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President's Corner

Plan now for Utah!

I hope you are making your plans to attend this year's AM/PIC in Salt Lake City, Utah. This promises to be a very good meeting with lots of useful information presented.

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 Utah with help from the other Western States have worked tirelessly for the past four years and have planned a great meeting to showcase the "Best in the West" Agriculture. There are many outstanding professional tours showcasing agronomy, livestock, horticulture, and natural resources.

I have asked the committees to prepare workshops that will give you useful information that you will be able to take home and use in your various Extension assignments. A new venture that we are trying this year will be "Dine with a Specialist". When you register for the AM/PIC you will have the opportunity to sign up to have dinner with one of 25 different USU specialists. Each specialist will be assigned to a different restaurant where you will have dinner and discuss different subjects such as agronomy, economic development, horticulture, and many others topics.

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Phil Rasmussen, Emeritus Western SARE Coordinator. Dr. Rasmussen has a great knowledge of extension work. I know you will enjoy his comments about agriculture and extension in our second century of existence.



Mark Nelson
NACAA President

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.

Plan to bring your family because your spouses and children will have plenty of superb educational and recreational opportunities throughout the week.

My colleagues and I look forward to hosting you in Salt Lake City, Utah where you are sure to discover "The New Old West." I look forward to seeing you there!



Bring the Whole Family!

You might be asking yourself why bring the whole family to NACAA 2017? There's something for everyone in Utah starting with five national parks and loads of activities for spouses and sons and daughters. We encourage you to come early and stay longer.

word is getting out...

Fodor's Travel, a leading name in travel recommendations for almost 80 years, for the first time ever selected a top destination for 2016 - Utah.

Fodor's annual Go List highlights 25 can't miss spots around the world that should be on every traveler's radar for the year, and places Utah on top. For 25 Must Do Activities in Utah go to:

<https://www.visitutah.com/blog/fodors-utah-top-destination-world-2016/>

The Mighty 5® national parks in Utah draw several million visitors from around the world each year to marvel at surreal scenery and unforgettable activities. Within three-and-a-half to four hours after arriving at Salt Lake City International Airport, you could be on a hike to one of these natural wonders. You could:

- Watch the sunrise over the towering depths of Canyonlands National Park, then watch the sunset through an impossibly delicate rock bow in Arches National Park.
- Stand nose-to-nose with ancient petroglyphs in Capitol Reef National Park, then lie on your back as a beautiful meteor shower streaks across the Milky Way.
- Gaze down at coral-hued rock hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park, then gaze upward at the steep walls of slot canyon trails in Zion National Park.
- It means hiking, river rafting, biking, picnicking, walking, mule riding, exploring, stargazing and creating wonderful memories with family and friends.

And during the conference, Salt Lake offers one-of-a-kind combination of metro and mountain—an urban oasis with a breathtaking alpine backyard. Salt Lake City continues to be the gateway for travelers making the quick trip to Utah's ski resorts, southward to Utah's renowned red rock country to northward to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

A compact downtown makes for easy walking among the many things to do in Salt Lake City. Restaurants, bars and other attractions bring life to the city center. Visit the historic and spiritual heart of Utah, Temple Square, shop at City

Creek Center or curl up with a book at the soaring glass atrium of the Salt Lake City Library. In July you'll also find outdoor concerts at Red Butte Garden and the Food and Wine Festival in Park City. The burgeoning food scene in Salt Lake City showcases locally-sourced ingredients and many top restaurants are located within walking distance from the Salt Palace Convention Center.

There is so much to see and do in the evenings and during the day if your family is looking for activities, we have a full schedule they can pick and choose from. The Utah Agents have planned a variety of tour experiences for you and your spouse/guest's enjoyment.



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Take it from a local – Salt Lake City has a lot to offer!

I've lived, worked and played in Salt Lake City for close to a decade and want to welcome and entice you to visit this great gem of the west during the 2017 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held in the middle of our beautiful and vibrant downtown. When most people think about Utah, pictures of gorgeous vistas and mountain adventure pop into their heads, but downtown Salt Lake City has a lot to offer too and you will be staying in the middle of the action when you visit Salt Lake! Our national and state parks are unparalleled in beauty and we of course have the greatest snow on earth but downtown Salt Lake City has also recently exploded with new restaurants, clubs, music venues, coffee roasters, beer pubs, farmers' markets, arts and culture, shopping, outdoor concert series and so much more! There is adventure and fun to be found by all ages within steps of your hotel. With so much to see, taste, do and explore, deciding to attend the 2017 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Salt Lake City is a no-brainer.

Salt Lake City is an urban oasis nestled between two gorgeous mountain ranges. Take it from a girl who grew-up east of the Mississippi River, you will marvel at the jagged peaks of the nearby Wasatch Mountains and never tire of our dry, arid climate. Immediately upon arriving at your hotel, you will discover that you are staying in the middle of the city so make sure you plan some time to get out and explore the hidden treasures of Salt Lake. Bring your family and set out for a longer adventure exploring the magnificent national parks located only a few hours' drive away. Zion, Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, Yosemite and Grand Teton National Parks are all within reach! For those solo travelers, the Utah planning committee has arranged for pre-tours to Zion/Bryce and Yosemite National Park so come early and meet some new friends as you set-out to explore these national treasures. For creatures of the night, I think you will find Salt Lake City nightlife has a lot to offer! Spend the week exploring our bars, breweries and live-music venues, and if you are still in the mood to party, take some extra time to hit the road and head south to the iconic Las Vegas, Nevada.

Salt Lake City is a destination not to miss, and in case you still need convincing, here is a check-list of must-dos while you are here.



Katie Wagner
2017 AM/PIC
Facilities Chair

1. Parks – without question, Utah is famous for its national parks and for good reason! Utah has several fantastic state parks to explore too including nearby Antelope Island State Park situated in the middle of

the Great Salt Lake, Dead Horse Point State Park located near Moab, Utah, and Snow Canyon State Park located outside of St. George, Utah. These are just a few of my personal favorites not to miss if you happen to be in the area! Visit stateparks.utah.gov for more information.

2. Arts – if you thought Salt Lake City was lacking in its arts, think again! From the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, Abravanel Hall, Capitol Theater, Natural History Museum of Utah, the Leonardo and the Tabernacle on Temple Square, you are sure to get your culture fix in Utah! Utah prides itself on being family friendly so there are plenty of destinations for those traveling with kids (or grandkids) too. Check out the Museum of Natural Curiosity and the Museum of Ancient Life located at nearby Thanksgiving Point, Hogle Zoo, Living Planet Aquarium, Clark Planetarium and Tracy Aviary (one of my personal favorites).

3. Nature – wilderness awaits just minutes from downtown Salt Lake City. There is no shortage of gorgeous canyons, hiking and biking trails for all ability levels to explore. Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons are a must see while you are here. Drive-up Little Cottonwood Canyon and take the Aerial Tram at Snowbird Ski Resort to discover what the world looks like at 11,000 feet (www.snowbird.com)! Or head-up “little” (cottonwood canyon) a few miles further to Albion Basin to see wildflower splendor and breathe in mountain fresh air (USDA Forest Service – Albion Basin). Or for those that love botanical gardens, check out Red Butte Garden located minutes from your hotel (www.redbuttegarden.org). Trust me, checking out nature's show around the Salt Lake area is an experience of a lifetime not to be missed!

4. Food and Drink – you will be amazed at how easy it is to find great food and drinks in Salt Lake City! The food scene in Salt Lake is top notch with great eating options from fine dining to bar bites. A few of my personal favorites



not to miss include: The Red Iguana (king of moles – the sauce, not the animal), Squatters Brew Pub, The Copper Onion, Tony Caputo's Italian Market and Deli, Carlucci's Bakery, Bruges Waffles & Frites, Eva's Bakery, Takashi Sushi Bar, Taqueria 27, Cucina Toscana and Market Street Grill. Do not fear the seafood in Utah, although landlocked, Salt Lake is the western hub for Delta airlines so fresh seafood is flown in daily. Also do not fear the beer – Salt Lake is home to excellent breweries including Epic, Squatters, Red Rock, Desert Edge, Uinta, Bohemian and more! Beer, wine and spirits can be purchased at most restaurants, bars, clubs, and DABC stores (state run liquor stores). 3.2% alcohol content by weight beer can be purchased at most grocery and convenience stores. Don't forget to bring your ID – most patrons are carded (even if you look old enough to be your server's grandfather/grandmother)!

5. Entertainment – summer is a busy time for downtown Salt Lake City! Outdoor concerts, festivals and celebrations are the norm. Make sure to check-out the downtown farmers' market in Salt Lake City at Pioneer Park if you are in town on a Saturday morning. If you miss the market on Saturday, head-up to Park City (about a half hour drive) to the Park Silly market held on Sunday mornings – great food trucks/food stalls, music, local goods and fun can be found at both markets. While you are in Park City, trace the steps of celebrities and plan some time to shop stores and art galleries on historic Main Street (famous for the Sundance Film Festival) and visit the Olympic Park which was the ski jump and bobsled venue for the 2002 Winter Olympics (www.utaholympiclegacy.org). Great shops and an indoor creek with swimming trout can be enjoyed at the City Creek Center located adjacent to the Salt Palace Convention Center. Make a pilgrimage to visit Temple Square and listen to the world renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir practice at 9 am on Sunday mornings. Many bars and clubs offer great nightlife options – a few local favorites include Gracie's, Bar X, The Green Pig and The Tavernacle (a dueling piano bar). Most bars and clubs are 21 and over only (call ahead to check if traveling with minors) and clubs no longer require purchase of membership for entry.

6. Local Flair – Salt Lake City harbors many little known gems that are sure to surprise and intrigue you! A must do stop is a visit to Temple Square to see the remarkable Salt Lake City Temple, LDS Conference Center rooftop garden and extraordinary grounds! Plan a stop at the Utah State Capital Building or the gorgeous Cathedral of the Madeline. Head to Antelope Island State Park to see the buffalo roam (bison run free on the island). Travel outside of Salt Lake City to Mt. Timpanogos, home to the Timpanogos glacier, mountain goats, old-growth aspen groves and more (Utah.com/hiking/mt-timpanogos). Extend your day trip to include a stop at Sundance Mountain Resort (yep, Robert Redford's place) and enjoy looking at his personal collection of photographs shot during the screening of many famous western movies



(sundanceresort.com). On your way back to Salt Lake, take a detour and visit Lehi Roller Mills, made famous by the dancehall scene in the movie Footloose (lehirollermills.com). Thrill your kids (and maybe your inner kid too) on the ropes course, mountain coaster and alpine slide at Snowbird Resort (www.snowbird.com) or cool-off at the Lagoon water and amusement park (lagoonpark.com). Also make sure to check out outdoor concert line-ups at Deer Valley Music Festival (deervalleymusicfestival.org) and Red Butte Garden Concert Series (redbuttegarden.org), tickets may need to be purchased well in advance of your trip. With so many fun, funky and fabulous things to do in and around Salt Lake, your "New Old West" adventure awaits. We look forward to seeing you soon in Salt Lake City for the 2017 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference!

Make Your Plans Now for the **NACAA CARIBBEAN AG TOUR**

December 1-10, 2017

Payment (per person): Est. \$2,725

Departing from San Juan, Puerto Rico - with stops at: St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, St. Kitts, Antigua, Barbados and St. Lucia. For a more detailed itinerary - please go to:
[http://www.nacaa.com/prof-dev/
NACACaribbeanAgTour%202.pdf](http://www.nacaa.com/prof-dev/NACACaribbeanAgTour%202.pdf)



Opening Ceremony to feature Dave Stamey

Make plans now to attend the 2017 AM/PIC Opening Ceremony on Sunday night - July 9, 2017. In addition to kicking off the AM/PIC, this session will feature our traditional state flag ceremony honoring each state and territory of the great U.S.A.



To cap off the evening - NACAA will feature Dave Stamey music and entertainment. Cowboys and Indians Magazine has called him “the Charley Russell of Western Music.” Western Horseman Magazine has declared his “Vaquero Song” to be one of the greatest Western songs of all time. In 2010 , 2011 and 2013 True West Magazine named him Best Living Western Solo Musician. Dave Stamey has been a cowboy, a mule packer, a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today.



Dave Stamey

He has been voted Six times Entertainer of the Year, Six times Male Performer of the Year and Five times Songwriter of the Year by the Western Music Association, and received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists. He's delighted audiences in twenty three states, and finds that he prefers this to being stomped by angry horses.

V. Philip Rasmussen to be Featured Keynote

Dr. V. Philip Rasmussen spent the early part of his career establishing no-till research plots across the intermountain West, encouraging the use of innovative and sustainable technologies. Because of all his work in this area he received the nickname “No till Phil”.

