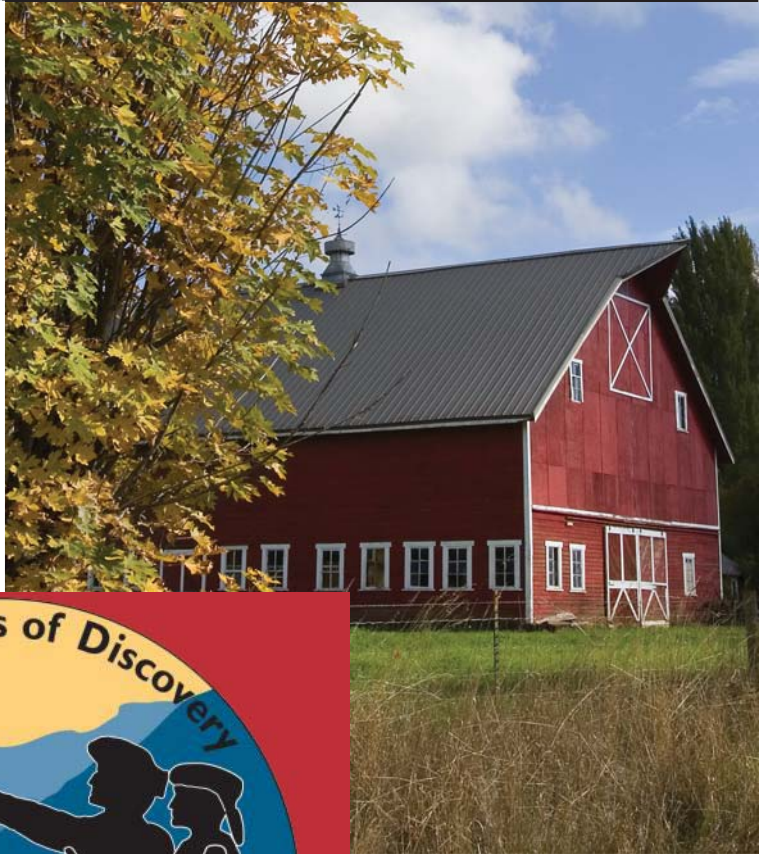


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WELCOME TO THE NACAA 2009 AM/PIC

My colleagues and friends, it is with great pleasure that I invite you to Portland, Oregon for the 2009 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference, our AM/PIC.

NACAA is a professional improvement association whose major goal is simply to help agricultural and natural resource-based agents, you and I, be the best Extension professionals possible. While there are many different professional improvement opportunities that come to us because of NACAA, the biggest, and most exciting is the AM/PIC. Those who have attended in the past have seen the value and experienced the positive impacts that come because we select this opportunity to interact with colleagues from all over the country, listen to reports of successful programs, report our own results in one of the many professional improvement sessions, recognize our members for their quality work, and learn about a unique part of the country. I encourage you to come to Oregon this year, and make plans to attend future AM/PICs on a regular basis. You will be glad you did!

This year the AM/PIC is in September, September 20 – 24 to be exact. The Portland Convention Center is our meeting site and the Doubletree Hotel at Lloyd's Center is the headquarters hotel. Lloyd's Center is a choice location in Portland because it is convenient to the many intriguing downtown restaurants and shops. Best of all, the Doubletree Hotel at Lloyd's Center and the Convention Center are both stops on the MAX, Portland's light rail system. From Lloyd's Center clear through the downtown area, it does not cost a penny to ride the MAX. It makes travel within the city convenient and inexpensive. A trip from the airport to the Doubletree Hotel at Lloyd's Center will cost less than \$3.00 per person on the MAX.

Plans for this year's AM/PIC are moving ahead as we speak. The Oregon team and the NACAA committees are fine tuning each session in order to make it a wonderful experience for all who attend.

Will this year's AM/PIC be different from what we have experienced in the past? Yes, to some extent it will. For example, the economic downturn and subsequent difficulty in obtaining outside donations will not allow us to provide some of the amenities that we have come to expect in the past. It will be necessary to purchase a few more of our own meals while we are there, and there won't be as many sponsored breaks between sessions as we have seen in the past. This is a tight budget year for us. However, there will be much of what you have come to expect from an excellent AM/PIC.

The general sessions, the committee professional improvement opportunities, Search for Excellence Awards and our very own special DSA Awards Banquet that we have come to expect and respect are all firmly in place. You will see no changes there.

The poster session this year will be bigger, 153 posters are in the poster contest alone. The spouse's programs and the sons and daughter's programs will match their usual excellence. The Life Members will be excited about the plans set for them. In short, all of the key elements of our AM/PIC will go forward as usual, and they will be of the quality that we have come to expect.

Now, do not forget. The tours this year will be on Thursday, not Wednesday. We are saving a bundle by not renting the convention center for that final day. As you look through the offerings, I am sure that you will find one or more that will excite you. I wholeheartedly encourage you to sign up early so that you can get the one you want. It will probably be a good idea to select several choices in case your first choice fills up early.

