeteria, the tour will take a quick swing through the seafood capital of Alabama – Bayou La Batre. This hard-working commercial seafood community was featured in the 1994 movie, Forrest Gump. Also, In April 2005, Disney Studios launched a secretly built pirate ship, the Black Pearl, out of Bayou La Batre for filming sequels to Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.

Our last stop will place us just across the street from the life member hotel the Renaissance Riverview Plaza at The History Museum of Mobile. This museum is an educational and entertaining destination that will include a guided tour and lecture by the curator of history. He will take you on a fascinating historical tour of the Mobile area called “Visions of Mobile”. Over the last 300 years, many travelers have looked upon Mobile with fresh eyes. Many of them wrote down their impressions, leaving behind fascinating – and often humorous – accounts of the city’s history.

After this last stop you will walk back to the hotel which is just across the street from the museum. Therefore, you are free to enjoy the museum as long as you like and do not need to wait on the entire group to depart.

SPOUSES/GUEST PROGRAM

AM/PIC Spouse Tours

Monday, July 21, 2014

The Alabama agents have planned a variety of tour experiences for you and your spouse's enjoyment. Whether it is historic Mobile along the Bay, our Country's historical armed forces museums, beautiful gardens, or local art and architecture, our guests will have fun touring the Gulf Coast area. Our local professional tour guides will enhance the experience and serve to answer your questions along the way. Water, snacks, and lunch will be provided on each tour. All tours require moderate walking/standing, so wear comfortable shoes. Tours will have a combination of indoor and outdoor features, so remember July is hot and humid in Mobile. Include both a hat and sunscreen in your preparation for the day.

#1 - TOUR OF HISTORIC MOBILE 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Your coach and guide will meet you at your hotel for an exciting fun filled day of touring historic Mobile. A tour of the 19th century garden district creates a flavor that takes you back in time.



There is a unique blend of architecture in the magnificent antebellum homes. Many are embellished with delicate wrought iron. We will visit the carnival museum, which has a display of robes worn by the past Mardi Gras Courts. This is truly an awesome museum. We will then stop at one of the antebellum museum homes, for a tour and refreshments. Lunch will be at one of Mobile's fine restaurants.

#2 - USS ALABAMA MEMORIAL 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Welcome aboard...this mighty WWII battleship is one of the state's leading tourist attractions. The 35,000 ton USS Alabama with a crew of 2,500 earned nine battle stars. The warship and the USS Drum, a WWII submarine are moored at the edge of Mobile Bay. The Drum is credited with sinking the seventh largest amount of enemy tonnage in WWII. With a sense of pride and renewed patriotism walk the footsteps of the crew while touring the captain's cabin, wardroom, galley, radio room, and sick bay. Lunch will be served in the wardroom.

#3 - NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Board your motor coach and depart for Pensacola and a visit to the naval aviation museum. The complete history of U. S. Naval Aviation unfolds



around you. The museum displays a full scale panoramic time line of authentic aircraft and aviation memorabilia. Along with the visit to the museum, we will also enjoy the IMAX film featuring the Blue Angels. Lunch will be at Cubies located in the museum.

#4 - BELLINGRATH GARDENS AND HOME 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Board your coach for a tour of Bellingrath Gardens. Built by the Coca-Cola millionaire, Walter Bellingrath (with the insistence and supervision of his lovely wife), this



sleepy rustic escape was transformed into one of the most beautiful estates in the South.

You will walk the magnificent grounds and visit the beautiful home filled with antiques and collectables from all over the world. Lunch will be served in the Magnolia Restaurant, located at the Gardens.



#5 - EASTERN SHORE OF MOBILE BAY
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Depart for a tour of the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, one of the country's most exclusive resort areas. The Greek Orthodox Church at Malbis Plantation, a beautiful work of religious art, stands on this rural Alabama countryside, and it houses over 100 hand painted icons and murals. A replica of the Byzantine church in Athens, Greece, this magnificent structure contains marble from the same quarry that provided stone for the Parthenon.

Our next stop is the Storybook Castle, a fascinating structure built by an artist during WWII using leftover materials from building sites. You will enjoy its interesting architecture and history.

Another popular stop is Punta Clara Candy Kitchen, located in a rambling 1897 Victorian home. This candy kitchen has been operated by the descendants of the original owners for more than 50 years. Its all-natural candies are made from original recipes and are sold all over the nation.