Rasmussen became the nation’s first NASA sponsored Geospatial Extension specialist in 1999. Phil served as the coordinator of Western SARE from 1993 to 2014. He also served as an assistant director in both the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station and the Utah State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Phil funded the “on-Target Fellowship Program” from July 2005 to July 2011. This program trained Extension agents across the country in geospatial technology. In addition to training and mentoring, these worships provided each attendee the latest in GPS units, hand held computers and software.

Phil received USU’s highest award for service, the E.G. Peterson Extension Award in June 1999. He has published

more than
two hundred
articles
and book
chapters
covering
his many
specialties.

Currently,
Phil and his
wife, Linda,
just finished
serving
a church
service
mission on
humanitarian
farming
operations in
Europe and the Americas.



Welcome - First Timers!

The 2017 NACAA Annual Meeting Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) First Timer Committee and the Early Career Development Committee would like to extend a special invitation and encourage you to attend the 102nd NACAA AM/PIC in Salt Lake City, Utah. We are very excited about this year's event and confident that the program offers something for everyone. Another perk is that the registration fee for any first timer with less than 10 years of experience is FREE! The first timer orientation and welcome will be fun, fast-paced, and energizing to learn more about NACAA AM/PIC. You will not need to worry about feeling confused or lost as a first timer as you will be matched up with an experienced mentor for the conference! Yes, you will meet a fellow Extension professional that will help you successfully navigate your first AM/PIC. Excited yet? I know we certainly are as these are new things previously never offered to first timers!! 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 Ag Agent's conference website (<http://extension.usu.edu/nacaa2017/>). 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 (date to be determined) 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 Salt Lake City or about any of the events that are planned, please feel free to contact Holly Christley at holly.christley@usu.edu or Taun Beddes at taun.beddes@usu.edu. We hope to make your first AM/PIC a memorable experience and are here to help in any way we can.

Paul C. Genho to be Featured Capstone Speaker

The NACAA General Session to be held Wednesday July 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. will feature Paul Genho as the presenting Capstone speaker. Paul is an independent consultant to various agriculture firms. He also is a Visiting Professor at the University of Florida.

He retired June 1, 2014, as President of Farmland Reserve, Inc. (FRI) and Chairman of the Board of AgReserves, Inc. (ARI). He served in this capacity for 9 years (2005-2014). Prior to this position, he was Vice President and General Manager of King Ranch for 7 years. Before moving to King Ranch, Dr. Genho managed Deseret Ranches of Florida for 17 years.

Dr. Genho has a PhD in Animal Science from the University of Florida and has served in numerous leadership positions within the trade, scientific, agriculture and academic communities. He has 50 years of experience in acquiring and managing agriculture properties worldwide. He and his wife, Meredith (deceased), are the parents of 9 children and 40 grandchildren.



Paul C. Genho

2017 Pre Conference Tours Offered

Utah has worked with Western Leisure Tours to arrange two pre-conference tours before the Salt Lake meeting in 2017. Tour one goes to Zion and Bryce Canyon and tour two goes to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons. Both tours depart the morning of Friday, July 7 and return Sunday, July 9 in time for the Welcome to Utah dinner. Travelers should arrive in Salt Lake by the evening of Thursday, July 6. Tours will depart from the Red Lion Hotel and lodging there on July 6 is included in the price. Full itineraries and registration information are available at:

www.westernleisure.com/store under the NACAA Tours button.

Passing of 1978 Past National President - Edward Fred Koester

Edward Fred Koester, 97, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Sunday, January 15, 2017 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center -Twin Falls, Idaho.



Ed became active in NACAA where he held several state offices, was a member of the national board for 9 years, and served as national President when the annual meeting was held in Boise in 1979 with 1700 agents attended the meeting.

AM/PIC Pre-Tour Options

HORTICULTURE & TURFGRASS PRE-TOUR - SPONSORED BY BONNIE PLANTS

July 7 and 8, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah

As arranged by our local host and tour guide, Brittany Hunter of Utah State University, we will start off on Friday July 7 in Salt Lake City leaving from the hotel at 12:00 pm. The group will be traveling on one bus. Please eat lunch before joining the tour.

Leaving at noon we will drive approximately 30 minutes to tour the Sego Supreme plant introduction program at the Utah State University Botanical Center with tour guides Richard & Bill Varga. <http://innovation.usu.edu/commercial-enterprises/segosupreme> From there we will load the bus and move to tour Perennial Favorites Nursery in Layton with Bill Varga. This nursery grows Sego Supreme releases and other plants adapted to the west. <http://www.perennialfavoritesnursery.com>. We will end the day with a short drive back to Salt Lake to tour Red Butte Gardens. <http://www.redbuttegarden.org> This will be followed by a Catered Dinner at the Place Heritage Park near Red Butte before returning to the hotel. <http://www.thisistheplace.org>

Saturday morning, we will load the buses and depart by 8:00 am from the hotel, driving to the Salt Lake City Farmers Market <http://www.slcfarmersmarket.org>. Once finished we will load the bus for a 1 hour drive to tour Olson's Greenhouse <http://www.ogg.com/>. From there we will take lunch at Grantsville/Tooele at Fawson's Farm. Once we depart from there we will head back to Salt Lake City to the county jail garden for a tour and discussion. <http://utahpests.usu.edu/htm/utah-pests-news/winter-08-09/slc-jail-program>. Our goal is to make it back to the hotel by 2:00pm so those on tour can have dinner on their own or make it to the first NACAA function.

Registration will begin April 1. **THANKS TO THE SPONSORSHIP OF BONNIE PLANTS - there is no fee for the tour however you are responsible for the cost of your hotel stay.** The main hotel is the Radisson - Single/Double rate per night \$155 + tax, \$165 triple, \$175 (4 people). Hotel rooms will not be covered by the tour although we will help find roommates if help is needed. The hotel will be booked as you register for the pre-tour. Dinner will be covered on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. Space is limited to the first 50 attendees.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE - SARE PRE-TOUR

NACAA and SARE are excited to offer a Sustainable Agriculture Pre-Tour for up to 12 Agriculture Extension Agents/Specialists on Friday July 7-Saturday July 8, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Participants will arrive Thursday – July 6th in time to depart early morning Friday, July 7th. Tour van/bus will be centralized at the NACAA headquarters hotel (Radisson Downtown) in Salt Lake City and will return to that location Friday night – then travel again on Saturday to several sustainable agriculture locations within a 100 mile radius of Salt Lake City.

Tentative Tour stops shall include:

Friday, July 7 (north of Salt Lake City)

Pleasant View peach orchard—soil moisture monitoring, tissue testing, close row planting.

Marriott elk farm—elk as a new alternative animal operation.

Tagge fruit farm—integrated production and marketing, processing own fruit into jams and jellies, new planting of raspberries with drip irrigation at Causey Reservoir site.

Colby Pace ranch—management intensive grazing with beef cattle.

Rasmussen farms—organic garlic production with many different varieties.

Cold Springs trout farm—new greenhouse to grow plants in fish manure water.

Mink ranch—animal science operation that has been very profitable lately.

Saturday, July 8 (south of Salt Lake City)

Tifi Ranch—season extension with high tunnels, wood fuel for heating greenhouses.

Kennecott Land and refugee goat herd—goats are raised by a refugee coop and then are used to control weeds on extensive rangeland owned by a mining company.

Urban Farm and Feed Store—sells locally grown fruits and vegetables from several small urban farm locations, home-made fruit pies and baked goods. All produce grown using sustainable farming methods.

Rowley's Red Barn—roadside market that sells locally grown fruits and vegetables, home-made ice cream, and offers a fall pumpkin ride.

McMullin Orchards—tart cherry processing, tree fruit IPM, tree fruit nutrient management.

You may register on-line thru the AM/PIC registration process - or by checking the box on the registration form found within the registration pages of this edition of The County Agent. Registration cost is \$100/person and will include 2 nights lodging (Radisson Downtown - shared double occupancy). Friday and Saturday lunch will also be included (you will be on your own for breakfast/dinner on both days).

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE PRE-AM/PIC SEMINAR & TOUR

PURPOSE

This program is designed to provide the opportunity for NACAA members to study and analyze livestock systems in the AM/PIC host state of Utah. Tour participants will fly into Salt Lake City on Thursday, July 6th for an evening orientation at a hotel close to Salt Lake International Airport.

The next morning, we will board a bus and travel approximately 2 ½ hours south of Salt Lake City to the beautiful Sevier Valley. We will visit Monroe Mountain to discuss public land ranching and a unique area known for its' Quaking Aspen and Conifer forests and a project designed to increase the Aspen through a variety of methodologies. We will then travel to the Johnson Mountain Ranch where the Johnson family will discuss their cattle operation which uses both private and public lands for year-round grazing and their Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit allows them to have a wildlife enterprise on the ranch.

On July 8th, we will visit a large dairy that milks several hundred cows, followed by a heritage farm which produces organic milk and pork for sale in high-end stores in the Salt Lake metro area. We will then visit Producers Livestock Marketing which is Utah's largest livestock market offering a variety of marketing services throughout the area. We will conclude the central Utah portion of the tour by visiting a hog operation which direct-markets roaster pigs to the Polynesian population.

Our final tour stop which will feature the East African Refugee Goat Project, a meat goat operation which is providing prescriptive grazing to area land owners as well as goat meat to three African refugee communities in the Salt Lake Valley.

For additional information, visit the NACAA Animal Science Committee web site at <http://www.nacaa.com/prof-dev/2017AnimalSciencePre-Tour.php>

ELIGIBILITY

NACAA members in good standing with responsibilities in livestock and/or alternative markets are eligible to participate in this Pre-AM/PIC tour. The event will take place Thursday-Saturday, July 6-8, 2017. Arrangements for leaving vehicles in a secure area will be made for those driving to Salt Lake.

ENTRY & JUDGING CRITERIA

Complete the "General Application Form" found on page 1 or on the NACAA web site (<http://www.nacaa.com/awards/apps/>). Within this online application you will be asked to 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.

COSTS

The goal is to offer the tour with the only cost to the participant being transportation to Salt Lake. Donor support is pending. In the past, a minimal participation fee has been charged (usually between \$50 and \$125 per person) to offset

unsponsored expenses. Please contact the Animal Science Committee Chair to confirm the participant fee (contact information listed below).

Each successful applicant is responsible for their transportation to Salt Lake and should arrive on Thursday, July 6th by 6:00 pm MT. Two nights of double occupancy lodging (Thursday & Friday) will be included in the tour as well as tour transportation and meals.

Submit entries by May 15, 2015 online or to Brian Beer, Animal Science Committee Chair, 107 S. French Street, Lancaster, SC 29720 or email to bbeer@clemson.edu.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE PRE-AM/PIC SEMINAR & TOUR: JULY 7 -8

This program is designed to provide the opportunity for NACAA members to study and analyze natural resources, protected species, rangelands, and forestry systems in the AM/PIC host state of Utah.

The 2017 Natural Resource Pre-Tour will bring participants to southern Utah--an area known for exceptional beauty with a number of our country's national parks. On this tour, we will have the opportunity to visit at two of these national treasures: **Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon**. While touring Zion National Park, we will investigate their efforts to control invasive species and restore native vegetation. We will also visit **Desert Tortoise Preserve**, an area designed to protect habitat for the endangered desert tortoise but also allow for development. In Alton, Utah, we will have the opportunity to visit **Utah's only active open pit Coal Mine**. We will view the coal mining process including removal of the overburden, coal extraction, replacing overburden/top soil and see the active reclamation. This mine sits on top of the most southern population of sage grouse (a precluded endangered candidate). We will study mitigation and research efforts to maintain the population. For those NACAA members who want to get to see some elevation, we will journey to **Brian Head Peak**. This will include a drive up to nearly the top of Brian Head Peak (11,300 feet above sea level). From this height, we will learn about high altitude vegetation growth and see amazing vistas. Our second national park, **Bryce Canyon**, is where Ebenezer Bryce exclaimed, "It's a hellava place to lose a cow!" We will learn about south Utah's famous geology and view efforts to maintain native vegetation in this scenic location. We will also get to see high value trophy mule deer and have time to appreciate all that southern Utah has to offer.

The tour will originate in Las Vegas, so those interested will need to make plans to fly into Las Vegas on July 6. The tour will depart early on the morning of July 7. On the evening of July 7, we will stay in Garfield County. We will make it to Salt Lake City and the conference hotel on the evening of July 8. We are still finalizing plans and costs. For more information, please email Libbie Johnson at libbiej@ufl.edu. A detailed agenda, including costs, will be emailed to membership prior to AMPIC registration opening.

AM/PIC Super Seminars:

Ag Economics/Community Dev.

The Agricultural Economics and Community Development committee is pleased offer a professional improvement opportunity for NACAA members. This year's AM/PIC will include a Super Seminar Tuesday morning, examining long term lease and crop insurance issues important to Extension professionals.