For the latest information on the AM/PIC, make sure that you visit the Oregon link on our NACAA website. There is a lot of information provided and I am sure that many of your questions will be answered there. If not, drop a line to our meeting chair, Sandy Macnab, or one of the members of the Oregon team.

Now, may I share a couple of thoughts in closing? The Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1803-1806, was the first overland visit of American explorers to the Pacific Northwest. They traveled right through what is now Portland, Oregon. Their way was long, but full of wonder. They filled their journals with the incredible experiences of that journey. Their reports stimulated a whole new way of thinking, and affected succeeding generations, as they captured the hearts of people and opened a way west. They were, indeed, a Corps of Discovery.

This year, as we retrace their steps, some of us along their same general path, we will experience our own journeys of discovery. We will see incredible sights and experience new opportunities as we learn about West Coast agriculture and enjoy the wonderful flavor that makes up the Pacific Northwest. It is the hope of the Oregon Agricultural Extension Association and myself that you will come away from your Oregon visit with new ideas, and new vigor, to address the issues in your own areas of responsibility back home. The theme selected by our Oregon hosts for the AM/PIC is fitting: A New Corps of Discovery! We invite you to join us in Portland for a wonderful AM/PIC. See you there!



Rick Gibson
NACAA President

A New Corps of Discovery Beckons You

Sandy Macnab,
Chair AM/PIC 2009

Welcome to Oregon and the incredible Pacific Northwest!

Members of the Oregon Agricultural Extension Association with help from nearly all the Western Region states extend a warm welcome to you to join us at the 2009 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the NACAA, September 20-24. You might recognize our theme, "A New Corps of Discovery" as an update on the title for the company that traveled with Lewis and Clark. President Thomas Jefferson authorized them to travel across the continent to explore new lands and to record the many wonders they would encounter along the way.

A New Corp of Discovery does no less. You are authorized to travel across the continent to explore new lands and record the many splendors we have to show. Oregon State University (located in Corvallis about 80 miles south of our AM/PIC) is a Land Grant, Sea-Grant, Space Grant and a Sun-Grant university, giving us ample opportunity to tap into the information and discovery from each of those opportunities.

This AM/PIC features many changes: the pre-conference livestock tour starts in Boise Idaho and travels to Portland in a tour that allows you to see the different parts of Oregon and Idaho and how livestock are so adapted under the various conditions. And closing the AM/PIC is another big change as we have flipped the Wednesday and Thursday schedules so the awards banquet Wednesday evening precedes the professional improvement tours this year conducted on Thursday.

Portland, Oregon is our host city. You will enjoy Portland as you share what discerning writers across the land have discovered. Portland has earned titles of Cleanest City, Greenest City, Best Biking Community as well as one of the most Wired (Wi-Fi) rated cities in the nation. Most recently it was selected as the "Best Big City of North America," a title no doubt earned by its exceptional restaurants featuring fresh local products, the ease of getting around by public transportation or on foot and the diversity of quality shopping suited for all pocketbook sizes. And like the rest of Oregon, there is *no sales tax* in Portland. Hand the salesperson a ten dollar bill for an item priced at \$9.95 and get a nickel back. That alone will help save you money on your travel budget. Unless you choose to spend your savings on one of the 10 franchised coffee baristas in the city, (Portlanders can distinguish them and tell you

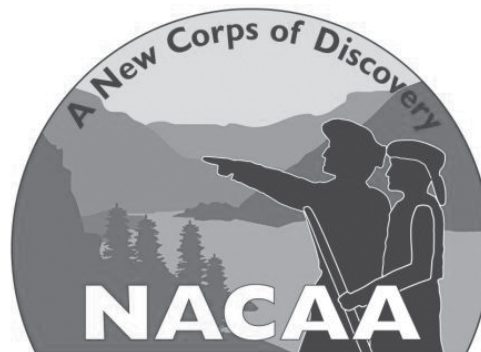
their favorites) but that is your call.

There has been concern that the economy has made it difficult to put on this year's AM/PIC, that O r e g o n Extension has suffered in the process. Yes, it

has been an impact! But what state hasn't escaped the economic downturn? While the impact of the economy means you won't see all the bells and whistles of years past, you'll discover that it hasn't lessened the dedication and work of agents to put this show together. It hasn't changed the four hotels we've selected for convenience, comfort and cleanliness. It hasn't changed the ease of transporting around town via Portland's light rail MAX system. It didn't decrease any of the 230 ag commodities Oregon produces. Multnomah Falls is still the second highest falls in the nation. You'll discover there are still crabs and starfish in the tide pools on the Oregon coast. Salmon still swim upstream. Douglas fir trees still reach 350 feet into the clean air. Snow-capped mountain peaks are still visible from nearly every corner we'll be visiting on our professional improvement, spouses and life member's tours. Oregon still has the most micro-breweries and has the highest number of pizza parlors per capita. The sun still rises in the east and sets in the west in a mosaic of colors. Yes, the economy did touch us, but it has not changed the spirit, beauty and heart of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

So as you make your plans now to attend, plan to stay a few extra days because there is more diversity of scenery, geology and agriculture in a more compact area than you will find anywhere.

Be a part of the New Corps of Discovery!