Al elegant luncheon is served at the Grand Dame of resort hotels, Marriott's Grand Hotel. We will have time to browse in the unique shops in Fairhope.

Thursday, July 24, 2014
Spouses' Tour

Spouses will enjoy a full day of tours involving either shopping or gulf-side lounging on the white sands of the gulf. Whichever one you choose, the Gulf Coast will provide a full day of leisure. All tours will depart at 9:00 AM and return between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Water and snacks will be provided for your convenience but lunch will be on your own.

Day at the Beach/Gulf Shores

#6 GULF SHORES - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Spend all day on the sugary white beaches of Gulf Shores, or take a short walk for shopping at the world famous Souvenir City and other nearby shops. Waterville water park is a half mile walk and the zoo a mile if that fits your fancy. Water and a small snack bag will be provided, but lunch is on your own.

#7 TANGER OUTLET MALL IN FOLEY
- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

What could be more fun than spending the day bargain hunting at the Tanger Outlet Center. Tanger features over 125 outlet stores which are owned and operated by the most popular, brand name manufacturers. Because you are making your purchases directly from the manufacturer (and avoiding the middleman), brand name merchandise can be purchased at 20%-40% below retail. Tanger features brand name and designer fashions, accessories, jewelry, housewares and china, home décor, luggage, toys, books, compact discs, food specialties, and much, much more.

Upon arrival, check in at the Tanger Customer Service center or center office and inquire about the availability of discount coupons, updated store information, current sales and promotions. Water and a small snack bag will be provided, but lunch is on your own.

#8 FAIRHOPE - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Just off the beautiful Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay shore sits Fairhope, a warm, friendly and walkable town that radiates southern charm. Fairhope still retains much of its original small-town ambiance, but is unique in many ways. Fairhope is known for its active arts community, beautiful downtown floral displays and recreational trails. The downtown is filled with unique shops and galleries, gourmet restaurants, cozy cafes and more. Spend the day enjoying them all. Water and a small snack bag will be provided, but lunch is on your own.

AM/PIC Spouse Workshops

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Workshops will be held in the morning from 10:00-11:00 a.m., and again in the afternoon from 2:00-3:00 p.m. When selecting your workshops on the registration form, please make sure to list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th choice for both sessions.

#1 Cooking on the Gulf – Seafood Cookery

Fish and shellfish can be cooked quickly, tasty and super healthy. The trick to incorporating more seafood into your diet is knowing how to cook it. Join us to learn valuable preparation and cooking tips.

#2 Get into the Latest Exercise Craze

Exercise helps keep the body happy, focused and less stressed. Come learn a workout routine that will fit into any busy schedule. Zumba will be featured in the morning and Crossfit in the afternoon session.

#3 Herbs and More

Herbs are useful plants found in every culture of the world. Herbs connect people across spaces and ages and have a variety of uses including culinary and medicinal. Increase your knowledge about the variety of ways herbs can be utilized.

#4 Painting Scapes

Mobile is a historic city with plenty of scenic views. Come and paint a picture of a local scene and learn about a variety of ways you can put watercolor paint to paper. A demonstration of various brush handling skills along with pouring and spattering techniques will inspire you.

This workshop will introduce the basics of water color painting and should appeal to painters of all levels. The morning workshop participants will paint a Mobile Cityscape and the afternoon participants a coastal scene.

#5 Fishing on the Gulf

Learn about the many fishing opportunities along Alabama's Gulf Coast. Whether you like to deep sea fish, or try fishing in one of the many bays, Alabama's Gulf Coast is home to some of the world's best fishing.

#6 Gardening in the South

One of the simple pleasures in the South is the ability to have successful gardens. Over the past several years, many Southerners have taken up gardening as a hobby or a great way to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables. Come learn the latest trends and hottest new ways to garden in the South.

#7 Bird Watching in Alabama

With over 430 bird species documented in Alabama, there's more to see here than you can imagine. Watching a Bald Eagle feeding babies in the nest or sitting quietly as dozens of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks literally crash land into the nearest tree on Dauphin Island, these are just two of the stops along a series of eight birding trails that feature over 270 stops.

#8 Tourist Attractions in Alabama

Alabama is home to some of the most unique, interesting and well attended tourist attractions in the United States. From Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller, to the USS Alabama, to Talladega Superspeedway, to The Vulcan Statue in Birmingham, to The US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama has got a lot to offer.