This year's super seminar will take place on Tuesday, July 11th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. We will have presenters discuss profitability issues in agriculture, followed by Laurence Crane who will discuss crop insurance issues.

We are able to offer this seminar through the generous sponsorship of the National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS).

Sustainable Agriculture - SARE Reading the Farm Super Seminar

Often envisioned as a three-legged stool, sustainable agriculture has three objectives: farm profitability, environmental stewardship and strong farming communities. Helping farmers improve the sustainability of their farm requires a whole-systems approach that recognizes the complex interactions among the physical, biological, economic and social components.

The primary goal of the Reading the Farm program is to enhance the ability of extension to understand farms as holistic systems so they can help farmers improve the sustainability of their farms.

Reading the Farm will be conducted as a super-seminar to provide the background information required to plan and facilitate a Reading the Farm program. **There will be a required farm visit on the day of the Professional Improvement Tours (Tour 23) to complete the requirements of the program.**

Space is limited to 30 people - and Pre-registration is required.

Public Relations & Ag Issues

Super Seminar

FSMA Produce Safety Rule – Helping Produce Growers Prepare

This seminar will offer Agricultural Agents an opportunity to discuss effective strategies for reaching growers who will be impacted by this rule. The program will begin with a roundtable discussion with participants on what has worked, and what has not worked, this past year when educating produce growers on The Produce Safety Rule (PSR). Participants will have an opportunity to share outreach strategies and grower training activities, as well as, hear about new resources developed by the Produce Safety Alliance and Regional Produce Safety Centers around the country.

Produce Safety Alliance representative (and NACAA member) Kristin Woods will provide an update on PSR specific guidance from the FDA including clarifications on the definition of a farm, water testing compliance dates, retail establishment definitions, and other PSR compliance guidance published by FDA.

Meredith Melendez (Rutgers Cooperative Extension) will also present materials from the National Association of Secretaries of Agriculture-FDA Readiness Review program. The FDA Readiness Review program is a tool that Extension educators can use along with state and federal regulators to ensure small farms are ready for inspection.

Second Amendment Celebration Trap Shoot

If you are in Salt Lake a few days early join us for the Second Amendment Celebration Trap Shoot.



We will leave the convention center at 4:30 P.M. July 7 and travel twenty minutes to the Utah Division of Wildlife Lee Kay Public Shooting Center for a private trap shoot contest. Cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner and shells. Shotguns will be provided as well as dinner and transportation to and from the center. We anticipate heading back to the hotel about 7 P.M. Youth with hunter safety blue card are welcome to participate.

4-H Talent Revue Utah's Got Talent

Please make plans to attend this years' NACAA 4-H Talent Revue. Entertainment will range from Old West cowboy poetry to some new and exciting performers from the West. It will be a fun night full of some absolutely amazing young talent that you don't want to miss!



The Talent Revue will start at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10.

It's an evening sure to keep you entertained!

Be Sure to Visit the Trade Show

As always, the Trade Show is a highlight for attendees at the AM/PIC. This year's trade show will feature a mix of businesses, non-profits, and governmental agencies. We are sure you will find resources and information to help you do your job more efficiently. The trade show will be in operation Sunday afternoon and evening, and throughout the day on Monday and Tuesday. Remember, these vendors and exhibitors came specifically to talk to YOU.



"Our Future Starts Now – AgVocate"

**Breakfast sponsored by
Bayer CropScience LP
Monday - July 10, 2017 6:30 - 7:45 a.m.**

NACAA members (seating available for 150 max.) will have the opportunity to hear David Hollinrake, Vice President, North America Marketing, Bayer CropScience LP.

In a society that's increasingly urban, distanced from agriculture, concerned with food issues and increasingly antagonistic towards conventional agriculture and those involved with it, it's critically important for American farmers and ag professionals to speak out and share their passion for this great industry and its importance to our global society. Bayer will speak to its recently launched "AgVocate," an initiative designed to

inform, encourage and enable these voices within American agriculture to engage in the public dialogue about agriculture, food production and the importance of innovation to tackle the massive challenges facing our world today.



At Bayer CropScience, David is responsible for strategy development and execution for ACO marketing and serves on the North America Leadership Team. He is based at the North American headquarters in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

David is a passionate AgVocate for modern production agriculture, working to educate, enable and engage other voices to demonstrate the need and the benefits for utilizing modern practices to help feed a hungry, growing world sustainably.

Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Visitors to Salt Lake City are invited to attend the live weekly broadcast of Music & the Spoken Word, featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Admission is free and limited to those eight years of age and older. Doors open at 8:25 a.m. Guests should be seated by 9:15 a.m., when the doors are closed. The broadcast is 30 minutes in length and ends at 10:00 a.m.

In July - the broadcasts are held in the Conference Center to accommodate larger audiences. Free parking is available year-round in the Conference Center underground parking garage. Enter northbound at the intersection of West Temple and North Temple streets.

The Mormon Tabernacle rehearses every Thursday evening

in the Tabernacle. Most rehearsals are open to the public. Doors are opened at 7:30 p.m. and rehearsals typically run 90-120 minutes. During the months when broadcasts are held in the Conference Center (see above), rehearsals take place there.



For NACAA visitors the Conference Center is just a 5-10 minute walk from the Salt Palace Convention Center on the block just north of Temple Square (60 N. Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150).

- For more information visit:
<http://www.musicandthespokenword.com/index.shtml>

102nd Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 7

7:00 am -	Pre-Conference Livestock, Horticulture, Natural Resources & Sustainable Ag Tours
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Second Amendment Trap Shoot

SATURDAY, JULY 8

7:00 am -	Pre-Conference Livestock, Horticulture, Natural Resources & Sustainable Ag Tours
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
12:00 pm -7:00 pm	Registration at Salt Palace Convention Center

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Registration at Salt Palace Convention Center
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 - 5:00 pm	Life Member Hospitality Room
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Early Career Development Super Seminar
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	NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting
3:00 pm -4:30 pm	First Timer Orientation and Reception
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome to Utah Dinner
5:30 pm - 6:00 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 - 8:45 pm	Opening Session and Inspirational Program
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	State Pictures
9:30 pm - 11:30 pm	Hospitality Rooms Open (Holiday Inn Express)
10:00 pm	Utah Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 10

6:30 am- 7:45 am	Voting Delegates Breakfast
6:30 am- 7:45 am	Bayer CropScience LP AgVocate Breakfast
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Registration at Salt Palace Convention Center
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 and Meet the Authors Poster Session
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	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
11:45 am -1:15 pm	Excellence in 4-H Programming Luncheon
11:45 am -1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars
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:
3:00 pm-5:00 pm	Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations
5:00 pm -7:00 pm	Dine with a Specialist (Dutch Treat)
7:30 pm-9:00 pm	4-H Talent Revue (Ice Cream Social following)
9:00 pm-10:30 pm	State Pictures
9:30 pm-11:30 pm	Hospitality Rooms Open (Holiday Inn Express)
10:00 pm	Utah Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 11

6:30 am-7:45 am	Poster Session Breakfast
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast
6:30 am- 8:00 am	Life Member Breakfast
8:15 am- 4:30 pm	Load buses for Life Member Tours

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8:00 am -5:00 pm	Registration at Salt Palace Convention Center
8:30 am-11:30 am	Delegate Session
8:30 am-11:30 am	Super Seminar - Agriculture Economics
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 and Meet the Authors Poster Session
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 Young, Beginning or Small Farms/Rancher Program
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence Forestry/Natural Resources
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
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	Utah Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

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 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 at Salt Palace Convention Center
11:00 am-11:30 am	Break
11:45 am- 1:30 pm	Search for Excellence Luncheon-Sustainable Agriculture

11:45 am- 4:00 pm	Administrators' Lunch/Session
11:45 am-1:15 pm	Search for Excellence Farm Health & Safety
11:45 am- 1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (Tickets Required)
11:45 am- 1:15 pm	Ag Pipeline Alliance Luncheon - (Tickets Required)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Super Seminar – Sustainable Agriculture (SARE)
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Life Member Travelogue
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	Utah Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 13

5:45 am -8:45 am	Breakfast – in Convention Center South Foyer
6:30 am- 9:00 am	Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours
8:00 am- 6:00 pm	Professional Improvement Tours
4:45 pm	Shuttle buses for Utah Dinner for non-tour participants
5:00 pm-7:30 pm	Post Tour Dinner
10:00 pm	Utah Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 14

8:00 am- 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:00 am- 12:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting
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2017 NACAA AM/PIC

Professional Improvement Tours

Professional improvement tours are scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017. Northern Utah is normally hot and dry during July, but there is always a chance of a late afternoon rainstorm. Check the latest weather forecast and be prepared. Keep in mind farm tours may have uneven terrain so wear sturdy shoes. Water and snacks will be available on buses and lunch will be provided.

Tour # 1: Traveling Through History--The Golden Spike Monument, Orbital ATK's Rocket Display, Bear River Bird Refuge and Box Elder County's Historic Farms

Sponsored by Utah Farmers Union



We will travel to Box Elder County in Northern Utah where within an 8-mile radius, you will experience one hundred years of transportation history by visiting the Golden Spike National Historic site, where the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869, then we will visit Orbital ATK's rocket display where scientists helped put a man on the moon exactly 100 years later in 1969! Lunch will be at the Holmgren Historical Farm which was homesteaded in 1896 and is on the National Register of Historic Places due to its unique barn and farmstead. It will include Lyle's famous barbecue pork ribs, with all the homemade fixings which will be served, of course, in the barn! On the return trip, we will visit the Bear River National Bird Refuge, home to millions of migrating birds that stop in its freshwater marshes. Finally, we will explore Utah's historic Fruit-Way with its many farmer-owned roadside stands selling locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Tour # 2: USU Dryland Research Farm, Drip Irrigated Onions, and Alfalfa Hay Exports

Sponsored by SARE



Box Elder County is well known for innovative dryland wheat production which is used for livestock feed and pasta production. This tour will visit the Utah State University Blue Creek Dryland Research Farm and the LDS Blue Creek Crops 12,000 acre no-till dryland wheat farm. Local research and innovative practices have enabled yields of 40 bushels per acre in an area that only receives twelve inches of precipitation per year. Dry bulb onions are a major crop that is sold nationally. Fowers Farms are using the most of their irrigation water and improving onions yields at the same time with drip irrigation. Utah produces about two million tons of high quality alfalfa hay each year. The crop is used locally for beef and dairy production and is also compressed into small bales for export to foreign markets.

This tour will leave early due to the longer travel time.

Tour # 3: Irrigation Research and Space Dynamics Lab

Sponsored by SARE



The tour will travel through several large irrigation projects in northern Utah. Visits will be made to Fowers Farms, Intermountain Irrigated Pasture Project, Pepperidge

Farms, Space Dynamics Lab, Utah Water Research Lab, and Aggie Ice Cream Store. Flowers Farms has subsurface drip irrigation of onions in Bear River City. The pasture research project focuses on forage (grasses, legumes, and forbs) management, irrigation, fertility, and varieties that are viable under an intensively managed grazing system in Lewiston. Pepperidge Farms is a major baker of cookies and snacks in Richmond. The Space Dynamics Lab solves technical challenges of military, space exploration, science, and industry in Logan. The 50,000 square-foot Water Research Lab is adjacent to the Logan River and solves interdisciplinary water-related challenges in Utah and more 70 countries. We will enjoy some delicious ice cream at the Aggie Ice Cream Shop before returning to Salt Lake City.

Tour # 4: Dairy and Animal Science

Sponsored by SARE



The USU Dairy teaches students in the Dairy Science Program with hands-on learning and a large classroom right at the dairy. A water flush system clears manure and magnetic ear tags monitor feed intake. Plans are underway to install robotic milkers. Goosner Foods is an innovative factory that manufactures Swiss cheese and UHT milk. Lunch will be at Beehive Grill in downtown Logan. Munk Dairy is an innovative producer with a modern carousel parlor. For an afternoon break, we will visit the Aggie Ice Cream Shop on the USU campus. The USDA Poison Plants Lab researches ways to reduce the impact of poisonous plants on western rangeland.

Tour # 5: Beans and Bread—LDS Church Welfare Farms and J&J Garden Center

Welfare Square in Salt Lake City is one of the flagship facilities for the LDS Church welfare program. The Square includes a bread bakery, cheese factory, food cannery, and a retail store where those in need can receive food. The Deseret Mill and Pasta factory makes flour for bread, pancake

mix, and pasta for the welfare program. Grain for the mill is grown on farms in northern Utah and southern Idaho. Lunch will be at the USU Botanical Center in Kaysville where you can visit the new edible, water-wise garden and recently expanded arboretum. Several hundred acres of green beans are grown in the Layton area for the welfare program. They are processed at a cannery in Ogden and then shipped worldwide for humanitarian purposes. J&J Garden Center is one of Utah's largest producing nurseries and grows bedding plants in their large greenhouse range and has several acres of trees in a field nursery. The field nursery irrigation system was recently upgraded to drip irrigation to save time and water. You will see the specialized equipment that is used to dig and transport the large field-grown trees. Limit of 30 participants due to limited space at some stops.

