

2024 NACAA Newsletter - 7/16/2024

NACAA Newsletter - Dallas, Texas



WELCOME TO TEXAS!

Welcome to the Lone Star State! As the host state for the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) National Meeting 2024, Texas is thrilled to extend a warm Texan welcome to all attendees. With its rich agricultural heritage, vibrant culture, and renowned hospitality, Texas is the perfect setting for this prestigious gathering of agricultural professionals from across the nation.

DISCOVER THE HEART OF TEXAS AGRICULTURE

Texas boasts a diverse agricultural landscape, ranging from vast plains and rolling hills to fertile valleys and bustling urban centers. From the cotton fields of the Panhandle to the citrus groves of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas agriculture encompasses a wide array of crops and livestock, making it a true agricultural powerhouse.

EXPERIENCE TEXAS HOSPITALITY AT THE HILTON ANATOLE

The iconic Hilton Anatole in Dallas serves as the backdrop for the NACAA National Meeting 2024. Situated in the heart of the city, this luxurious hotel offers unparalleled amenities, world-class dining, and state-of-the-art facilities, ensuring a comfortable and memorable stay for all attendees.

ENGAGE WITH TEXAS COUNTY AGENTS AND AGRILIFE EXTENSION EXPERTS

Collaborating with the Texas County Agents Association (TCAAA) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the NACAA National Meeting 2024 provides a unique opportunity to engage with local agricultural experts and extension professionals. From innovative research projects to hands-on demonstrations, Texas county agents and AgriLife Extension specialists are eager to share their knowledge and expertise with fellow attendees.

DISCOVER THE HEART OF TEXAS AGRICULTURE

Beyond the meeting sessions and workshops, take some time to explore the best of what Texas has to offer. Whether it's savoring authentic Tex-Mex cuisine, experiencing the vibrant arts scene in downtown Dallas, or embarking on a scenic drive through the Texas Hill Country, there's no shortage of adventures to be had in the Lone Star State. As you gather in Dallas for the NACAA National Meeting 2024, we invite you to immerse yourself in the rich culture, warm hospitality, and boundless opportunities that Texas has to offer. Whether you're here to learn, network, or simply enjoy the sights and sounds of the Lone Star State, we're thrilled to have you join us for this unforgettable experience.

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REGISTRATION - NACAA MOBILE App

[Mobile App - YAPP to be used in Dallas for 2024 AM/PIC](#)

In addition to a printed program booklet, NACAA will be using the mobile event app - YAPP while in Dallas.

To install the app - please use this link: <https://my.yapp.us/NACAA2024>

Once you have the app installed - you can click on the 3 little buttons in the bottom right-hand corner - click on the 3 little dots....and you will see the various schedules (Active, Life/Spouse, Sons & Daughters).

There have already been a few modifications to the program - so updates have been made in the mobile app.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP FOR THE MOST CURRENT UPDATES!

****Registration on Tuesday July 16, 2024, will be from 8:00am - 2:00pm at the Peacock Foyer****

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Trade Show Sure to Excite!

The Texas County Agricultural Agents Association is looking forward to providing an informative and inspiring display of products and educational materials during your visit to the Lone Star State.

The Trinity Exhibit Hall, which is conveniently located next to the Trinity Ballroom will house the Commercial & NACAA Educational Exhibits Trade Show.

****The Trade Show will conclude today, Tuesday July 16, 2024. Please be sure to visit the trade show from 9:00am - 3:00pm.****



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Welcome to Texas - Monday Dinner, Auction, & Day HIGHLIGHTS



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General Session & First Timer Highlights



Congratulations to our First Timers Orientation Door Prize Winners! Jaycie from Wyoming and Courteney from Arkansas!



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SONS & DAUGHTERS - HIGHLIGHTS

A fantastic Day with the Dallas Cowboys!!! Youth enjoyed a VIP Guided Tour of AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, TX. Tour also included Cowboys locker room, cheerleader locker rooms and other stadium facts, figures and history. Youth also participated in a Cowboy Skill Challenge on the field of AT&T Stadium! A job well done by Texas Youth Committee Chairs, Callie Zoeller & Steven Baringer.



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LIFE MEMBERS, SPOUSES, & GUESTS

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

•Life Member and Spouses Hospitality Room (6:30 am to 5 pm)

•Life/Spouse Activities & Tours (7:00am - 5:00pm)

Granbury Walking Wine Tour: Gather at Grand Entrance. Buses will begin loading at 6:45 am for Activity 1 at the Grand Entrance. Arrive as soon as possible. Buses will depart at 7:00 am

National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Fort Worth Stockyards: Gather at Grand Entrance. Buses will begin loading at 7:45 am for Activity 2 at the Grand Entrance. Arrive as soon as possible. Buses will depart at 8:00 am

Planning to attend THE STAR Tour at Frisco?