Spouse/Guest Luncheon

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

Featured Speaker - DR. ALLEN MALLORY

Dr. Mallory's comedy club sellouts, keynote speeches and television appearances have endeared him to audiences everywhere. One of the most in-demand speakers on child care in the country, he is also one of the most enjoyed. As a result of his popularity on the comedy club circuit, he has been dubbed "the white Bill Cosby."



Dr. Mallory's unique ability to inject humor into serious topics is unmatched. He has nearly 30 years of experience in all areas of child care as an aide, teacher, director, author and professor. His formal education includes B.S. and M.S. degrees in child development and an Ed.D. in early childhood education. Additionally, he has consulted with governors and members of Congress, is an active child advocate, and serves on a number of child care committees. Dr. Mallory is also a former president of the Alabama Association for the Education of Young Children, a SEECA board member, and a Head Start director.

SONS & DAUGHTERS PROGRAM

Summer is a fantastic time to travel to the Gulf Coast! Join us this year for the 2014 NACAA Annual Meeting in Mobile for a week in paradise. Memories will be made whether you enjoy building sand castles on the beach or exploring aviation history. Be sure to have your camera or video recorder ready so you'll have a menagerie of photos and video of your children to share with family and friends back home!

Sunday, July 20: Welcome to Alabama!

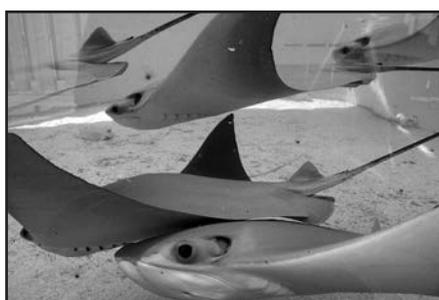
Registration – look for the S&D registration table next to the main registration tables in the Convention Center. We will be checking health forms and distributing hospitality bags.

Orientation – parents and youth are encouraged to attend orientation at 6:00 pm. We will go over the daily activities, agenda and emergency contact information; meet program staff and address other information as needed. Orientation should last about an hour.

Let's Get to Know YOU! Party – after orientation youth can get to know other S&D Program participants. There will be festivities for all youth!

Monday, July 21: Discover the Exploreum and Estuaries

Our day will be split in half. Half of the group will travel to Dauphin Island Sea Lab – Estuarium and Aquarium. The Estuarium is an exciting



educational facility highlighting the four key habitats of coastal Alabama: the Mobile Tensaw River Delta, Mobile Bay, the Barrier Islands and the Northern Gulf of Mexico. It includes the 10,000 square foot Exhibit Hall and Living Marsh Boardwalk. This facility is a showcase of the plants, animals, and other natural resources found in the Estuary and its surrounding marine habitats. Through beautiful visual exhibits and engaging interactive exhibits, the Estuarium will leave you with a broader understanding of the interactions that take place in Mobile Bay, the fourth largest estuary system in the United States.

The other half of our group will visit the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center. Their mission is to promote science and technology literacy through



their approach of “Engage, Enlighten, Empower and Entertain others to see the world with new eyes”! Visitors will self-guide the facility with chaperones. This includes the Hands-On Hall, My Body Works and the Scratch Factory interactive exhibit. We will view the current IMAX film and participate in an educator-led science demonstration.

Both groups will have a lunch together in the Exploreum Courtyard, in addition, to gift shop access.

The two groups will switch locations for the afternoon session. Make sure to wear appropriate shoes and attire.

Tuesday, July 22: Highway to the Danger Zone!

Buses will board early and head over to Pensacola Naval Air Station. We are going to fly high with the BLUES and participate in the 1-hour show!



Blue Angels facts:

- An estimated 15 million spectators view the squadron during air shows each year.
- The highest maneuver performed in an air show is the vertical rolls performed by the Opposing Solo, up to 15,000 feet and the lowest maneuver performed in an air show is the Sneak Pass, performed by the Lead Solo at 50 feet.
- The fastest speed flown during an air show is about 700 mph (just under Mach 1; Sneak Pass) and the slowest is about 120 mph (Section High Alpha).
- The basic acquisition price of a single F/A-18 Hornet is approximately \$21 million.
- The F/A-18 can reach speeds just under Mach 2, almost twice the speed of sound or about 1,400 mph.
- An F/A-18 weighs about 24,500 pounds empty of all ordnance and aircrew

We will walk to the Naval Aviation Museum on the grounds and receive a special welcome from the staff. A special guided



tour tailored for our group is scheduled by the museum's professional and knowledgeable volunteer docent staff members. Lunch will be served in the atrium and our guest speaker will be from the National Flight Academy on base. The remaining afternoon will include an IMAX theater film, motion-based simulator rides, visiting the Flight Deck Gift Shop, additional touring of the museum with chaperones and viewing the new 4D Blue Angel Exhibit. All youth participants will receive a set of military-style dog tags! Make sure to wear appropriate shoes and attire.