Tour # 6: Where the Deer and the Antelope Roam--Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake

Antelope Island is home to over 500 head of buffalo with a unique gene pool that is highly valued in the buffalo breeding world. Many range improvement and weed control projects have been completed to provide more food for the buffalo, deer, antelope, and other wildlife on the island. Lunch will be at the Buffalo Grill on the island. The Great Salt Lake (GSL) Shorelands Preserve provides a wooden boardwalk to take visitors out in the GSL marshes for bird watching and to enjoy the scenic views of Antelope Island and the Wasatch Mountains. During the summer, cattle graze on the invasive phragmites plants to reduce their spread. Utah Wildlife Resources has made a concerted effort to provide fishing opportunities close to where people live with improvements and fish stocking at ponds located at Jensen Park, USU Botanical Center, and Bountiful Pond.



Tour # 7: Minerals, Tomatoes, Raspberries, and More

Participants on this tour will travel to five unique operations. The first stop will be to the Azomite Company. Azomite is a uniquely

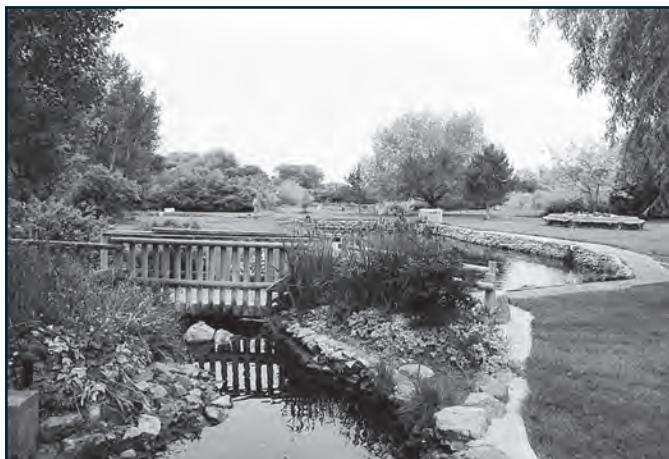
natural material, mined in Central Utah. The material contains a broad spectrum of over 70 minerals and trace elements. The 100% natural product is used for agricultural and horticultural purposes and is listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute for use in certified organic production. Houweling's Tomatoes newest 28-acre greenhouse operation, opened in 2015, will be the second stop. Situated next to an existing natural gas power plant, Houweling's utilizes state of the art technology to harness previously wasted heat and CO₂, two key inputs for growing delicious greenhouse tomatoes. The next stop will be a delicious catered lunch served along the tour route. Rowley's Red Barn, the ultimate stop for farm fresh food and country fun, will be the next stop. The Red Barn provides homemade ice cream, orchard fruits, home grown produce, and world class dried cherries. It has the characteristics of a family owned, working farm. Cornaby's Specialty Foods is the next stop. Cornaby's is a family owned business that is dedicated to bringing natures' best flavors (especially raspberry ones) from their field to your home. Cornaby's started out as a 20-acre raspberry farm and has blossomed into a specialty food processor with dozens of products that are sold across the United States. The concluding stop will be a tour of the Jordan Valley Conservation Garden Park. The six-acre botanical center demonstrates how a homeowner can convert traditional yards to more water efficient landscapes and still maintain a lush landscape. Learn why a company that sells water promotes water conservation.



Tour # 8: Wine, Wool, and Trout in Sustainable Systems

Sponsored by SARE

The Hive Winery is Utah's artisan winery specializing in fruit and honey wines using local products. The winery provides an important marketing outlet for several local fruit growers and uses fruit that otherwise might not be marketable. Cold Springs Trout Farm is one of the best fishing holes in the state of Utah with seven catch-out ponds stocked



with feisty rainbow trout. Their water source comes from cold Rocky Mountain springs at the base of nearby Cold Water Canyon. A new addition is a green living aquaponics greenhouse to provide year-round fresh vegetables. Lunch will be at a favorite local restaurant—the Spring Chicken Inn in Morgan City. Albert Wilde collects mink carcasses from around the county and composts them to produce a valuable soil amendment. He has also developed a pelletized wool business that is working hard to keep up with demand from nursery growers wanting to include it in their potting soil mix. Tifie Ranch (by East Canyon Reservoir) focuses on sustainable production using greenhouses, solar energy, and wood-fired boilers for heating. Our return to Salt Lake will follow the route of early pioneers down Emigration Canyon.

Tour #9: Where's the Beef

Sponsored by SARE



Rich County is home to many large beef cattle operations with over 30,000 mother cows. Learn about the Three Creeks Allotment where three ranches have pooled their grazing land in order to provide the optimum rotational grazing practices. Rangeland improvement projects have included fencing, reseeding, and livestock watering areas. Recent work with GPS collars on cows has enabled better management of rangeland resources. All projects have been tied to improved habitat for the endangered sage grouse bird. This project was done in consultation with the grazing improvement program (GIP) which is managed by the Utah

Department of Agriculture and Food. Deseret Land and Livestock is owned by the LDS Church and operates over 200,000 acres of grazing land with 3,500 mother cows. They also operate a popular fee-based hunting program which offers a chance to pursue a trophy deer or elk.

This tour will leave early due to the longer travel time.

Tour # 10: Rooftop Gardens to Family Roots. Guided Walking Tour of Downtown S.L.



Visit the LDS Family History Center, which provides training and computer access enabling people to search for their ancestors at their own pace. The library houses over 2 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records and 356,000 books containing records from every continent. The 21,000 seat LDS Conference Center's expansive rooftop garden includes aspen and spruce, shrubs, a two-acre wildflower meadow, fountains, and waterfalls—all designed to mimic Utah's varying landscapes. Hear a 30-minute recital on the 11,623-pipe organ at the world famous Tabernacle, which was built in 1864 using wooden pegs and rawhide to secure its domed roof. Walk through the City Creek Center Mall and see its innovative retractable glass roof, and see how the mall manages the recreated City Creek waterway with live fish. The historic Cathedral of the Madeleine, built from Utah sandstone in a stunning neo-Romanesque architectural style, regularly hosts community events and musical performances. At nearby City Creek Park, learn how irrigation was implemented by Utah pioneers 'to make the desert blossom like a rose' and about USU Extension's educational programs that encourage water-wise landscaping.

This tour will include moderate walking on level terrain.

Tour #11: Summer Wildflower Walk and Utah's Winter Olympic Park



This tour will take you up Little Cottonwood Canyon, one of the most famous wildflower areas in Utah. Start by riding the Snowbird Ski Resort chair lift to the top of 11,000 foot Hidden Peak where you can see forever. Take a short walk through a tunnel to view the beautiful wildflowers in Mineral Basin. The next stop will be the Winter Olympics Legacy Park in Park City to see the luge and bobsled runs from the 2002 Olympic Games. At the bottom of the ski run you can watch athletes practicing their acrobatic moves and landing in a large swimming pool. The last stop will be to stroll through the beautiful gardens at the University of Utah's Red Butte Garden. Red Butte features over 150 acres of gardens and natural areas. The Garden features spectacular floral gardens, children's garden, and an orangery that houses exotic and fragrant flora.

This tour will include moderate walking at high altitudes.

Tour # 12: Urban Farming

Half of Utah's population lives in Salt Lake County. This urban interface is home to small urban farms and producers that have unique markets. The New Roots Program teaches refugees how to grow vegetables from their native country. The garden at the Salt Lake County Jail teaches inmates how to grow vegetables which they sell at the downtown



Farmers Market. The Green Urban Lunch Box program teaches a beginning farmer program that is focused on growing fruits and vegetables and developing a business

plan for the small farm. Lunch will be at Wheeler Historic Farm which includes an Extension demonstration garden, historic farm buildings, and farm animals.

Luke Peterson grows vegetables, has a retail store with locally grown produce and meat, and hosts a popular Food Truck Friday program. This program offers a choice of several food trucks for dinner and shopping for local produce at the retail store. Frog Bench Farms is a unique urban farm with a small vineyard and vegetable production areas in a large greenhouse and in outside raised beds. Produce is sold mostly to local restaurants and is also used in their upscale garden parties.

Limit of 30 participants due to limited space at some stops.

Tour # 13: Turkeys, Fish, and Wildland Seed



Norbest has developed a model system for dry climate turkey production. They have approximately 43 growers and a processing plant in Moroni, Utah. They are also well known for their Nutri-Mulch® product of composted turkey manure which is widely used on gardens.

We will also see the Intermountain Farmers Associations and Norbest's joint venture unit train handling facility in Levan. A nearby IFA mill produces steam flaked soybean in addition to steam flaked corn. Along the way, we will visit the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fish hatchery in Fountain Green which is a state of the art facility raising trout to stock public fisheries. We will also tour the famous Great Basin Research Center and Seed Warehouse facility in Ephraim, which collects, cleans, and stores about 500,000 lbs annually of over 100 species of seed used extensively in wildland fire and Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI) projects in the western US.

This tour will leave early due to the longer travel time.

Tour # 14: From Beetle Kill to State of the Art Buildings--Forestry in the Beautiful Uinta Mountains



The tour will start with a stop at the Blazzard Sawmill in Kamas, then we will proceed up Wolf Creek Pass to look at mountain pine beetle damage and discuss forest and fire ecology. Lunch will be prepared by The Cutting Board Café in Kamas. Depending on the conditions of the season and roads, we will try to visit an active logging operation. The tour will include a stop at Euclid, a timber frame company specializing in using beetle kill lumber to create interlocking cross laminate timber products (ICLT).

This tour will include moderate walking at high altitudes. Limit of 26 participants.

Tour # 15: Diversified Agriculture and Olympic Sports Park



Summit County is unique with very diversified, rural agricultural operations on one side and the very popular Park City ski area on the other side. Blue Moon Ranch Alpacas is a full service ranch with animals and fiber for sale. Learn how they use fiber, roving, batts, and yarn to produce

finished products. The Kamas State Fish Hatchery produces rainbow, brook and cutthroat trout and grayling fish. The fish are used to stock high mountain lakes, reservoirs, and rivers in northern Utah. The hatchery produces over 1.3 million cold water fish annually. Rees Fur Farm is the largest mink ranch in Summit County. Learn about this unique industry and the challenges they face in raising mink for fur products. The tour will include stops at one of their live mink sheds and processing plant. Visit the Olympic Park built for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. During the games, the park hosted bobsleigh, skeleton, lug, Nordic ski jumping, and Nordic combined events. Today, the venue is an active official U.S. Olympic training center for Olympic and development level athletes.

Tour # 16: Fishing, Hunting, and River Otters



The Lee Kay Shooting Center provides hunter instruction and shooting ranges for archery, rifle, and shotgun. Adjacent is a Utah Wildlife Resources fish hatchery which raises tiger muskies—a sterile cross between a true muskie and a northern pike. These giant pike are stocked in Utah reservoirs to control problem forage fish. Skretting Company is one of the largest fish food manufacturing companies in the world. We will tour their modern factory in Tooele County. A watershed improvement project conducted by the Utah Department of Natural Resources in the Vernon City area has provided vegetation treatments on approximately 1.3 million acres. The project has benefitted wildlife, cattle, and sheep and improved the overall watershed. The Provo River reclamation project in the Midway City area re-established several miles of prime fishing habitat and is also home to a new group of river otters.

Tour #17: Salt Flats to Alfalfa



Visit the world-renowned Salt Flats, a salt processing plant, Bonneville Raceway, the Enola Gay hangar, the Donner Party route, and a forage processing facility. Visit Standlee's state-of-the-art forage processing facility just west of Salt Lake International Airport. Standlee compresses hay from the intermountain region and ships it by land and sea around the world. From Standlee, travel to the Cargill Salt Plant which produces salt in large evaporation ponds along the shore of the Great Salt Lake. See how salt and other minerals are harvested. Travel across the Salt Flats which are world renowned for their stark beauty and are a popular site for advertising, wedding photos, and movie filming. See the route of the Donner Party and artifacts they left behind on their ill-fated trek. Visit the famous Bonneville Raceway where land speed records are attempted and set. In late summer, the flats are the site of Speed Week where a straight line course of 12 miles is used to attempt land speeds records for cars and motorcycles. Enjoy lunch at the Wendover Airport in the recently restored Officer's Club. Tour the Enola Gay Hangar, atom bomb loading pit, and learn about Wendover Air Field's top secret role during World War II.