2009 Portland, Oregon

Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy to Keynote at AM/PIC

Sonny Ramaswamy, the newly named dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University will present the Keynote address at the NACAA AM/PIC - Monday, September 21, 2009. Ramaswamy begins his tenure at OSU, August 1, 2009.

For the past three years, Ramaswamy has been associate dean of Purdue's College of Agriculture and directed the university's agricultural research programs. He brings to OSU extensive experience in different agricultural settings, including Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, Michigan and India.

An entomologist, Ramaswamy has studied the reproductive biology of insects and plant-insect interactions, conducting applied research on insect pests affecting wheat, cotton, beans, other row crops and trees.

His breadth of experience will help Ramaswamy connect OSU's agricultural programs with Oregon's agricultural industry, which last year posted record sales of \$4.9 billion. The overall economic activity involving Oregon agriculture is estimated at \$25 billion annually with important sectors including cattle, dairy, nursery crops, fruits and berries, wheat, grass seed and others.

At Purdue, Ramaswamy supervised coordination of the university's research programs in agriculture, food and natural resources - both on campus and at eight regional research centers and several research farms. He will find a similar challenge at Oregon State, where he will direct the Agricultural Experiment Station as well as serve as dean of the college.

"The college is quite diverse in its programs, faculty, revenue streams and the constituents it serves," Ramaswamy pointed out. "It also has excellence in areas that the casual observer may not associate with agricultural sciences. OSU is ranked first nationally in conservation biology, for example, and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife within the college is one of the key reasons for that ranking."



The college blends strengths in production agriculture with expertise in numerous other areas, including biodiversity and environmental quality, nutrition and food systems, water resource management, biofuels and other energy sources, and genetics and economically viable technologies, as well as the social impacts of related activities.

Prior to joining the Purdue faculty in 2006, Ramaswamy was head of the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University (1997-2004), where he held the title of distinguished professor. He also was on the faculty of Mississippi State University, and was a research associate at Michigan State University. He began his academic career as a research assistant at the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bangalore, India, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, and at Rutgers University, where he received his Ph.D. All of his degrees are in entomology.

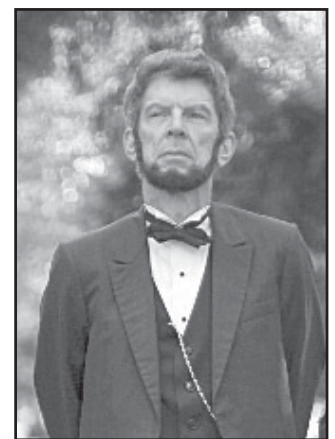
Opening Ceremony to feature a message from "The President"

A Civil War buff since childhood, Steve Holgate has been portraying Abraham Lincoln onstage, in classrooms and in other public venues for more than nine years. His audiences have ranged from middle-school students to retirement home residents, and from Oregon to Mexico and Sri Lanka. Holgate will present his message at the Opening Ceremony of the NACAA AM/PIC, September 20, 2009.

"I think it's important for Americans to have a real understanding of who Lincoln was and what he did," Holgate says. "He wasn't a statue or a saint, but a man who struggled as any of us do to find meaning in his life and work. His ability to transcend his limitations, evolve a vision for the country and unite the nation behind it is what makes him to this day perhaps our most inspiring figure."

Steve Holgate is a sixth-generation Oregonian who served for several years as a legislative staffer for the United States Congress and the Oregon State Senate

before joining the Foreign Service in 1984. While with the Foreign Service, he served in Paris, Madagascar, Morocco, Mexico and Sri Lanka as well as in Washington, D.C. before retiring in 2002.



In addition to his governmental experience, Mr. Holgate has at various times: acted with an improvisational theater group; taught political science at a small college; written as a freelance journalist; worked as a crew member of a barge on the canals of France; served as an overseas correspondent for a Portland radio station; managed two political campaigns; and lived in a tent while working as a gardener in Malibu, California.

Mr. Holgate currently resides in Portland, Oregon.

SARE Sponsored Professional Development Workshops

Educational Lunch Seminar - Monday September 21st - 11:45-1:15 PM e-Organic Website

Learn about the exciting new eOrganic Website. The focus of this workshop will include: an overview of eXtension's mission and vision; demonstration of eXtension.org public content; history of eOrganic; demonstrate the functionality of the eOrganic workspace, and walk through eOrganic content published on eXtension.org. Workshop sponsored by Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

Pacific Northwest Organic Research Super Seminar, Wednesday September 23rd - 10:45-2:30 PM Organic Super Seminar

Researchers from Oregon and Washington will present a Super Seminar focused on organic production in the region. The workshop will start with a description of how PNW investigators have organized and funded organic research and extension efforts in the region. This will be followed by status report on the organic agriculture industry and community in the Pacific Northwest. We will also present case studies of successful organic programs in Oregon and Washington, and facilitate a discussion of innovative ways to proceed with collaborations in this area. Additional printed resources describing the programs will be available. Workshop Sponsored by Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

Search for Excellence Luncheon - Sustainable Agriculture, Wednesday September 23rd - 11:45 - 1:30 PM

The SARE Search for Excellence luncheon is to recognize NACAA Members who have developed and implemented outstanding educational programs in sustainable agriculture. Outcomes: 50 educators will observe NACAA Regional Winner program presentations.