**Wednesday, July 23:
Gators, Fish and Bears -
say what?**

For those who don't want to attend Professional Improvement Tours with your parents, we'll spend the morning touring Bass Pro Shop across the Bay in Spanish



Fort. Participants will be part of a hands-on skills workshop and learn about conservation and outdoor education. We'll have fun at their interaction hunting arena, have lunch in the restaurant and tour the store. Each store is unique and offers a truly unforgettable shopping experience- as close to the outdoors as you can get indoors!

We'll spend the afternoon at one of our hotels with fun games and swimming! Make sure to wear appropriate shoes and attire.

**Thursday, July 24: Sea, Sand
and Parks!**

We'll start the day trekking across the Bay to Gulf Shores beach! We'll spend the morning walking the beach where an educator from the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge will share the Gulf Ecosystem, including Sea Turtles and the Alabama beach mouse. The name Bon Secour comes from the French meaning "safe harbor," very appropriate considering the sanctuary for native flora and fauna that the 7,000 acre refuge provides.



Food, festivities and fun awaits us at The Hangout. Lunch will include great food and family fun entertainment from the staff. These days The Hangout is back and better than ever. This is the place to let loose, laugh with family and friends, and above all, let the good times roll!

We load the buses after lunch and ride up to Waterville, USA for an exciting, fun-filled afternoon! Waterville USA has both a Waterpark and an Amusement Park. They are located next to one another so you can easily go back and forth between the two parks. The waterpark includes all of the water slides, lazy river, wave pool, Shrimp Boat Village, Wa Wa World, and Flowrider. The amusement park includes the go-carts, roller coaster, mini-golf, trampoline, Fun Depot kiddie rides, house of bounce and arcade.



Wear your swimsuit and bring your towel, water shoes, sunscreen and a set of dry clothes. It's going to be a wet and wild day!

Flying into Mobile

Mobile Regional Airport is the preferred conference airport with American Airlines, United, Delta, and US Airways service.

Pensacola Regional Airport - American Airlines, Delta, Silver Airways, Southwest, United, US Airways

Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport - American Airlines, United, Delta, US Airways, Vision Airlines

Ground Transportation for Airport and States Night Out

Mobile Bay Transportation and Yellow Cab are the official group(s) in charge of transporting NACAA AMPIC participants during their stay in Mobile Alabama. Services are available for airport pick-up and return, states night out, and for other excursions as needed.

Mobile Bay Transportation provides airport shuttle by reservation for Mobile Regional Airport, Pensacola Regional Airport and Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. Attendees should schedule their shuttle at least 24 hours in advance. Attendees can schedule by calling the Mobile Bay Transportation office at 251-476-7711, emailing dispatch@mobilebaytransportation.com, or going to the Mobile Bay Transportation website and filling out an electronic reservation at <http://www.mobilebaytransportation.com/reserve/default.asp>. The bids are done both by person and alternatively by van load for large groups and include a 15% gratuity for the driver.

Shuttle prices for each airport are:

Mobile Regional Airport - \$23.00 per person / \$46.00 per person roundtrip OR \$115.00 per van load for groups of more than 4 passengers

Pensacola Regional Airport - \$143.75 for 1 to 4 passengers one way / \$287.50 per person roundtrip OR \$287.50 per van load for groups of more than 4 passengers

Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport - \$172.50 for 1 to 4 passengers one way / \$345.00 per person roundtrip OR \$345.00 per van load for groups of more than 4 passengers. For VIPs and executives, they also provide car service. The cost for this service is \$60.00 per hour with a three hour minimum and an additional 15% gratuity for the driver.

Alternatively, attendees can also request Yellow Cab service from the Mobile Regional Airport to the hotel. The City of Mobile's meter rate for taxis is \$2.50 to start a trip and \$2.04

per mile. The approximate fare from the Mobile Regional Airport to the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel and Battle House Hotel is \$40.00 per cab.