Tour #18: Utah's Own-- Commercial Tree Fruit and Vegetable Production



Utah County is home to the largest concentration of tree fruit production in the state of Utah. Primary crops include tart cherries, apples, and peaches. Visit McMullin Orchards tart cherry processing plant where cherries are pitted and

processed. Additionally, see how tart cherries are harvested using a large mechanical shaker. Cherry raisins are a popular product that is sold nationwide. Rowley's Red Barn sells locally grown fruits and vegetables in a prime location right off Interstate 15. We will see their apple cider press and leave time for browsing through their unique gift store and ice cream counter. Olson's Greenhouses grows a large variety of bedding plants for local stores. Their Salem facility covers several acres, and in total, Olson's are among the largest growers of bedding plants in the nation. Harward Farms is among the most innovative vegetable growers in Utah. The owner is a successful young farmer who specializes in the grow-local movement, where he sells produce at over 20 roadside stands, as well as distributing to many local grocery stores.

Tour #19: Silicon Slopes and Thanksgiving Point Gardens



Visit the beautiful Thanksgiving Point Gardens and Museums and also see the new water-wise demonstration garden by the garden visitors center. Next, go across the street to visit Adobe Systems—a major software development company—one of the many high tech companies in the Point of the Mountain area that make up Utah's so-called Silicon Slopes. Since 2010, the Slopes area has provided 40% of all the new jobs in the state. Lunch will be at the Garden Room overlooking the expansive Thanksgiving Gardens. Then onto Cook's Greenhouses where they grow bedding plants and have a well-known retail garden center.

Limit of 40 participants due to tour size limits at some stops.

Tour # 20: Powder River Panels and Sundance Ski Resort



Powder River, founded in 1938, makes a variety of metal panels and beef handling equipment. This tour will showcase their modern manufacturing facility in Provo and then take participants to their working ranch in Heber City to demonstrate how the equipment works. A delicious Dutch oven lunch will be provided. Along the way, we will stop at Sundance Ski Resort and ride one of their chairlifts to see the beautiful mountain scenery.

Note: Limit of 25 participants and must be at least 18 years old.

Tour # 21: Water and the West--Provo River Restoration and Midway Fish Hatchery

The Provo River Restoration Project restored several miles of prime fishing habitat that was displaced by construction of Jordanelle Reservoir. The Midway Fish Hatchery grow fingerling fish that are planted in near-by lakes and rivers. They have been a leader in combating whirling disease virus. Lunch will be at the Soldier Hollow Grill overlooking the Wasatch Mountain State Park and the Wasatch Mountains. The Central Utah Water Project provides culinary and irrigation water with a series of reservoirs and rivers. The Wasatch County hay farm uses water from a nearby treatment plant to grow high quality hay.



Tour #22: Uniquely Utah Products--Elk, Cheese, and Milk



The Marriott Elk Farm raises elk for meat and antlers. The elk provide quite a site as you drive past a large pasture full of elk. The Wade Dairy is one of the most progressive in the area. They grow much of their own alfalfa and corn for feed and milk on a modern, large carrousel. Lunch will be at the Union Grill in Ogden where you will see the historic railroad locomotives and visit the Browning Arms collection. Intermountain Farmers Association, a 94 year old local co-op, provides livestock feed via three feed mills and has 24 country stores that sell feed, tack, clothing, gardening and farm supplies. A stop at their new Ogden IFA Country Store will showcase the wide variety of products they carry for the farm and home yard. Beehive Cheese is a gourmet cheese producer with several award winning flavors. Walk through their large ripening room and visit their gift shop. Compass Minerals produces potassium sulfate fertilizer and other minerals in huge evaporation ponds along the shore of the Great Salt Lake.

Tour # 23: Super Seminar Participants "Reading the Farm" Farm Tour

Sponsored by SARE

This tour will visit local farms to implement principles learned in the "Reading the Farm" Super Seminar sponsored by SARE and the Sustainable Ag Committee. The goal is to take an in-depth look at working farms and make recommendations to make the farm more sustainable.

Note: Limit of 30 participants and must have participated in Wednesday SARE Sustainable Agriculture Super Seminar.

Post-Tour Dinner

Tour day dinner on Thursday evening will be held at This is the Place Heritage Park at the base of the Wasatch Mountains in Salt Lake City. The menu will be famous Sanpete County barbecue turkey with all of the fixings. Extension Agent Matt Palmer and his crew have years of experience preparing this delicious meal for 4-H conferences. At the park, our venue will be The Garden Place building with air conditioning and the rustic elegance of a mountain lodge. There is a beautiful patio with a waterfall and majestic mountain views. *Sponsored by Norbest Mountain Grown Turkeys.*



LIFE MEMBER PROGRAM

Life Member Committee Meeting:

Sunday, July 9th (2:30-3:30 pm)

Life Member Business Meeting:

Monday, July 10th (1:30-3:00 pm)

Life Member Breakfast:

Tuesday, July 11th
(7:30- 9:00 am)

Featured speaker is Brad Barton. Brad is a world record track athlete, magician, and motivational speaker.

Brad combines magic with his life story of perseverance and trials to amaze, inspire, and captivate audiences.



Life Member Tours:

Tuesday July 11, 2017 (see tour information on next two pages)

Buses will load at the Salt Palace Convention Center loading doors (south side) at 9:30 am for all Life Member Tours

Life Member Sponsored Presentation:

Wednesday, July 12th (1:00-2:00 pm)

"Combat Farming in a War Zone". Presentation given by Tim Davis, South Carolina on his Agricultural Development experience in Afghanistan

Life Member Tours:

Tour 1: Historic Temple Square

Participants on this tour will view beautiful gardens and groves of trees all situated on the rooftop of the massive conference center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS Church). The tour will then extend across the street to Temple Square, filled with historic buildings and more beautiful gardens. Lunch



will be at the Lion House located on Temple Square. After lunch the tour will travel north by bus to Kaysville, location of the Utah State University Botanical Center. The USU Botanical Center has over 100 acres of gardens, an arboretum, grass garden, and greenhouse that propagates native plants unique to the intermountain region. The USU Botanical Center is much more than a botanical center. This is the location of a regional education hub that houses USU Extension Offices, a USU Distance Education Campus, an energy efficient demonstration house, a wetland education building and ponds, and an agricultural experiment station all on the same property.

Total anticipated tour time: ~6 hours

Amount of walking and standing anticipated: Minimum of 3 hours of short distance walking and standing. There are benches scattered throughout Temple Square for tour participants to sit on.

Handicap accessible: Yes

Tour 2 Park City Splendor

Travel by bus 30 minutes east of Salt Lake City into the beautiful Wasatch Mountains, home of Park City, heart of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Guests will tour the Winter



Olympic Park and learn about the Winter Olympic Games as well as the many world-class ski resorts and winter sport venues Park City hosts. Lunch will take place at one of Park City's many incredible restaurants. During the 1800's, Park City began as a mining town and has since evolved into a world-renowned alpine destination. Famous for its ski resorts, Park City hosts the Sundance Film Festival organized by Robert Redford. This festival attracts hundreds of celebrities to Park City's historic Egyptian Theater each year.

Total anticipated tour time: ~4 1/2 hours

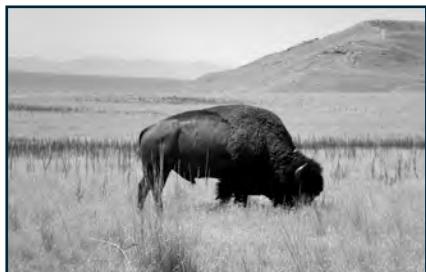
Amount of walking and standing anticipated: Most of this tour will take place either on a bus. There will be minimal walking on Park City's historic Main Street. Anticipated total walking and standing time is less than 30 minutes.

Handicap accessible: Yes

Tour 3

Where the Buffalo and Jets Roam

This tour will take guests north of Salt Lake City to Davis and Weber Counties, home of Antelope Island State Park, Union Station (location of 4 different museums), and Hill Air Force Base Museum. The tour will start at Antelope Island State Park, an island located on the Great Salt Lake. Antelope Island is home to herds of antelope, buffalo, and trophy mule deer. A historic cattle ranch is located on the east side of the island where guests will learn more about early pioneer and ranching life in Utah. The tour will continue further north to Ogden, home of historic Union Station. At Union Station, guests will have the opportunity to tour different museums: Browning Firearms Museum, Utah Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Utah State Railroad Museum, and the Browning-Kimball Classic Car Museum. Lunch will take place at a local pub & pizza restaurant near Union Station. Participants will then travel south to Layton, home of Hill Air Force Base and the Hill Air Force Base Aerospace Museum. Hill Air Force Base houses F-15, F-16, and the new F-35 fighter jet squadrons. Due to security restrictions, guests will be unable to tour the military base, however you will still be able to tour the Hill AFB Aerospace Museum containing acres of indoor and outdoor exhibits of historic and modern planes and jets. Plane and history enthusiasts will especially enjoy this tour.



Total anticipated tour time: ~5 hours

Amount of walking and standing anticipated: The Antelope Island Tour will take place mainly on the bus with at least 30 minutes of short walking and standing at the historic ranch. All museums will have typical short distances of walking and standing times typical of museum touring.

Handicap accessible: Yes

Tour 4

World War II History and Wendover Fun

The Wendover Airfield installation became a subpost of Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, on July 29, 1941 and additional land acquisitions brought the total area to 1,822,000 acres.



The total site at that time was 18 to 36 miles wide and 86 miles long. The site was hailed as the largest bombing and gunnery range in the world. In 1942 President Franklin D. Roosevelt had established the "Manhattan Engineer District" for the purpose of developing an atomic bomb.

By 1944 development of the bomb was under way and the B-29 bomber was selected to deliver the weapon. General Henry "Hap" Arnold, Commander Army Air Forces, named Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, Jr. to head the select team. Only Tibbets knew the mission of the 509th Composite Group, and he chose Wendover Field, Utah, for training because of its isolation, the need for security, and the wide open spaces available for training. The hurried departure of the 72nd fighter wing made room for the 393rd Bombardment Squadron (B-29) to be moved to Wendover in September 1944. This move was made without explanation and on short notice, and the 393rd was to become the core of the project to deliver the atomic bomb. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the historic Airfield now known as the Enola Gay historical site.

After touring the historical site guests will travel across the Utah state line into Wendover, Nevada where they will spend a couple of hours at the Rainbow Casino. Guests can try their hand at gambling, sip some drinks, and eat at one of the incredible buffets. The buffet lunch will be provided as part of the tour but drinks and gambling costs will be the responsibility of each individual.

Total anticipated tour time: ~7 hours. *Please note: This will be a long tour consisting mainly of riding on a bus. The drive to Wendover from Salt Lake City is 2 hours each way, 4 hours total. While this drive is long, guests will have the opportunity to see some of the most unique salt flat desert geography on the planet along with hearing historical and informational facts. This tour may arrive back to Salt Lake late, so be prepared for a shortened time to freshen up for State's Night Out.

Amount of walking and standing anticipated: The Enola Gay Tour will require 1 hour of short distance walking and some standing. The rest of the Tour will take place on the bus and within the casino.

Handicap accessible: Yes

SPOUSE MEMBER PROGRAM

AM/PIC Spouse Tours Monday, July 10, 2017

The Utah Agents have planned a variety of tour experiences for you and your spouse's/guest's enjoyment. Whether it is visiting the Park City Olympic Park, Salt Lake City Temple Square, LDS Church Family History Center, Hill Air Force Museum, or Thanksgiving Point Gardens, participants will have fun touring many of Utah's interesting stops. USU Extension Agents and others will act as tour hosts and will help answer questions along the way. Water and snacks 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 with low humidity in Utah, so dress appropriately.

Tour 1: Waterfalls to Essential Oils



Board your coach for a combination of several stops. First stop will visit Bridal Veil Falls. The 607 foot double cascade waterfall is located up beautiful Provo Canyon. The falls has been listed frequently as one of America's top 100 waterfalls. The tour will include a stop at the worldwide headquarters for doTERRA. doTERRA is the world leader in the production of CPTG essential oils. Besides essential oils, the company also offers oil-infused personal care and spa products, dietary supplements, and healthy products for the home. Thanksgiving Point, a major tourist destination in Central Utah, will be the next stop. Thanksgiving Point is a 500 acre farm, garden, and museum complex. After lunch, participants will receive a guided tour of the beautiful gardens at the site. Cabela's will be the last stop. Founded in 1961 as a small fishing supply business, Cabela's is now an industry leader as a direct marketer and specialty retailer of hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and related recreation merchandise.