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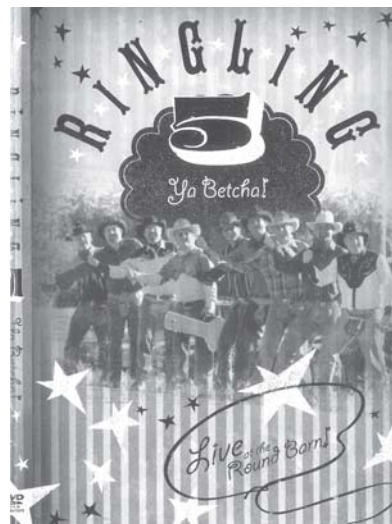
Booth Space Now Available at the 2009 NACAA Professional Improvement Conference, Portland Oregon

Commercial and Educational Booth space is now available for the 2009 NACAA Professional Improvement Conference to be held September 20-24, 2009 in Portland Oregon. For more information about booth space and rental rates, please contact Brian Tuck at 541-296-5494 or Brian.Tuck@oregonstate.edu or Dan McGrath at 503-588-5301 or Dan.McGrath@oregonstate.edu

"4-H and Friends" Discover a Night of Entertainment

Talented 4-H youth from the Pacific Northwest along with *The Ringling 5*, a band featuring working ranchers, will be sure to amaze and entertain you during the 2009 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. The event will be held Monday evening, September 21, at the Oregon Convention Center.

4-H youth will share their talents which include singing, dancing and playing instruments while *The Ringling 5* will provide "Smirks, Smiles and Laughter". Be prepared to hear a song that typifies the life of a County Agent! Sure to be a bestselling hit, this was written specifically for us and will be performed publically for the first time on this stage. Be there for this night of incredible talent and fun entertainment.



National Association of County Agricultural Agents September 20-24, 2009 - Portland, Oregon 94th Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 am	Pre-Conference Livestock Tour (Boise , ID)	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	“Taste of the West Dinner” Courtesy Montana & Wyoming Agents
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony and Opening Rehearsal

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 am	Pre-Conference Livestock Tour (In transit from Boise , ID)	6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Parents’ Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program
7:00 am	Pre-Conference Horticulture Tour	6:15 pm - 6:45 pm	National Leadership Rehearsal for Sunday Program
8:00 am	NACAA Board Meeting	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Opening Session and Inspirational Program –
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration	8:30 pm	State Pictures

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Commercial Exhibits & NACAA Educational Exhibits Set Up
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Scholarship Selection Committee
9:00 am - Noon	Regional Directors and Vice Directors Workshop
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	NACAA Poster Set Up
9:00 am - Noon	Nominating Committee Meeting
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Past National Board Luncheon
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Luncheon
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Computer Technology Center Open
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open
1:00 pm - 6:30 pm	NACAA Poster Session Display
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	State Officers Workshop
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Program Recognition Council Workshop
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Extension Development Council Workshop
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Professional Improvement Council Workshop
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Life Member Committee Meeting
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	First Timer Orientation and Reception

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 am - 7:45 am	Voting Delegates Breakfast (Meal by Invitation & Ticket)
7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Computer Technology Center Registration
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits open
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	NACAA Poster Judging General Session
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Spouses Welcoming Program and Luncheon
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Break
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions
10:00 am - 10:20 am	First Time Attendee Luncheon
10:30 am - 11:40 am	PRIDE Luncheon
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Exhibits, Poster Session-meet the authors
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon Seminars (pick up tickets at registration)
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	4-H Talent Revue Rehearsal

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

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

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

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Break & Donor Recognition

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

4:45 pm - 7:00 pm State's Night Out - Ethnic Style

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm 4-H & Friends Show

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm State Pictures

10:00 pm Oregon Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

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

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

7:00 am - 8:30 am Life Members Leave on Tours

8:00 am - 4:30 pm Computer Technology Center Open

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits open

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

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Spouses Tours

8:30 am - 11:30 am Delegate Session

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

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

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

11:45 am - 1:15 pm State Presidents and Vice Presidents Luncheon

11:45 am - 1:15 pm Search for Excellence Luncheons

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

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm JCEP Seminar presented by JCEP Traveling Team

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

5:30 pm States Night Out - American Style

7:00 pm Silent and Live Auction Preview

8:00 pm Live Auction

10:00 pm Oregon Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

8:00 am - 3:00 pm Computer Technology Center

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

8:30 am - 10:30 am General Session

9:00 am - 4:30 pm Spouses Workshops

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

10:45 pm - 2:30 pm SARE Super Seminar

11:45 am - 1:15 pm SARE Search for Excellence Luncheon

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists Certification Exam

3:30 pm - 4:40 pm NACAA Board in President's Room

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

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Annual Banquet

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

10:00 pm Oregon Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30 am - 8:00 am Assemble for Breakfast and Professional Improvement Tours

8:00 am - 6:00 pm Professional Improvement Tours

10:00 pm Oregon Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

NACAA Professional Improvement Tours

**Professional Improvement Tours
Thursday September 24, 2009**

Tours are tentative depending on AMPIC registrations and scheduled to change.

