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NACAA NEWSLETTER



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The Joint Council of Extension Professionals proudly presents the Excellence in Extension Engagement Award, celebrating outstanding, evidence-based Extension programming that demonstrates meaningful impact. Apply by May 31 to showcase your achievements! Learn more at www.jcep.org/awards

Scholarship Auction

The Scholarship Auction will be held on Monday night following State's Night Out in the Ballroom of the Doubletree. Be sure to join us for the silent and live auction. The Walk 'Em Boys will provide music and entertainment during and following the auction.

Be sure to wear your cowboy boots and enjoy classic western dance music. You won't want to miss this! Don't forget to bring your auction items!



NACAA AM/PIC DRESS CODE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear NACAA Members,

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Billings, Montana. As your national board, we respectfully remind all attendees that this is a professional event, and we encourage appropriate attire for the various scheduled activities.

Please refer to the following dress recommendations:

Business Formal Events: AA Breakfast, DSA Banquet (Note: The DSA Banquet may call for more formal attire.)

Recommended Attire:

- Men: Slacks, button-down or collared shirt, tie, and jacket.
- Women: Business suits, skirts, or dresses.

Business Professional Events: General Session, Oral Presentations, Awards Luncheons

Recommended Attire:

- Men: Slacks, khakis, or dress jeans with a collared or button-down shirt.
- Women: Slacks, khakis, dress jeans, skirts, dresses, or blouses with appropriate tops.

Please note: Certain professional development tours and select seminars may require alternative attire due to safety considerations or the nature of the activities. Attendees are advised to consult the program book for specific dress requirements for these events.

We appreciate your attention to these guidelines and your continued commitment to maintaining the professionalism of our organization.

Sincerely,

The NACAA National Board



ANIMAL SCIENCE PRE-TOUR JUNE 27TH AND 28TH, 2025

The NACAA-AMPIC Animal Science Pre-Tour is set. The registration fee is \$150.00. There is a block of rooms at the DoubleTree Hotel in Billings, MT, set aside for the night of June 26th, 2025.

Instructions

Call **406-252-7400** and ask for the Animal Science Pre-Tour Block of Rooms. The deadline for reserving rooms at the DoubleTree Hotel is **May 28th, 2025**.

We will leave the Double Tree Hotel in Billings, MT, on the morning of June 27th. The group will be traveling on a chartered bus. We will make several stops along the way to Great Falls, MT, and we will spend the night there. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn (1100 5th Street South, Great Falls, MT). To reserve rooms at the Holiday Inn, please call 406-268-2803 and ask for the NACAA group for reservations. Deadline for Registration is **June 6, 2025**.

What to Bring for Tour:

1. Closed-toe shoes or boots. (No flip flops!)
2. Long-sleeved T-shirt and jacket, along with other clothes.
3. Please be advised that the terrain is rough in places. Please bring suitable clothing.
4. Caps or Hats.
5. A Camera or an iPhone for pictures.
6. Change of clothes for one night.
7. Identification.
8. Backpack, if desired, to keep belongings in.
9. Sunglasses if needed.
10. Any other items that will make your tour more enjoyable.



REGISTRATION DETAILS

2025 AM/PIC On-Site Registration

On-Site Registration for the 2025 AM/PIC will take place at The Northern Hotel (2nd floor foyer). You will be able to pick up your registration packets as well as find more information regarding available meal tickets and tours. The Northern Hotel and the DoubleTree will be hosting the majority of the meetings/presentations/luncheons during the conference. They are across the street from each other. **Registration will begin on Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 8:00AM- 7:00PM.**

The final registration confirmation email will be sent by no later than June 1, 2025. Waiting to see your final AM/PIC confirmation (with final hotel assignments, event registrations)? Plan to receive it via email by no later than June 1, 2025. Hotel confirmations have been emailed directly from the hotels within the last 2 weeks.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Shuttles for Outlying Hotels

Shuttles will be available on a limited basis for those staying at the 4 outlying hotels contracted for the AM/PIC.

The four properties where shuttles are available are:

Hampton Inn - Billings Southgate

Homewood Suites - Ember Lane

Hampton Inn & Suites - Billings West I-90

Hilton Garden Inn Billings - Grant Road

Shuttle schedule (buses will be running every 20-30 minutes depending on traffic)

June 29 (Sunday) 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM

June 29 (Sunday) 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

June 29 (Sunday) 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

June 30 (Monday) 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM

June 30 (Monday) 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

July 1 (Tuesday) 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM

July 1 (Tuesday) 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM

July 2 (Wednesday) 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM

July 2 (Wednesday) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

AM/PIC SCHEDULE

Where do I find the tentative schedule? Please refer to pages 18-19 of the April Edition of The County Agent magazine - found here:

<https://www.nacaa.com/uploads/userfiles/files/April%202025%20County%20Agent%20lr.pdf>

By **June 10**, the final program will be available at: <https://www.nacaa.com/am-pics/billings-2025>

PRO TIPS FOR HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS PRE-TOUR PARTICIPANTS

Bring 10 items that represent your state to give to our tour stop guides. Popular items in the past have been everything from buckeyes (candy) to pens and popcorn. There will be a LOT of walking. Good athletic shoes are best. Extra socks are also good. Sunscreen, hat, and insect repellent are always a must. Be timely. If we start getting behind, then we lose time at our next tour stop. Average high and low temperatures for Bozeman/Billings are 76 degrees and 48 degrees, respectively, so wear layers. Bring a tip for the bus driver. \$5 per day/person is typical.

Pro Tips for Attending the Horticulture and Turfgrass Super Seminar

Be prepared to ask questions and be engaged. Our speakers love that. Bring your phone to take photos of the screen or a notepad.

Congratulations to our Regional Winners in the NACAA Research and Education poster contest. We had a record year of poster submissions this year with a total of 178 posters submitted. Most of those posters submitted will be displayed at the 2025 NACAA AMPIC in Billings, Montana. Judging of the national poster contest will take place on Monday morning, June 30th, and the top 3 in each category will be announced. This year's poster session will be a little different from past AMPIC's.

All posters will need to be displayed by 4:30 pm, Sunday, June 29th. Check-in times are from 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. Poster displays will be located on the 22nd Floor of the Doubletree in the Ponderosa Room. Please check in when you arrive, and you will be allowed to mount your poster. Our poster mounting will be different from years past. We will not have the hard sided boards. The posters will be mounted on pipe and drape. We will provide a means to mount the posters. If you haven't printed your poster it might hang better if your poster was printed on cloth. You will not be penalized for not printing on cloth. If travel restrictions do not allow you to arrive by 4:30 pm on Sunday, please let Brian Haller, Poster National Chair, know as soon as possible. You can contact him by cell phone at 501-230-9971.

There will be an "meet the authors" poster session on Monday, June 30th at 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.. Posters will be taken down at 3:30 p.m. following the 'meet the authors' session.

Awards for the research and education posters will take place in concurrence with the Communications luncheon on Monday, June 30th. This is a invite only luncheon for the regional finalists.

Thanks,
Brian Haller
National Chair
NACAA Research & Education Posters

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