Tour 2: Family History to "Footloose"



The tour will start with a visit to the LDS Church Family History Center. Discover your family history and explore the world's largest collection of free family trees, genealogy records, and resources. Participants will be able to create their own free account so they can participate in the Family Search Program. The Latter-day Saint Welfare Square will be the next stop. Since its humble beginnings in the midst of the Great Depression, it has provided opportunities to foster self-reliance and provide meaningful opportunities for work and service. Welfare Square is a modern facility composed of a towering 178 foot tall grain elevator, large storehouse, bakery, cannery, milk processing operation, thrift store, and an employment center-all designed to help people help themselves. Thanksgiving Point, a major tourist destination in Central Utah will be the next stop. Thanksgiving Point is a 500 acre farm, garden, and museum complex. After lunch, participants will receive a guided tour of the beautiful gardens at the site. Lehi Roller Mills will be the concluding stop. Started in 1905, visit one of the oldest continuously operating mills in the country. See where the movie "Footloose" was filmed.

Tour 3: Temple Square and Historic Salt Lake City



This one mile walking tour starts at Temple Square. Temple Square is Utah's most popular tourist destination. The center contains many attractions related to Mormon pioneer history and genealogy. The Tabernacle located at the grounds is the home to the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The 21,000 seat Conference Center will be included as one of the sites. The center contains an array of artwork and other information relating to the organization of the LDS Church. A tour of the centers beautiful rooftop gardens will be included. After lunch at the Historic Lion House, visits to the Beehive House, and other historic buildings will also be included in the tour.

Tour 4: Park City and Olympic Park



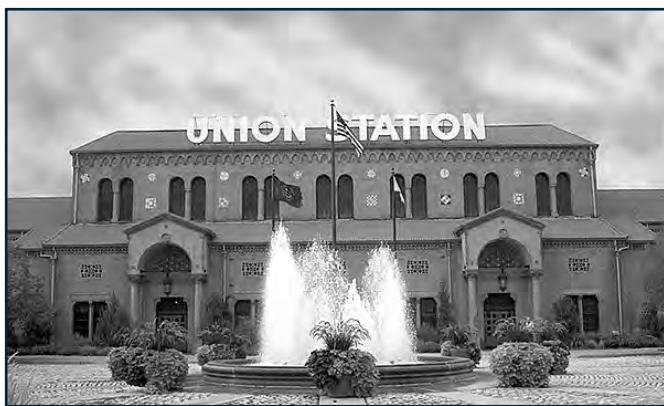
This tour will travel to the high mountain valleys east of Salt Lake City. The first stop will be the Utah Olympic Park in Park City. The park is a winter sports facility built for the 2002 Winter Games. During the games, the park hosted bobsled, skeleton, luge, ski jumping, and Nordic combined events. It now serves as a training center for winter Olympic athletes. In addition to listed facilities, the park also includes a ski museum, summer aerial training splash pool, zip lines, and a mountain coaster. The next stop will include a visit to the USU Swaner Preserve and Eco Center. Lunch will be served at the center. The preserve has over 1,200 acres of breathtaking open space and a 10,000 sq. ft. educational museum. The preserve educates individuals about the value of nature and both the ecosystem and the people connected to it. The last stop will include a tour of the Copper Moose Farm. The three acre organic farm grows a wide range of vegetables and herbs that are used in the Park City area. In the winter months, they grow the needed produce in their passive solar greenhouse and hoop houses.

Tour 5: Aerospace Museum and Chocolates



Hill Aerospace Museum, the first stop, is one of the premier attractions in northern Utah. The museum was founded in 1982 as part of the United States Air Force Heritage program. Over 90 military aircrafts, missiles, and aerospace vehicles are on the grounds. The museum annually welcomes around 160,000 visitors, coming from every state and many foreign countries. Station Park shops will be the next stop. Station Park is one of Northern Utah's premier shopping centers. The park is the home to over 150 shops and businesses. Lunch will be served at the Park Stone Kitchen. Mrs. Cavanaugh's Chocolates will be the concluding stop. This family owned business has been operating since 1964. This will be a great opportunity to learn how chocolates are made. Chocolate and ice cream sampling will be included.

Tour 6: Railroad Station and Botanical Center



This northern Utah tour will start at the Union Station. The original train station was built in 1889. No longer a working train station, the station houses a number of museums including Browning Firearms, Utah State Railroad, Utah

Cowboy & Western Heritage, and the Browning-Kimball Classic Car Museum. Beehive Cheese Company will be the next stop. Started in 2005, the family owned business is proud to be among a handful of artisan cheese makers in Utah. They consider their creamery a modern cheese operation where the old world craftsmanship is embraced. USU Botanical Center will be the last stop. Lunch will be served at the center. The 50 acre center features an urban fishery, walking and biking trails, wetland areas that support birds and other wildlife, a volunteer tended garden, and a seasonal farmers market. The center emphasizes the conservation and wise use of plant, water, and energy resources through research based educational experiences.

AM/PIG Spouse Workshops Tuesday, July 11, 2017

The spouse committee has planned a wide variety of workshops for your enjoyment and education. These workshops range from family history to photo books. For your convenience, all of the workshops except one will be held in the same general area at the convention center. The family history workshop will be held at the Family Search Discovery Center, a short walk from the convention center. Workshops will be held in the morning from 9:30-11:00 am and again in the afternoon from 2:00-3:30 pm. When selecting your workshops on the registration form, please make sure to list your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for both sessions.

#1 - Family Search Discovery Center

Experience your family history in a whole new way. Bring your ancestors to life with interactive displays, fun facts, and exciting things to do at the Family Search Discovery Center. Learn the meaning of your name, see what was going on the year you were born, and explore an interactive map showing where your ancestors were born. You can even share your stories in a state-of-the art recording booth. To make the most of this workshop you will need to create a free Family Search account at familysearch.org/discoverycenter and bring a USB with photos from your last family trip or reunion to record memories about the photos to take home with you.

#2 - Western Line Dancing

Get up and dance to great country western music. Heather Barker will teach you basic steps of several popular line dances that will get you moving. No dance partner needed. You will learn some fun filled easy-to-do dance steps that even a novice dancer can handle. You will be having fun and learning great steps that can be used at any party.

#3 - Lariat Bowls

Create an authentic western souvenir to take home and display. You will be soldering cowboy lariats together to form a bowl that can be used to hold anything on your coffee table or bar. A great rustic decoration for your home that is lightweight and easy to take home in a suitcase.

#4 - Olive Oil 101

Mountain Town Olive Oil Class will cover the history of olives and olive oil, what to look for in purchasing Extra Virgin Olive Oil, and the differences between Extra Virgin, Virgin, Pure, and Light. The class will review the problems with mislabeled and adulterated olive oil that is prevalent on the shelves today. It will also cover the health benefits from a major study that demonstrates the benefits of using Extra Virgin Olive Oil in a heart healthy lifestyle. Mountain Town Olive Oil will provide a few light appetizers and desserts using Olive Oils and Balsamic Vinegars along with the recipes for your use. Class participants will receive a discount to purchase products at their store located at the Gateway Shopping Center near the conference center.

#5 - Picaboo Photo Books

Time to get all those photos off your devices and into a book. Make your pictures into memories and stories that your children and grandchildren will cherish. In this workshop, you will learn to create photo books that are as simple or as extravagant as you like. You will be able to use your own personal style and creativity to complete or at least get a good start on your first photo memory book. To get the most out of this workshop, you will need to bring a fully charged laptop computer with your photos uploaded to the website. You will need to create a free account at www.picaboo.com and upload enough photos to get you started. Uploading the photos takes a bit of time, so it is ESSENTIAL that you come prepared. Even 20 photos can get you started, but the more photos you have, the more you will get out of this workshop. Once you have your account set up, we recommend uploading about 20 photos at one time to speed up the process. We will have \$50 gift cards for participants to use on the purchase of your photo book. This will cover all but shipping charges on a quality book. Share your experiences, adventures, and memories with your friends and family by attending the Picaboo Photo Books workshop.

#6 - Cattle Roping History and Hands-on Roping Demonstration

Cattle ranching on open rangelands is a tradition that has been a part of our western heritage. Western Cowboys have developed methods of catching and restraining cattle

with ropes out of necessity. Jim Keyes has developed the western ranch horse program and has taught youth and adults how to rope in a safe humane way. You will learn of the history and see live demonstrations and even try your hand at catching a mechanical calf.

#7 - SOS! and Thinking Outside the Box

Join us to learn simple concepts for saving time and money in food preparation. Participants will learn how to make and use Soup and Sauce (SOS) Mixes. Basic dishes become easier, more nutritious, more flavorful, and less expensive to make. Also learn how to make easy box meals to store on the shelf and then use when hectic schedules limit your food prep time. Box meals are great for those with limited cooking skills and make great gifts too!

AM/PIC Spouse Luncheon Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:00 noon

Utah History will be the theme for this years featured speaker. People have lived in Utah for thousands of years. The Utah area was first inhabited by the Fremont and Anasazi people around 500 AD followed by the Utes, Navajos and other Native Americans. The first Europeans didn't arrive to the area until the 1700s. Because the area was so uninhabitable, no permanent settlements were made until 1847 when the Mormon Pioneers entered the Great Salt Lake Valley. Today over 3 million people call Utah home. Come prepared to listen to stories about Utah's past and how the early settlers helped make Utah the great state it is now. The guest speaker will be announced in the June edition of The County Agent.

AM/PIC Spouse Optional Activities Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Conference participants will have a wide range of on your own optional activities available for this day. Brochures will be available at registration that will give you the opportunity to consider many of these options. Many of these are within walking distance from the conference center. Salt Lake City is at the urban heart of the metropolitan Wasatch Front. A compact downtown makes for easy walking among the many things to do in Salt Lake City. Restaurants, bars, and other attractions bring life to the city center. Visit the historic heart of Utah, Temple Square, shop at the City Creek Center and The Gateway, or visit the many historic sites in the area. A trip on TRAX, Salt Lake City's light

rail system, takes you from city center past the Leonardo Science Museum to the University of Utah campus, home to Red Butte Garden and Arboretum and the Natural History Museum of Utah. The following is a listing of only a few of the possible activities.

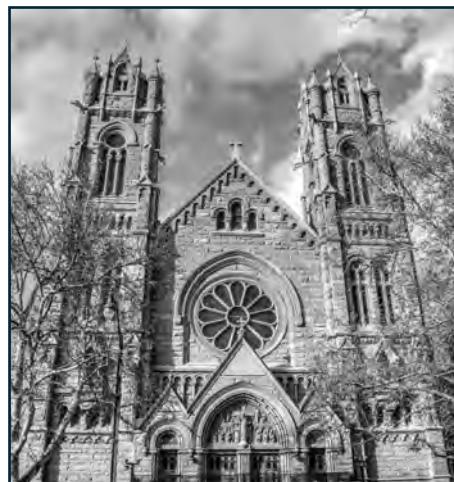
Temple Square: The center for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Temple Square offers free walking tours of the Temple grounds, available in forty languages. The nearby Family History Library houses the most extensive collections of genealogical records in the world. Temple Square is also home to the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir with frequent performances and dress rehearsals open to the public.

City Creek Center: Satisfy your shopping fix with a stroll through City Creek and browse a number of great stores. On the many warm, sunny days in Salt Lake City, the center opens its retractable roof to let fresh air and sunlight spill onto the walkways making for an inviting experience as you walk past the gentle water of City Creek stocked with local brown trout. No Salt Lake City vacation is complete without experiencing shopping in true Utah style.

The Gateway: Salt Lakes premier shopping, dining, and entertainment destination including over 115 shops/restaurants. Featuring the Olympic Legacy Plaza, Clark Planetarium, and Discovery Gateway.

Salt Lake City Historic Buildings: Downtown Salt Lake City is home to many buildings that are part of Utah's historic past. Some of these sites include the Beehive House, Lion House, Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Cathedral of the Madeline, Family History Center, and the Utah State Capitol.

We encourage you to take the chance to enjoy the unique opportunities available in the Salt Lake City area. For those who have additional questions or need more information, assistance will be available at the conference.



Sunday, July 9, 2017

Welcome and time for fun! – At our opening event, we will spend the first 45 minutes registering members, handing out shirts and covering the schedule for youth and their parents. Following the logistics review, we will host a fun evening of interactive activities. We encourage all participants of the Sons and Daughters tract (youth and adult) to participate in these activities as we will be introducing the staff and our guests, building friendships and having lots of fun.

Monday, July 10, 2017

Hanging from the trees – Still cramped from that long flight/drive here? Well we are excited to spend a day working out those muscles in a series of team building exercises and fun on the river. CLAS Ropes Course is nestled in a park like setting on the Lower Provo River. Through hands on challenges and experiences you will internalize concepts like problem solving, leadership, communication, conflict resolution, group cooperation, trust, teamwork and self-confidence. From zip lines, to canoes, you will have a blast swinging from the trees and playing in the river.