Tours WILL be on Thursday of AMPIC not the traditional Wednesday. Plan your travel accordingly.



Tour 1: Wheat, Wind and Whitewater on the Oregon Trail

Learn the history and geology of the Columbia River Gorge as you travel to the dry side of Oregon. Visit a dry land wheat ranch to see conservation practices used in the 11 inch rainfall zone. Tour Sherman County's award winning, all-volunteer museum, large scale wind farming, and a large organic food distribution center. Enjoy the dry side of Oregon! *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 2: Fruit Loop, Pears and Timberline



Begin with a stop at Multnomah Falls then head on to Panorama Point overlooking the Hood River Valley, a leader in winter pear production. Learn about the many research programs at the Mid-Columbia Research and Extension Center and agriculture in the Hood River Valley. Visit an

orchard and historical roadside fruit stand and learn about agritourism in the region. Later stops include Government Camp and Timberline Lodge, built by CCC craftsman high on snow covered Mt Hood at... you guessed it... the timberline. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 3: Buck Hollow and Thunder Eggs



Historic Wasco County was once the nation's largest County, and still home to the Buck Hollow Watershed Improvement Program, one of the earliest watershed improvement projects in the state. Included in the watershed is the Imperial Stock Ranch, one of the state's most historic ranches and origination point for Columbia breed of sheep. The ranch is a leader in conservation practices and direct markets beef, lamb and wool as a finished product or in a do-it-yourself kit. Time for a quick stop at Shaniko, Oregon's most famous ghost town, one that is being renovated one haunted building at a time. Final stop is the Richardson Ranch, famous in 130 countries for its nests of thunder eggs and other rare rocks collection. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 4: Astoria Historical Tours and Seafood

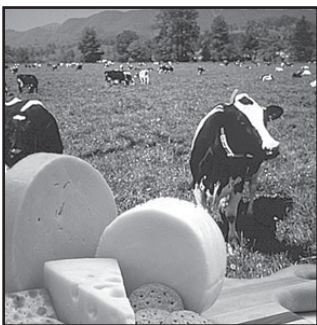


Travel to the mouth of the Columbia River and visit the historic city of Astoria. Tour the Hanthorn Cannery and museum on the 39th Pier and bark with the sea lions among

the fishing boats. Visit the OSU Seafood Lab and learn about the integration of research and extension through the Marine Experiment Station, Extension Service, and the Seafood School. Visit the Maritime museum for a historical tour, climb the Astoria Column and overlook the mouth of the Columbia and Pacific Ocean, then travel out to Ft Stevens to get your feet wet at the beach and view the wreck of the Peter Iredale. *(Lunch on your own. Moderate to heavy walking.)*

Tour 5: Wine, Trees and Cheese

Tour the Tillamook Forest Center to learn about forestry in the west including the Tillamook Burn and subsequent re-restoration efforts. Head to the coast to relax for lunch, wine and cheese tasting at the Blue Heron. Tour the Tillamook Dairy and learn about the largest dairy corporation in Oregon. After working up an appetite, sample Tillamook's cheese, ice cream and jerky. *(Wine tasting fee not included.) Supported by SARE.*



Country Heritage Farms – a long-time farming operation featuring a wide variety of crops, homemade products and Earth Friendly Farming practices. *(Wine tasting fee not included.) Supported by SARE.*



Tour 8: Dairy, Beef, Wine and Cheese

Tour the rural countryside and taste some of the agriculture products of Polk County. Visit the Rickreall Dairy known for their school field trips, a grass-fed beef



ranch, and the Cal-Gon digester to learn about energy production from waste. Tour Scharf Farms, a family farm known for grass seed, wine grapes and hazelnuts. Eat lunch and sample wines at the Eola Winery, and tour and sample your way through the Willamette Cheese Company, known for their artisan cheeses. *(Wine tasting fee not included.) Supported by SARE.*



Tour 9: Food Farms to Table and Crop Diversity for Conservation in Oregon

Visit Stahlbush Farms, the first farm to become Certified Sustainable by the Food Alliance. They grow and process fruits and vegetables for many other companies, and they have created their own unique marketing niche for their products. Eat lunch at



Gathering Together Farm and learn about their unique products, coop and restaurant. Tour the plethora of farming

Tour 6: Salmon, Science, Brew and View

Pet an octopus at OSU's Marine Science Center at the coast in Newport and learn about Sea Grant's free-choice learning research. Have lunch at the Rogue Brewery to sample the local brew and fresh fish of the day, then climb Oregon's tallest lighthouse at Yaquina Head to view the Pacific Ocean. Tour Georgia Pacific's pulp and paper mill to see how cardboard boxes are made. Visit a state fish hatchery research facility to learn about salmon issues in Oregon, habitat restoration and research on new techniques for raising juvenile salmon in artificial streams.