For more information on transportation - please view the following website: www.aces.edu/nacaa2014



"Discover Our Southern Charm"

Award Luncheons/ Educational Seminars

On the following registration form pages (and within on-line registration), several luncheon opportunities are listed for your consideration. Additional luncheon opportunities are being coordinated by NACAA and depending upon finalization of these luncheons - tickets will be available on-site for your choosing on a first come/first served basis.

Preference will be given to Award Winners for final seating at each of the Award Luncheons. Limited seating is available for each of these functions, and your registration may be modified in order to make room for award winners.

Final notification of luncheon registrations will be identified on your AM/PIC registration confirmation no later than June 15, 2014. This confirmation will be sent to you electronically (mailed if you don't have an e-mail address).

ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.NACAA.COM

- SECURE SITE - EASY TO USE - PREFERRED METHOD OF REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FORM

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

July 20-24, 2014

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2014: Late fee is \$100 - Return ALL forms together

Please fill out all forms completely. Enclose proper payment where needed.

Registration will be in the Arthur J. Outlaw Convention Center

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

SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:

NACAA

6584 W. Duroc Road

Maroa, IL 61756

Phone: 217-794-3700 Fax: 217-794-5901 E-mail: nacaaemail@aol.com

PARTICIPANT'S NAME

(Last)

(First)

(Preferred first name on tag) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE - daytime (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____

(for emergency conference contact)

E-mail address _____

Confirmations will be sent electronically for everyone
(unless you are without email - it will then be mailed via
U.S. Mail) - by no later than June 15, 2014.

Are you an NACAA Member (Active or Life) YES NO

Check your region: NC NE W S

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS - Please check below if you
need special assistance during the meeting.

- Accessibility needs during the meeting
 Dietary (Please contact the registration office at the
above address two weeks prior to the event to make request)

MEALS

1 ticket per registrant is included in the COST of FULL
Registration for the following meal functions - however
tickets must be requested - or one will not be in your
registration packet - or available on-site. Tickets are not
available for non-registrants.

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Sunday Evening - Catfish/Chicken Dinner	_____
Monday Evening - BBQ	_____
Wednesday Breakfast	_____
Wednesday After Tour Seafood Buffet	_____

ANNUAL BANQUET

Thursday Evening July 24, 2014; 6:30 p.m.
(daily registrations do not include a banquet ticket - must
be purchased separately - extra tickets for this event are
available for purchase - see payment form). #

Do you plan to attend: Yes No _____

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

SPOUSE NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

GUEST'S NAME _____
(Last) (First)

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES (if attending):

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

FIRST-TIMER'S

Is this your first NACAA AM/PIC? Yes No

If so, please pick up your registration packet at the regular
registration area (Convention Center) then stop at the
information table to learn more about the conference.

First time and worked less than 10 years? Yes No
NACAA members attending for the first time and employed
after 7/1/2004 will have registration fees waived.

Complete the following:

Date of Employment _____

The First-Timer's Luncheon is provided for first-time at-
tendees on Monday, July 21, 2014. Your Spouse/Guest is
welcome.

Number planning to attend? _____

(This event takes place at the same time as the Spouse Tours;
please select one or the other).

REGISTRATION

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Participant's Name _____
Last Name **First Name**

NOTE: If the spouse and children are participating in the same tour as the agent, please list the total number under the agent.

AGENT	Tour No.	# of people on Tour	SPOUSE/GUEST	Tour No.	# of people on Tour
			(If different from Agent)		
1 st Choice	_____	_____	1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____	3 rd Choice	_____	_____
4 th Choice	_____	_____	4 th Choice	_____	_____

Reminder - there is a \$20/person for each Professional Improvement Tour - don't forget this on the payment form.

Agents have the opportunity to pre-register for the following Educational & Award Luncheons. **Preference will be given to award winners** - but non-award winners are welcome to register for available tickets. Registered family members are encouraged to attend Award Functions - so please indicate if family members will be attending. Please place a 1, 2 or 3 for your first, second, third choices on days you wish to attend a luncheon.