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Cerebral overload - From braun to brain, we move to the second amazing day of our adventure. For this day we'll be splitting into two age groups:

- **Ages 10 and under** – Youth and their accompanying parents will spend the day at Thanksgiving Point. This amazing location hosts several attractions that you will have access to. <https://www.thanksgivingpoint.org/>

o ***Museum of Ancient Life*** - Roam among the dinosaurs, explore a Carboniferous Forest, and dive deep into a Cretaceous Ocean at the Museum of Ancient Life. Visit one of the world's largest displays of mounted dinosaurs with 60 complete dinosaur skeletons in the galleries, along with more than 50 hands-on exhibits. This is a great place to learn about pre-historic animals, play with toy dinosaurs in the Erosion Table, and dig for fossils in the quarry dig.

o ***Museum of Natural Curiosity*** - With more than 400 interactive experiences, you can choose a new adventure each time you visit the Museum of Natural Curiosity®. In the Rainforest, explore the ancient ruins and chambers, crawl inside the 45-foot-tall monkey head, and pretend to fly the Piper Cub. At Water Works, explore science with water, wind, sun, and earth, or go to the Discovery Garden to learn about nature and the six simple machines in the



Archimedes Playground. You can even explore the town of Kidopolis, where you'll discover secret passageways and perform tricks at the magic shop.

o ***Ashton Gardens*** - An oasis in the desert, the Ashton Gardens features 55-acres of stately gardens, grand lawns, as well as the largest man-made waterfall in the Western Hemisphere. Rejuvenate yourself and enjoy nature's beauty in these secluded gardens. Stroll through the 15 themed gardens to enjoy the cascading fountains in the Italian Gardens, visit the newly-opened I Am The Light Of The World sculpture garden, get a bird's eye view of the gardens from the Vista Garden, feed the fish at Koi View Pier, and discover the Secret Garden.

o ***Farm Country*** - For all animal lovers alike, come meet your favorite farm critters such as cows, goats, horses, chickens, sheep, and pigs at Farm Country. You could even meet some unusual animals like llamas, alpacas, and peacocks. Besides petting and feeding the animals, you can also see what it's like to be a farmer through our hands-on exhibits. Don't miss the chance to view a cow milking (5 pm in summer, 4 pm in winter) and learn how milk gets from the cow to being bottled at our Meadow Gold Dairy Adventure. Also, see how food is transported to the grocery store at our Soil-to-Market classroom. Check out our chicks in the incubation station and the bunnies in our rabbit hatch, and be sure to visit in April for a chance to meet our newest baby animals who make their debuts in the spring.

When you're all tuckered out, go on a relaxing pony ride or hop on the wagon for a ride around Thanksgiving Point.



- **Ages 11-18** – Are you ready for some character play?

o **Escape room** (<http://getoutgames.com>) - Do you have what it takes to find the clues, work as a team, crack the code and overcome all to escape in under 60 minutes? This fun interactive game room will be a great way to start off the day.



o **Discovery Space Center** (<https://discoveryspacecenter.com/>) - What you will see when you set foot on one of our state-of-the-art spaceship simulators is the bridge of a starship where you and your fellow crew member are in control. Each of you has a unique job that is critical in successfully reaching the end of your mission. You will be



given a mission briefing, tasked with mission objectives, and left to make your own choices as you navigate the story together with your crew. Throughout the course of your mission you will encounter challenges that do not have a fixed solution, requiring you to consider the situation carefully and choose the best option you can come up with. You may also come face to face with one of our many actors that play the role of anything from a helpful crew member from below decks to an alien intruder.

Wednesday, July 12, 2017



Adrenalin overkill – Ready for a day at Utah Premier Entertainment Park? (<http://www.lagoonpark.com/>) Twist, turn and fly on one of Lagoon's 50 rides. Feel your heart race on our X-Venture attractions. Slip and slide through whitewater waves at Lagoon A Beach.

There's something for everyone, bumper cars, go carts, the catapult, live animals, water rides, carnival rides, Skycoaster, loops, drops, take offs! Unwind and take a trip back through the Wild West in Pioneer Village and get a vintage family photo. Sing along with the best shows in town. Enjoy a breathtaking view from atop the giant Ferris Wheel and ride a Roller Coaster that was built in 1921!



The park is open from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Lockers are available for rent. Larger attractions require a minimum height of 36' or taller. Height requirements vary for each ride.

Participants will have the option to return at 4:30 to attend the DSA Annual Banquet with family - or they can remain at the Entertainment Park for a fun evening and return on a 10:00 bus ride back to the hotels.

Air Travel to the 2017 AM/PIC

The airport for the 2017 AM/PIC will be the Salt Lake International Airport - (SLC) which has air service from a variety of carriers.



Airport Ground Transportation

The 2017 AM/PIC conference hotels are all within 10-15 minutes of travel time from the airport. Salt Lake City has a Trax (train) system which will take you within 1 block of our hotels. Here are some instructions on how to get from the airport to the Radisson Hotel Downtown.

When you get to the airport you will need to get your luggage and go East through terminal 1 to the Trax Rail station just east of terminal one. When you get there you can buy a ticket for \$2.50 and then get on the train. The train comes every 20 minutes and operates from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. You will travel into downtown Salt Lake City. (As you travel you will go past the Radisson Hotel Airport. Do not go to this hotel. We are meeting at the Radisson Hotel Downtown). As you get into the downtown area you will get off the train at the Temple Square Trax Stop. For the Radisson Downtown Hotel -you will then walk back to the west about 1 block. The Salt Lake Plaza is directly North of this Trax Stop, and the Holiday Inn Express is on the South Side of the Convention Center (around the block).

You are also more than welcome to take a taxi from the airport to any of the conference hotels - approximate rate will cost \$26.

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 attemption to be coordinated by Utah & 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. **Bottom line...if you register early...you will have a good chance of getting a ticket...register late...plan on making your own arrangements.**

Final notification of luncheon registrations will be identified on your AM/PIC registration confirmation no later than June 15, 2017. This confirmation will be sent to you electronically (mailed if you don't have an e-mail address).

Facilities Fee

Since 2004, NACAA initiated a facilities fee for lodging at the AM/PIC. All Active & Life Members in attendance are asked to stay at the contracted hotel facilities. It is your choice to stay elsewhere, however, if you do not register for lodging through the NACAA registration process (minimum of 1 night), a \$250 fee will be added to your overall registration.

Why? NACAA contracts with several hotels 4 years in advance of each meeting in order to meet the lodging needs of our membership. The contracts which are signed have specific room night commitments which if not met, will have to be purchased by NACAA. This financial obligation made by NACAA on behalf of its membership is a very large commitment that could have devastating financial implications if the membership chooses to stay at other non-contracted properties. The facilities fee has been put in place to assist in protecting **YOUR** Association from taking a financial loss.

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**REGISTRATION FORM
NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE**

July 9-13, 2017

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2017: Late fee is \$100 - Return ALL forms together

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

On-site Registration will be in the Southern entrance of the Salt Palace 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, 2017.

Are you an NACAA Member (Active or Life) YES NOCheck 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 three weeks prior to the event to make request)

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 _____

SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

Spouse/Guest Name _____

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Monday, July 10, 2017

Tours #1-6 # of people on Tour

1st Choice _____2nd Choice _____3rd Choice _____**SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON** - Tuesday, July 11, 2017

(Spouse/Guest Only) I Plan To Attend Yes _____ No _____

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS & WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, July 11, 2017.... # of people at Workshops _____

Morning Session 1 9:30-11:00 a.m.(Workshops 1-7 am)1st Choice _____2nd Choice _____3rd Choice _____Afternoon Session 2:00 - 3:30 pm(Workshops 1-7 pm)1st Choice _____2nd Choice _____3rd Choice _____**LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE'S ACTIVITIES****LIFE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST** - Tuesday, July 11, 2017

(6:30 am - 8:00 a.m.) Number Attending _____

LIFE MEMBER'S TOURS - Tuesday, July 11, 2017

(Immediately following the breakfast)

Tour No. # on Tour1st Choice _____2nd Choice _____3rd Choice _____**SUSTAINABLE AG/****SARE SUPER SEMINAR** - Wed. July 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Do you wish to register for the SARE Sustainable Ag Super Seminar?

_____ Yes How many spots _____

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REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION**Check ALL Blocks That Apply to You****Participant's Name** _____

Last Name	First Name			
NACAA Member	Agent Fee # Attending	Spouse/Guest Fee # Attending	Total Fees to be Paid	
First Time Attending (10 yrs. or less) (Waived x _____)	+ (\$250.00 x _____)	= \$ _____		
employed after 7/1/2007				
Regular Member	(\$425.00 x _____)	+ (\$250.00 x _____)	= \$ _____	
Life Member	(\$335.00 x _____)	+ (\$250.00 x _____)	= \$ _____	

OTHERS

Sons & Daughters (<i>participating in activities</i>)	(\$225.00 x _____)	= \$ _____
Visitor	(\$425.00 x _____)	+ (\$250.00 x _____)
Univ. or USDA Administrator	(\$425.00 x _____)	+ (\$250.00 x _____)
Guest of NACAA President	(Waived x _____)	+ (Waived x _____)
National Donor/Exhibitors	(Waived x _____)	+ (Waived x _____)
Past National Board Luncheon (\$30 Fee)		= \$ _____
Sustainable Ag Pre-Tour (\$100 x Number of People _____) (limited to 12 people)		= \$ _____
Horticulture Pre-Tour (How many people plan to attend _____) Lodging to be covered on your own - no reg. fee.		
Natural Resources Pre-Tour (How many people plan to attend _____) Payment will be collected at a later date.		

PART-TIME ATTENDANCE

Number Attending Each Day: Sun _____; Mon _____; Tues _____; Wed _____; Thurs _____	Daily Fee (\$250 x Number of Days _____ x Number of People _____)	= \$ _____
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Attending only Thursday Night Banquet: (\$55 x Number of People _____) (non or daily registrants) = \$ _____

Late Fee: Applies to all registrants listed above whose registration form and fees are postmarked after May 15, 2017 - \$100 per individual = \$ _____**Facilities Fee (FOR ALL ACTIVE AND LIFE MEMBERS):**

NACAA has initiated a facilities fee for this Conference. = \$ _____

If you do not plan to stay at one of the approved hotels listed on this registration form - and make that reservation through NACAA - a \$250 fee will be administered. The lodging form must be completed with reservation information- or the fee will be added to your total registration cost.

TOTAL FEES PAYABLE WITH REGISTRATION: (Make checks payable to NACAA) = \$ _____

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF FEES ARE NOT PAID AT THE TIME OF REGISTERING (I.E. WAITING FOR SECONDARY FUNDING). IF A PERSONAL CHECK/COUNTY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION IS NOT SENT WITH THE REGISTRATION - YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE PLACED ON HOLD UNTIL THE MONIES ARE RECEIVED.

IF PAID BY CREDIT CARD:**MasterCard VISA Discover Card American Express - No other cards will be accepted.**

Person's Name on Credit Card _____; Expiration Date _____

Card Number _____; (List all numbers 16 digits)

Address of Credit Card Billing Statement if different than address given on Personal Information

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____

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

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY - CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

There shall be a **75%** refund of registration fee when a request is made 16 days or sooner (June 23) before the start of the AM/PIC. There shall be a **25%** refund of registration fee if request is made from 15-29 days before the AM/PIC (June 24- July 9). No refunds will be given if a request is made after the beginning of the AM/PIC. Appeals due to emergency will be handled on a case by case basis by the NACAA Board with a maximum of 90% reimbursed. **Requests must be made in writing** to NACAA, Attn: Scott Hawbaker, 6584 W. Duroc Road, Maroa, IL 61756 or email to: nacaemail@aol.com. Refund for part-time attendance is the same, except there will be no refund for the banquet. Members and guests eligible for fee waivers will be refunded upon verification by the National Board of Directors.

Dine with a Specialist Program - Monday Evening - July 10 5:00-7:00 p.m.

On Monday evening, July 10, Utah has made reservations at 24 local restaurants and bars that are within three blocks walking distance of the Salt Palace Convention Center or are within the free fare zone of the Trax train. Each restaurant will have a local USU Extension specialist as a host who will take their group to the restaurant and briefly discuss their Extension programming and research. This will be a chance for casual conversation with others who are interested in the same subject. **Cost of the meal is Dutch treat and is not included in the meeting registration fee.** On the registration form, indicate your preference for up to three different subjects and how many will attend. Spouses, guests, and children are welcome. Your assigned restaurant will be included in your registration confirmation. Meet your host in the South Foyer area adjacent to the Salt Palace Ballroom at 5:00 or 5:30 pm (see ticket for time) on Monday evening.