Tour 7: Orchard Crops, Nursery, Conservation and Vineyard

Tour the diverse agriculture in the land and communities just outside of the Portland Metro area. Yamhill County is home to the world's largest production of hazelnuts, or filberts as the growers call them. Tour a hazelnut operation and a large container nursery practicing water conservation. Eat lunch at Sokol-Blosser winery overlooking the countryside and sample their award winning wines. Tour

operations at Kenagy Farms, from specialty seed to vegetables to wildlife habitat, this farm has it all. *Supported by SARE.*



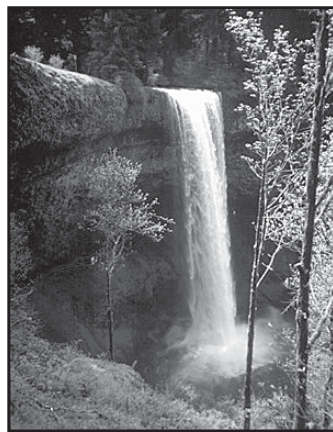
Tour 10: Organic Enterprises, Products, Research, and Biofuels in Oregon

Tour Oregon Tilth’s Luscher Farm Organic Education Center and learn how Oregon Tilth certifies organic production in the state. Visit Kettle Foods for a chip taste test, learn about their chips and nuts processing, unique organic products and wetland treatment facility. Eat lunch, tour and taste wine at Oregon’s largest winery, Willamette Valley Vineyards, and learn about their sustainability programs. Tour the award-winning Bansen’s Double J Organic Dairy and the Willamette Biomass Processors’ seed oil processing plant that supplies oil for biofuel. *(Wine tasting fee not included.) Supported by SARE.*



Tour 11: Silver Falls and Agriculture in the Silverton Hills

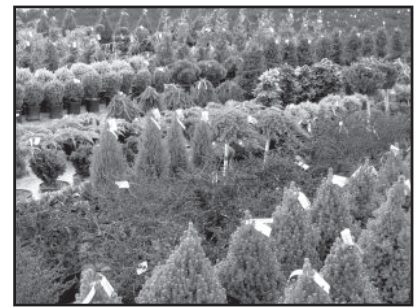
Tour agriculture in the Silverton Hills of Marion County which has the highest farm-gate value for the state. Visit a modern seed conditioning facility and grass seed farm to learn about farming practices on highly erodible landscapes. Tour a Christmas tree farm to see an operation gearing up for the holidays, and visit a nursery enterprise growing stock to be sold throughout the U.S. Eat lunch at Silver Falls Park, Oregon’s largest state park, and take a short hike to view one of ten falls at the park. Visit a straw pressing facility and learn about our connection to the Pacific Rim, then finish out the day touring a local fruit or vegetable processing plant. *(Moderate hiking.) Supported by SARE.*



Tour 12: Willamette Valley Crops, Hops, Turf and Research

Visit OSU’s North Willamette Research and Extension Center to learn about research on berry, nursery and Christmas tree crops, then tour Garden World and Bizon Nursery to learn about Oregon’s number one agriculture commodity – nursery stock. Tour and eat lunch at Langdon

Farms Golf Club and learn about turf grass research and golfing in Oregon. Visit Pearmine Farms and their wide variety of crops including cherries, vegetables, grass seed, wheat, and nursery stock, and a wildlife enhancement project. Tour a local fruit or vegetable processing plant, and finish the day at a Hop farm for a beer tasting. *(Beer tasting fee not included.) Supported by SARE.*



Tour 13: Grass and Specialty Seed, Christmas Trees and Forestry

Take a close up look at Oregon’s grass seed industry, where Linn County leads the world in turf grass seed production. Learn about seed processing, certification, soil management and related management issues. Tour a Christmas tree farm operation and learn about how Oregon leads the nation in production. Visit the national award winning Blue Den Ranch where timber, fish and water are all on the payroll, and tour their private farming museum – the largest in the state. End the day visiting a small family farm to learn their unique strategy for direct farm marketing and making a living on a small acreage. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 14: Ag and Forestry on the Urban Edge

Tour Clackamas County’s diverse agriculture and forestry production on the edge of Portland. Visit Bob’s Red Mill featuring all stone ground products right at



the outlet, and tour a large Learning Garden demonstrating sustainable gardening practices. Tour an Oregon Lavender Farm nestled along the Clackamas River, a Christmas tree farm and learn about Oregon’s forest practices at OSU’s Hopkins Demonstration Forest. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 15: Food Innovation, Horticulture and Agri-Entertainment

Visit the west side of Portland by heading out to Portland's Sauvie Island where farms specialize in fresh products for farmer's markets, direct sales and tourism. Tour the



Maize, a large corn maze for Halloween and harvest festivals. Visit two scales of nursery enterprises and organic vegetable farms, including a farm with hedgerow cider apple trees. Finish the day at OSU's Food Innovation Center, OSU's smallest experiment station where they test products in the lab and taste-test foods and food products with over 5,000 samplers. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 16: Sustainability in the City

Tour Portland, the Rose City, by train, trolley and foot to learn why it is known for sustainable development and living practices. Learn about the



City of Portland's Grey to Green Initiative to build green infrastructure throughout the city, the various transit options, and the small city blocks. Tour green roofs, rain gardens, permeable pavement, and bioswale projects. Tour the Ecotrust building, a LEED platinum certified building, and learn about sustainable building practices. Eat lunch at a green brewery, and finish the day at a Farmer's market close to the Ecotrust building. *(Moderate to Heavy walking.)*