Sunday, July 20, 2014 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

___ National Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Luncheon/Workshop

Monday, July 21, 2014 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ SFE Crop Production
- ___ SFE Farm and Ranch Financial Management
- ___ SFE Landscape Horticulture
- ___ Excellence in 4-H Awards Luncheon
- ___ First Timers Luncheon
- ___ Southeastern Sustainable Agriculture Professional Development Program Educational Luncheon Seminar
- ___ Horticulture: Bonnie Plants

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ Poster Session Awards Breakfast (6:30 am - 7:45 am)
- ___ SFE Livestock Production
- ___ SFE Remote Sensing and Precision Agriculture
- ___ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers
- ___ SARE Fellows Luncheon
- ___ State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon
- ___ Southeastern Sustainable Agriculture Professional Development Program Educational Luncheon Seminar

Thursday, July 24, 2014

- ___ National Committee Members Breakfast
- ___ SARE - Search for Excellence Luncheon

Note: Achievement Award Breakfast, Communications Award Luncheon, Agricultural Awareness & Appreciation Award - reservations are all handled by the National Committee Chairs - by invitation.

PAST NATIONAL BOARD LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 20 at 12:00 noon. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome. Meal cost is \$30/person (tax/gratuity included). (If you check yes, you will be asked to pay even if you do not attend). Monies to be paid on registration form or on-line. Do you plan to attend?

Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, Number attending _____

Which office did you hold?

President Treasurer Secretary Director

LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE'S ACTIVITIES

LIFE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST - Monday, July 21, 2014
 (6:30 am - 7:30 a.m.) Number Attending _____

LIFE MEMBER'S TOURS - Tuesday, July 22, 2014 (Tours 1,2,4 - 8:15 am to 4:30 pm...Tour 3 departs at 7:30 am)
 (See Life Members Program for details)

	<u>Tour No.</u>	<u># on Tour</u>
1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____
4 th Choice	_____	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

Spouse/Guest Name _____

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Monday, July 21, 2014

	<u>Tours #1-5</u>	<u># of people on Tour</u>
1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____
4 th Choice	_____	_____
5 th Choice	_____	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Thursday, July 24, 2014

	<u>Tours #6-8</u>	<u># of people on Tour</u>
1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON - Tuesday, July 22, 2014
 (Spouse/Guest Only) I Plan To Attend ___ Yes ___ No

SPOUSE/GUEST WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

	<u>Morning Workshop #</u>	<u>Afternoon Workshop #</u>
1 st Choice	_____	1 st Choice _____
2 nd Choice	_____	2 nd Choice _____
3 rd Choice	_____	3 rd Choice _____
4 th Choice	_____	4 th Choice _____
5 th Choice	_____	5 th Choice _____

REGISTRATION

LODGING INFORMATION

THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT'S Name _____
Last Name **First Name**

HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Reservations will be made in the order received - but will be prioritized by number of room nights needed and availability.
2. A Facilities fee for all Active and Life members is in force for this year's AM/PIC. **For those not making a hotel reservation through this lodging form - a \$250 fee will be added to your registration.**
3. All reservations must be made with this housing form. You **WILL NOT** be allowed to make reservations directly with the contracted facility - all reservations must accompany a NACAA AM/PIC Registration Form and will be submitted to the hotels by NACAA.
4. Room rates do not include tax which is 12.5% (subject to change).
5. Rooms will be held using a credit card - or with a check (first night's deposit). (Checks should be made to NACAA - not the hotel)
6. The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2014 to guarantee accommodations.

Please **NUMBER (1,2)** your preference in each box (Renaissance Riverview 2/3 of rooms - 1/3 of rooms at Battlehouse)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel
(Headquarters/Life Member Hotel) | \$119 - Single/Double Occupancy (1-2 people)
\$139 - Triple/Quad Occupancy, (3-4 people) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renaissance The Battle House Hotel & Spa Mobile | \$119 - Single/Double Occupancy (1-2 people)
\$139 - Triple/Quad Occupancy, (3-4 people) |

Room Reservation should be made in the following name:
 Please give Billing Address below for the Credit Card you plan to use to Guarantee Room. This address must match where your credit card billing statement is mailed to (home, office, etc.)

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Company Affiliation _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

If you are sharing a room with other adults (other than spouse) 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 (Male Female)
 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 late June, 2014.