****Note to attendees: Meal cost is on your own and is NOT part of meeting registration.**

Please Mark	Number	Subject	Specialist	Capacity	Restaurant	Cuisine	Price Range
1st, 2nd, 3rd Choice							
1	4-H STEM	Dave Francis	25	Taquaria 27	Mexican	\$10 - \$15	
2	Small Farms, Local Food	Ruby Ward	25	Caputos Market & Deli	Upscale Italian Deli	\$10 - \$15	
3	Agronomy, Corn, Alfalfa	Earl Creech	25	Caffe Molise (1 of 2)	Italian	\$15 - \$33	
4	Beef / Sheep	Kim Chapman	25	Little America Coffee Shop	American	\$10 - \$20	
5	Botanical Gardens	Jerry Goodspeed	25	Christopher's Steakhouse & Grill	American	\$15 - \$50	
6	Economic Development	Jody Gale	22	Finca	Spanish	\$15 - \$25	
7	Entomology, IPM	Diane Alston	25	Alamexo	Mexican	\$15 - \$25	
8	Entomology, IPM	Ricardo Ramirez	25	Lucky H Bar & Grill (1 of 2)	American	\$15 - \$40	
9	Environmental Sustainability	Roslyn Brain	25	Squatters Pub & Brewery	American	\$15 - \$20	
10	Forestry, Biomass	Darren McAvoy	25	Benihana	Japanese	\$20 - \$40	
11	Fruit Production	Brent Black	25	Brio Tuscan Grill	Tuscan Italian	\$15 - \$30	
12	Gardening Radio Program	Taun Beddes	25	Olive Garden	Italian	\$10 - \$18	
13	Greenhouse Production	Mike Caron	25	PF Chang's	Chinese	\$20 - \$25	
14	High Tunnels	Britney Hunter	25	Red Rock Brewing Company	American	\$10 - \$25	
15	Irrigation	Niel Allen	25	Tucanos	Brazilian Grill	\$21 + tax	
16	Landscaping, Water	Larry Rupp	25	Lucky H Bar & Grill (2 of 2)	American	\$15 - \$40	
17	Livestock Health	Kerry Rood	25	New Yorker	American	\$20 - 60	
18	Master Gardener Program	JayDee Gunnell	25	Lamb's Grill	American	\$10 - \$30	
19	Nutrition & Farmers Markets	Carrie Durward	25	Buca di Beppo	Italian (served family style)	\$8 - \$14	
20	Ranching on Public Lands	Kevin Heaton	18	Melting Pot	Fondue / American	\$20 - \$50	
21	Rangeland Management	Eric Thacker	25	Market Street Grill	American, Seafood	\$15-\$60	
22	Soils	Grant Cardon	25	Caffe Molise (2 of 2)	Italian	\$15 - \$33	
23	Temple Square Gardens	Gardener	25	The Garden	American	\$13 - \$20	
24	Wildlife Issues	Terry Messmer	25	Blue Iguana	Mexican	\$10 - \$15	

MEALS

Registration for the following meal functions - however tickets must be requested - or one will not be in your registration packet - or available on-site. All are included in the cost of your registration fee - except the Monday Evening Meal is Dutch Treat (you pay for your choice). **Tickets are not available for non-registrants.**

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Sunday Evening - Opening Dinner _____

Monday Evening - Dine with a Specialist - variety _____

Thursday Breakfast (for tour attendees) _____

Thursday After Tour Evening Meal (Turkey) _____

ANNUAL BANQUET

Wednesday Evening July 12, 2017; 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 _____

Registrants also 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 the number that will be attending. Please place a 1, 2 or 3 for your first, second, third choices on days you wish to attend a luncheon. Not all listed meal functions are currently sponsored - if sponsor funding does not become available NACAA reserves the right to change the event format to a non-meal function.

Sunday, July 9, 2017 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ National Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Luncheon/Workshop (for current and incoming National Chairs/Vice Chairs only)
- ___ Past National Board Luncheon (\$30/person - fee on main registration page)
- ___ Which office did you hold President Treasurer Secretary Director

Monday, July 10, 2017 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ Our Future Starts Now - AgVocate Breakfast (6:30-7:45 am) sponsored by Bayer CropScience
- ___ SFE Crop Production Luncheon
- ___ SFE Farm and Ranch Financial Management
- ___ SFE Consumer or Commercial Horticulture Luncheon
- ___ Excellence in 4-H Awards Luncheon
- ___ First Timers Luncheon (Spouses are welcome - but this event is the same time as Spouse Tours)

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

- ___ Poster Session Awards Breakfast (6:30 am - 7:45 am)
- ___ SFE Livestock Production Luncheon
- ___ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers Luncheon
- ___ State Officers (Pres/VP/Treas/Sec current & incoming) Luncheon

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

- ___ National Committee Members Breakfast (Current and Incoming)
- ___ SFE - Sustainable Ag- Luncheon
- ___ SFE Farm Health & Safety Luncheon
- ___ Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance Educational Luncheon

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

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Participant's Name _____

Last Name

First Name

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

LODGING INFORMATION

THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

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 currently 12.6% (subject to change).
5. Rooms will be held using a credit card. To hold your room with another form of payment - please contact NACAA for options.
6. The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2017 to guarantee accommodations.
7. Room cost includes \$8 to the Utah Association for meeting expenses (disclosure).

Please NUMBER (1,2,3) your preference in each box (Radisson 270 Rooms, Salt Lake Plaza 115 rooms, Holiday Inn Express 85 rooms)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Radisson Hotel SLC Downtown
(Headquarters Hotel) | \$155 + tax (1-2 people) \$165 (3 people) \$175 (4 people)
Self Parking \$15/day - Valet Parking \$18/day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Lake Plaza | \$149 + tax (1-2 people) \$159 (3-4 people) \$8/day secured parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn Express | \$152 + tax - (1-4 people) \$13/day parking |

Additional (overflow) hotels have been contracted if the hotels listed above become full with our group.

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.)

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.

Name _____
 (Last) _____ (First) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

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 _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Departure Date: _____ Time _____ AM/PM

Requested Room Type

- 1 Bed 2 Beds Handicap
 Crib Roll away (not available in rooms with 2 Beds)
 Other (please describe) _____

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, 2017.

Special Notes to Registration Committee:

SON'S AND DAUGHTER'S PROGRAMS**See Program for Details****PARTICIPANT'S Name**

Last Name	First Name	<small>Agent or Life Members name if not the same Last Name</small>
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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 9, 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 (Name)	Age	Size	Height	T-Shirt (Name)	Age	Size	Height
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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 (Name)	Size	T-Shirt (Name)	Size
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Adult # 1 _____**Adult # 2** _____

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

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Orientation & Evening of Fun!

Youth _____ # Adults _____

Youth & Adult's Name (s) _____

MONDAY, JULY 10

CLAS Ropes Course

TUESDAY, JULY 11

Thanksgiving Point (Ages 10 and under)

Escape Rooms & Discovery Space Center (Ages 11-18)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Lagoon Park

Do you plan to take the Early Bus Ride back for DSA Banquet with Parents Yes

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

2017 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Release Form

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This form must be completed in its entirety prior to youth participating in any 2017 NACAA AM/PIC Sons & Daughters Programs. Upon completion this form should be mailed with NACAA Registration or email to NACAAEMAIL@aol.com.

Please print.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

AGE: _____

I. MEDICAL INFORMATION

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

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONCERN 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 Chair Vernon Parent, vernon.parent@usu.edu - 385-468-4832 to discuss accommodations no later than June 20, 2017.

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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE #S: _____

HOME: (_____) _____ WORK: (_____) _____

CELL: (_____) _____ Registration Form page 6 of 6

Agriculture in the Mountain Valley

By Rob Johnson....NACAA Life Member
Hamilton, Montana

By way of an introduction, I know the smell of sagebrush following a summer shower, appreciate the miracle of water in a dry country; had a good horse or two some years back; love seeing kids grow, learn and become leaders in the community, worked in county courthouses for several decades and never once had to make calls, look at weeds' or fix coffee in a jail cell; operates the Grindstone Ranch, (sort of an intense, small grass garden) without a string trimmer.

I retired from MSU Extension –Ravalli County, Montana, a mountain valley in western Montana. Forty years as an extension agent and two years in graduate school, Nebraska, studying ranch economics plus several years ranching.

Retirement is actually a joy if one can enjoy good health It's not difficult to find more activities then one can keep up with in the community and I continue my grass habit with a few yearling cattle and a horse or two.

I call the Bitter Root Valley home....The Bitter Root mountain range and the river of the same name are dominant in this valley, but Bitter Root is also a small beautiful flowering plant inhabiting dry gravel hillsides with a fleshy root that the native people dug for food. Now I haven't tasted one, but there may be a clue in the name.

Agriculture in this mountain valley has changed during my years with small non-commercial ranches becoming much more common. This valley is entirely irrigated, with water applied by sprinklers. Yes, we are all very well versed in changing sprinkler pipe. My wife never learned to change water and I am beginning to know the reason .Only in very recent years have a few center pivots gotten installed.

A few newer trends here are the increasing number of rachettes, and a growing rural population with Extension programs such as Living On the Land and Master Gardening very popular. Fly fishing and elk hunting, are more popular than ever and contribute significantly to the economy. Logging and lumber mills, once a source of good jobs have declined. Livestock still dominates agriculture and beef ranches are the larger part of the agriculture picture. Farmers markets continue to grow more popular enhancing the concept "local is better"

Thinking about my years in Extension....wow.... what a way to connect with folks in communities. A major interest of mine has become community leadership. Probably most agents are involved in team efforts which have community improvement as a goal. One example here is the Bitter

Root Water Forum, a community organization I have worked with since its inception. "Clean Water for All Through Education and Restoration" is their motto.

Another such effort in which I have been involved and helped to start, and which really involves our community, is the Bitter Root Land Trust. They are very active and effectively dedicated to preserving "Working Lands," which I have been involved in helping to start. They celebrated 20 years of conservation easements in 2016.

A big share of my extension agent experience was in the 4-H youth program, council meetings, fairs and youth camps, all involved many volunteer adults and many, many active and successful youth.

I'll leave you with one of my favorite poems written by Jim Ross, a resident of Stevensville in his later years. He was the brother of Bob Ross, the NRCS Range/Grazing Specialist who authored and showed pictures of outhouses across Montana.



A Smile

A smile's the same in any tongue,
And any color face:
It is an extra special greeting,
Portrays a special grace.

A smile will warm the chilly,
It helps to heal the weak;
Lifts those down and lonely,
Offers courage to the meek.

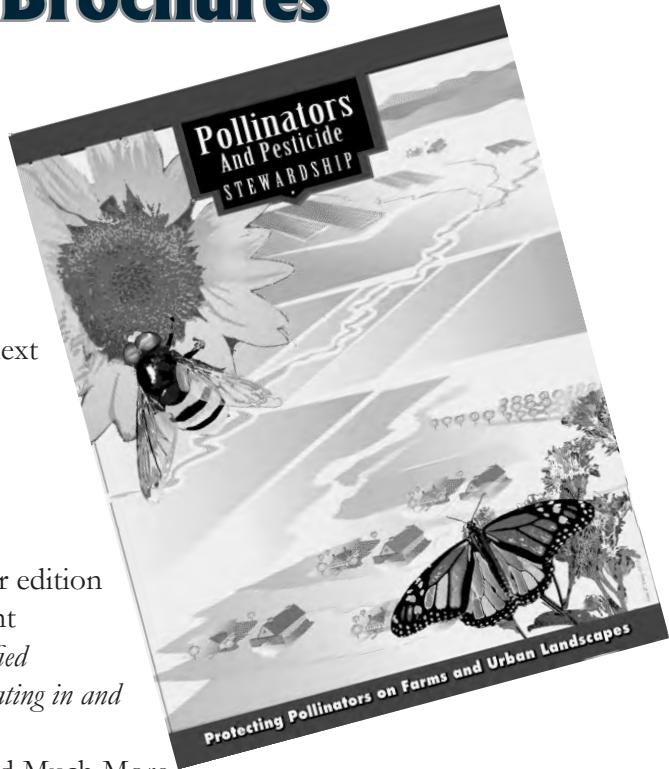
It makes friends of total strangers,
And doesn't cost a dime;
Your heart contains a smile,
Why not wear it all the time?

Written by Jim Ross

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 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
- 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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2.2 Million
Farms in America

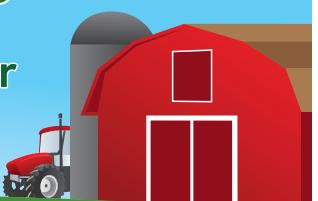
2.6 Million
Miles of pipeline
in America

1 Call
Keeps them
both safe

Fewer than

1 in 15

Let's
GROW
Safely Together



farmers with pipelines
on their land have
EVER called 811 or
notified a pipeline
operator before
digging (18%).



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