Tour 17: Hazelnuts, Dairy and Wine

Visit the southern Willamette Valley's agriculture. Learn the difference between hazelnuts and filberts at the



Hazelnut Hill farms where filberts are grown and made into various products at their factory. Visit the Lochmead Dairy processing plant and learn about their unique marketing and distribution that keep it a leader in the dairy industry. Take a scenic drive through farm country to learn about the many crops in the southern valley. End the day at Tye vineyard with a tour of the vineyard and their wetland conservation practices, followed by wine tasting. *(Wine tasting fee not included.)* *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 18: Columbia River Scenic Tour

Visits the Bonneville Dam, Interpretive Center and fish ladder where you can view salmon and sturgeon. Tour beautiful Multnomah



Falls (second tallest in the nation) and the Vista House on Crown Point – symbol of the Columbia River Gorge. End the day at Edgefield Inn, a renovated nursing home which is now a lodge with its own funky art work, micro brewery and winery, health spa, par three golf, five different bars, frisbee golf course and beautifully landscaped garden areas. *(Wine tasting fee not included. Moderate walking.)*

Tour 19: Diversity is Key on These Small Farms, Washington

This tour features innovative, small-scale agricultural enterprises nestled amidst the "urban jungle" between Portland and Seattle. We'll start with an award-winning integrated 5-acre farm specializing in



sustainability through diversity. From produce to cut flowers, grade A raw goat milk to blueberries, agritourism to wool, this small farm has it all. Next we'll head to the WSU-Vancouver campus to experience WSU's ground-breaking Online Organic Agriculture Certificate program. Then it's on to a CSA operation providing members, restaurants and the public with a huge variety of vegetables, lamb and honey. We'll stop at a small cow-calf operation that focuses on sustainability and lastly visit a community garden that resulted from a grant-funded poverty reduction program.

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Tour 20: Mt. St Helens Visitor Center and its Apes

In May, 1980, Mt St Helens blew off her top 1,350 feet (you may have heard about it...it was in the papers). The devastation was unbelievable. Visit the Mt St Helens Visitor Center and take an in-depth look at the



rarely visited east side of the volcano. Learn the history of the Ape Caves (bring your own Sasquatch repellent), and look at the devastation and recovery of some little visited areas. Learn how wild fires, flooding and landslides continue to shape the area in and around the blast zone and St Helens. *(Moderate walking.)*

Tour 21: Trout Lake, WA: Farming in Paradise

The idyllic Mt. Adams community of Trout Lake, WA, has long been a hub of sustainable agriculture. We will discuss issues affecting financial and environmental sustainability with the



operators of the Mt. Laurel organic dairy. We'll also meet with members of the Glacier Spring Water Company to discuss local water use policies and issues. Lunch will include a presentation by the Trout Lake Bio-Fuel Co-op focusing on efforts to create fuel from renewable resources collected in the area, reduce members' carbon emissions and fuel costs and provide member and community access to a carbon neutral co-op community car. Touring Green Pastures Farm, we'll visit with a small scale producer of raspberries, curly willow, catnip, eggs and free-range chickens. Finally, we'll meet with community leaders who are working to establish a Community Land Trust to protect and preserve land from "development." *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 22: Washington's "Real" Trees Tour of the Forest Industry

Start the day touring the Vumstein Tree Farm to learn about making a living growing timber on a family farm. Tour the Lewis River nursery, a large commercial conifer nursery supplying the local commercial timber companies. Visit the Christmas Creek Ranch's beautiful Noble and Douglas-Fir Christmas tree and wreath operation, and Thorton Tree Land – a choose-and-cut operation close to the urban core. Eat a picnic lunch, hike and wade in the pools at Moulton Falls Park where the Lewis River flows through a mature Douglas-Fir forest. Listen to a local expert talk about salmon habitat and related issues in the Pacific Northwest. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 23: Specialty Nurseries and Wildlife in Washington

The Portland/Vancouver area is home to many specialty nurseries. Tour the wide array of Japanese maples, garden conifers and greenhouses at Pollock and Sons



Nursery. Visit Holland America, with ties to both Holland and the Northwest, where they grow an extensive variety of bulb crops and maintain a large facility of coolers, grading lines and greenhouses. Tour the Tsugawa Nursery specializing in woody plants, including bamboo and bonsai. Finish the day at G-2 Landscaping, a family farm specializing in shade trees and NOT marketing and selling to big-box stores. Eat lunch, hike and explore the Plank House at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 24: Farming on the River in Washington

This tour will highlight some of the variety of agriculture of the Columbia Gorge. Starting with a small scale, family-owned beef operation, we'll learn about the joys and challenges of farming on the



Columbia. September is spawning season so a visit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's fishery will be particularly educational. Dickey Farms specializes in row crops and is the state's oldest family-owned business; we'll discuss labor and other issues there. Maryhill Winery is a new but respected producer of award-winning wines and situated on property overlooking the Gorge. Although it will be harvest time, a quick tour through the orchards of the Maryhill community will give visitors a taste of the variety of tree crops produced in the area. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 25: Klickitat County Livestock, Washington