Credit Card to Guarantee Room and Used at Checkout

Master Card _____ VISA _____ Discover _____
 Amex _____

Person's name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Expiration Date: _____

Signature _____

Special Notes to Registration Committee:

Arrival Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Departure Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Requested Room Type

_____ 2 Beds (Queen/Queen)	_____ Handicap
_____ 1 Bed - King	_____ Smoking
_____ First Available	_____ Non-Smoking
_____ Roll away (not available with 2 Queen)	_____ Crib
_____ Other (please describe)	

SON'S AND DAUGHTER'S PROGRAMS

See Program for Details

PARTICIPANT'S Name _____

Last Name First Name Agent or Life Members name if not the same Last Name

Son's and daughter's registration will be held at the main registration desk at the Convention Center. Activities will begin with the orientation meeting Sunday, July 20, at 6:00pm. Adult chaperones must be registered for the meeting. This year's program is designed for youth ages 8 - 18. Youth 7 and under may participate only if accompanied by a parent or guardian that is registered for the events. All costs are included in the registration fee, including lunch. NACAA is unable to provide day care services for children.

PLEASE LIST THE NAME, AGE, AND T-SHIRT SIZE (DESIGNATE YOUTH OR ADULT SIZE) OF YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING THE PROGRAMS. A = Adult, Y = Youth; XL = extra large, L = large, M = medium, S = small, XS = extra small. Extra large is only available in adults and extra small only in youth. If your child needs a youth large T-shirt, write YL in the space provided.

		T-Shirt				T-Shirt	
(Name)	Age	Size	Height	(Name)	Age	Size	Height
Child # 1 _____	_____	_____	_____	Child # 3 _____	_____	_____	_____
Child # 2 _____	_____	_____	_____	Child # 4 _____	_____	_____	_____

NOTE: Adults are welcome to attend and will be asked to assist as chaperones. Adults must accompany their children ages 7 and under on any activity. Please list any adults who will chaperone. Only sons & daughters and adult chaperones will be eligible for a T-Shirt.

		T-Shirt			T-Shirt
(Name)	Age	Size	(Name)	Age	Size
Adult # 1 _____	_____	_____	Adult # 2 _____	_____	_____

Please indicate the child and adult number from the above list that will be attending Son's & Daughter's Program.

	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
<u>SUNDAY, JULY 20</u> Let's Get to Know You Party!	_____	_____	_____
<u>MONDAY, JULY 21</u> Discover the Explorem and Estuaries	_____	_____	_____
<u>TUESDAY, JULY 22</u> Blue Angels & Naval Aviation Museum	_____	_____	_____
<u>WEDNESDAY, JULY 23</u> Bass Pro Shop & Swimming/Games at Hotel (Alternative to Professional Improvement Tours)	_____	_____	_____
<u>THURSDAY, JULY 24</u> Gulf Shores Beach & Waterville USA (PLEASE MARK IF YOU NEED TO DEPART EARLY TO ARRIVE BACK FOR DSA BANQUET)	_____	_____	_____
	<small>Early Departure</small>	<small>Early Departure</small>	<small>Early Departure</small>
Farewell Party	_____	_____	_____

SON'S & DAUGHTER'S MEDICAL RELEASE FORM: Medical release forms will be required for all youth participants. Please complete the following 2 pages and submit WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM - OR EMAIL TO: NACAAEMAIL@AOL.COM



2014 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Release Form

This form must be completed in its entirety prior to youth participating in any 2014 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Programs. Upon completion this form should be mailed with NACAA Registration or email to NACAAEMAIL@aol.com.
Please print.

PARTICIPANTS NAME: _____ AGE: _____

I. MEDICAL INFORMATION

KNOWN ALLERGIES (food, drugs, insects, etc.): _____

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONCERNS OR CONDITIONS (contagious illnesses, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, previous injuries, etc.): _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

MEDICATIONS CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN: _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: _____

PHONE: _____ ADDRESS: _____

If you are a person with disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in the Sons & Daughters activities, please contact Cindy Knowlton, 2014 Sons & Daughters Chair at 251-937-7176 or knowlcg@aces.edu to discuss accommodations no later than June 30, 2014.

II. INSURANCE INFORMATION

The NACAA purchases insurance for Son & Daughters activities and events. In some cases, this coverage may not cover some medical expenses and it may be necessary to bill the family or your insurance company.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ POLICY #: _____

III. INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

In the event that a participant needs minor medical care from AM/PIC Sons & Daughters program staff or more significant medical care from a qualified health care provider, including in rare cases possible hospitalization and/or surgery, the parent/guardian is asked to sign the informed consent form below. In case of serious medical condition, program staff will make every effort to notify the parent/guardian, but the first priority may be providing care to the participant.