Please see all information and details regarding the Clear Bag Policy at The Star (thestarinfrisco.com). Also, there will be no water bottles and/or telescopic cameras allowed.

FORD CENTER BAG POLICY

SMALLER CLUTCH SIZE

NO PURSES, CLEAR BAGS ONLY.

TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY, Ford Center has modified its security policy by limiting the size and style of bags allowed in the arena.

APPROVED BAGS

CLEAR TOTE
Plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 18" x 12"



PLASTIC STORAGE BAG
Clear, one (1) gallon, re-sealable



SMALLER CLUTCH SIZE

Approximately the size of a hand with or without a handle or strap. No larger than 4.5" x 6.5" with or without a handle or strap. Can be carried separately or within an approved plastic bag.



PROHIBITED BAGS

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- All purses, bags or containers larger than a small clutch bag
- Backpacks
- Binocular case
Binoculars may be used around the arena
- Briefcases
- Camera bags
- Clutch bags
- Computer bags
- Coolers
- Diaper bags
- Fanny packs
- Luggage of any kind
- Seat Cushions



All exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a peak designated first aid location. Please limit the number of items you bring to the stadium for event days.

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Ford Center Bag Policy 2024

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Tuesday - STATES NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 - States Night Out

In homage to the revered NACAA tradition, we are delighted to announce the upcoming States Night Out scheduled for Tuesday evening. In the genuine spirit of camaraderie, we extend a heartfelt invitation to each state association to fully immerse themselves in the dynamic culinary scene of Dallas. Take your time to relish the evening, devoted to fostering the strong bonds within our state associations.

May your States Night Out unfold as an indulgent exploration of the finest Texas dining, creating an atmosphere of both joy and unity. We extend our heartfelt wishes for an unforgettable evening, brimming with the distinctive flavors and warm hospitality that epitomize the Texan dining experience. Here's to a night etched in camaraderie, laughter, and the shared pleasure of savoring the best that Texas has to offer!



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PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Reconsidered your tour or did you want to go on a different one? Go to the ticket trade table near registration, drop off your unwanted ticket with your name, then leave your name to pick up a different tour ticket. Please see registration for more information. Special dietary needs/lunch requests are not able to be transferred from the original tour. You must be registered for the full conference or Thursday day pass to take a tour ticket.

What are the different tours?

Trading in your tour ticket and wondering what your options are?

See below for a short summary of each tour:

- 1 - Texas History Through Wine and Whisky (Vineyard, winery, distillery, samples)
- 2 - Explore Wildlife and Fisheries of east Texas (Wildlife management area, fish hatchery)
- 4 - Community Gardens & Pick Your Own (Community farm, pick-your-own, hydroponics)
- 5 - Urban Wildlife (Aquarium and zoo. Ticket cost are covered but lunch is not provided)
- 6 - Cavender Ranch (Beef breeder & forage management)
- 8 - Fort Worth's Green Infrastructure (Tree farm, historic tree, BRIT, rainscape)
- 9 - Historic Fort Worth Stockyards (Fort Worth Stockyards your pace. Lunch not provided)
- 10 - Explore the Beauty of Tyler Texas (Beautiful roses & botanic garden)
- 11 - Herefords, History & Feed (Hereford cattle, grain processing, courthouse history)
- 14 - Farming in the City (Urban farm, microgreens production, research updates)
- 15 - Small town, Big Business (Gloves, boots, hats, history)
- 17 - Forage and Beef Cattle What More Could You Want (Hay production, Angus cattle, steak lunch)
- 19 - It's the Ag Variety Tour! (Cotton gin & grain, bakery)
- 20 - Reading the Farm (View farm then discuss)

TOUR CHANGES FROM GUIDE

****The following tours have had changes made from the original guide printed in "The County Agent".**

Tour 4- Green Valley Gardens (U-Pick Flower Farm) has been replaced with Big Tex Urban Farm (hydroponics).

Tour 5- Dallas Zoo has been replaced with Fort Worth Zoo

Tour 17- Melissa Feeders stop canceled. Bus will go to Fair Park for Farewell dinner as planned.

Tour 19-Agrivoltics stop canceled. Bus will return to hotel after tour and lunch at Collin Street Bakery.

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