I, _____, of _____ (City, State), am the custodial parent/guardian of _____, a minor child, age _____, date of birth _____. I authorize any adult(s) acting as agents of the 2014 AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Program and in whose care the minor child has been entrusted, to do any acts which may be necessary or proper to provide for the health care of the minor child, including, but not limited to, the power (i) to provide for such health care at any hospital or other health care institution, or the employing of any physician, dentist, nurse, or other person for such health care, and (ii) to consent to and authorize health care, including administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operation, and other procedures by physicians, dentists, and other medical personnel except the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures.

This consent shall be effective for the duration of the 2014 NACAA AM/PIC.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

IV. PHOTOGRAPHIC, VIDEO, AND OPTIONAL PUBLICITY RELEASE:

I **DO** _____ or **DO NOT** _____ give permission to NACAA, through the 2014 AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Program to take photographs and/or video and/or audio or otherwise record individual images and likenesses of my child to use for NACAA educational, promotional, and/or marketing materials. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I expressly release NACAA and the 2014 Sons & Daughters Program staff from any and all claims which I may have for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, copyright infringement, or any other causes of action arising out of the use, adaptation, reproduction, distribution, broadcast, or exhibition of such recordings of my child's individual (according to permission granted above) or group image, voice, or likeness.

I understand this permission is entirely optional, and that participants who do not give permission will remain eligible for Sons & Daughters program services, benefits, and privileges the same as those who do give permission.

SIGNATURE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF I, II, III, AND IV

PARICIPANT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE #S: HOME: (____) _____ WORK: (____) _____ CELL: (____) _____

Pesticide Stewardship Brochures

NACAA has partnered with Syngenta on eight general pesticide stewardship brochures and two flyers to assist with pesticide educational efforts. These brochures are not specific to any geography, target site, pest, product, or company. These brochures are available to NACAA members FREE of charge for your use in programming efforts. Enter the number of copies you are interested in next the the specific brochure/flyer and submit to the address listed below. Your supply will be sent at no charge.



- ___1) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - English edition
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- ___2) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - Spanish edition
- ___3) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - Aerial Applicator edition
- ___4) 50 Ways to Treat Your Pesticide - Pest Management Professional edition - *(for commercial, licensed or certified applicators and technicians under their supervision, for treating in and around structures)*
- ___5) The Value of Buffers for Pesticide Stewardship and Much More
- ___6) Pollinators and Pesticide Stewardship
- ___7) Dress for Success! Some Things to Know About Personal Protective Equipment BEFORE You Handle a Pesticide
- ___8) For Pesticide Mixers, Loaders, and Applicators - Some Things to Know About Personal Protective Equipment BEFORE You Handle a Pesticide (English, 2 pages, 8th gr. reading level)
- ___9) For Pesticide Mixers, Loaders, and Applicators - Some Things to Know About Personal Protective Equipment BEFORE You Handle a Pesticide (Spanish, 2-pages, 8th gr. reading level)
- ___10) An Ounce of Prevention! Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Schools and Child Care Facilities – *(discussing all aspects of IPM, including safe pesticide use)*

Available Formats:

Quantities of the actual brochures that will be “well-used” can be ordered free of charge from carol.somody@syngenta.com by emailing this order form or a short note. No PO boxes, please! A copy of this form is also available at: <http://www.nacaa.com/countyagent/PesticideStewardship.php>

PDF versions of the brochures can be viewed or downloaded from the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship (PES) website at <http://pesticidestewardship.org/Pages/Resources.aspx> or from any of the partner websites. Any organization is also welcome to post these brochures on their own website.

Word versions of the brochures can be requested by any organization desiring to modify or extract content. Email carol.somody@syngenta.com to discuss logo swaps with or without content changes. Artwork and photos can be used if conditions of use are met. PowerPoint presentations to go with the brochures are also available upon request.

Pesticide educators are also welcome to use or adapt any content that appears directly on the PES website – it is not copyrighted. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of pesticide safety and stewardship education!

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June, 2014	October, 2014	December, 2014
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Mail Date: June 15, 2014	Mail Date: September 20, 2014	Mail Date: December 28, 2014

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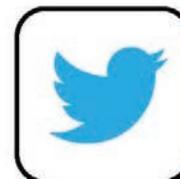
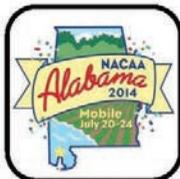
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Maroa, IL 61756 - Attn: Scott Hawbaker

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2014
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2016
Little Rock, Arkansas....July 24-28

2015
Sioux Falls, South Dakota....July 12-16

2017
Salt Lake City, Utah....July 9-13