Although Klickitat County is two hours from Portland, this tour will be well worth the drive for livestock educators. Stops will include a



cutting-edge purebred Angus ranch that uses ultrasound and AI, a buffalo farm, a large commercial sheep operation, a show lamb and market wether farm and a Lipizzan horse breeding and training facility. A special treat will include a visit with a long-time Quarter Horse breeder and a tour of his historical barn. *Supported by SARE.*



grazing, noxious weed control, Endangered Species Act, water rights, open range, wind energy and tribal lands. Local speakers will present both sides of issues



and explain how these laws and issues affect agriculture in the area. *Supported by SARE.*



Tour 26: Western Agriculture Issues Tour, Washington

Farming in the West involves some unique and serious issues. This tour will include stops at sites relevant to a variety of issues including the National Scenic Gorge Act, public

Spouses Program

Spouses Luncheon and Welcoming Program

Monday, September 21

9 AM to 4:30 PM

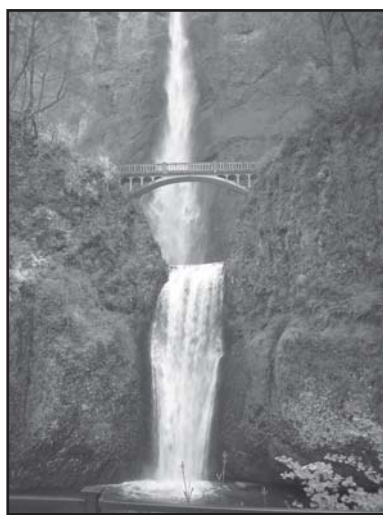
Welcoming Program - Fort Vancouver National Historic Reserve Tour and Luncheon

Travel by bus to the Vancouver National Historic Reserve just across the Columbia River from Portland. A national park, a premier archaeological site, the region's first military post, the nation's oldest operating airfield and a waterfront trail and environmental education center are all featured at this unique historic site. The Historic Reserve's array of museums, public programs and recreational opportunities create a dynamic, fun and unique destination for people of all ages. We will stop at the Visitors Center where Park Rangers will board our buses and give a guided tour of the reserve grounds including the Officers Row, the Land Bridge, Pearson Air Field, and the Vancouver Barracks. We will take a break for our luncheon and tour inside the Pearson Air Museum. After lunch we will have a tour of the Fort Vancouver and take the half-mile walk on the Land Bridge for views of the fort and the Columbia River. Check out their website at <http://www.nps.gov/fova/>

Spouse Tours Tuesday, Sept. 22

Tour 1 - Destination Relaxation: Bonneville Hot Springs

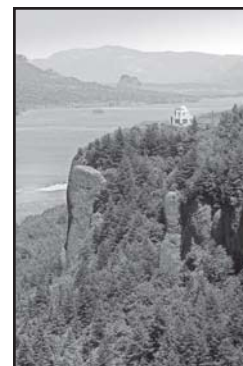
From Portland, travel by bus along the scenic Columbia River Gorge to the Bonneville Hot Springs Resort and Spa. Two stops along the way are planned. The first is a short photo-op stop at Crown Point. The second is a visit to Multnomah Falls, where you can take in the awesome views by hiking to the falls or just looking up from below. A visitor center and shop are on site for you to peruse, and a sack



lunch will be provided for you to enjoy in the outdoors. Back on the bus, you will then cross over the Columbia River via the Bridge of the Gods to the North Bonneville Area for your final destination of the trip to relax at the spa. Bring your bathing suit and enjoy soaking in the mineral hot springs indoor and outdoor pool and hot tubs (lockers and towels provided). Tour is limited to 25 participants. Optional discounted spa packages (manicures, pedicures, body wraps, facials, and massages) available at an additional cost. *(Depart Portland Convention Center at 10:00 am - Return at 4:00 pm)(Expect to relax a lot...)*

Tour 2 - Water, Fish, and Hydro Power

From Portland, travel by bus along the scenic Columbia River Gorge to the Bonneville Dam. Two stops along the way are planned. The first is a short photo-op stop at Crown Point. The second is a visit to Multnomah Falls, where you can take in the awesome views by hiking to the falls or just looking up from below. A visitor center and shop are on site for you to peruse,



and a sack lunch will be provided for you to enjoy in the outdoors. Back on the bus, you will then cross over the Columbia River via the Bridge of the Gods to the North Bonneville Dam, Second Power Plant. Once at the dam, a guided tour of the Hydro-Power Plant and Fish Ladder are in store. After, we will take a short trip over to the Fish Hatchery and a visit to see Herman, a very large Sturgeon. Tour is limited to 25 participants (*Depart Portland Convention Center at 10:00 am - Return at 4:00 pm*)

Tour 3 - Oregon Coast, Seaside and Astoria

Travel through tall timbers, take a peek at old logging equipment at Camp 18, and then swing into Seaside and its famous Boardwalk on the shoreline. Lewis



and Clark spent a winter in the neighborhood. See where and how they made salt from the sea; visit Fort Clatsop where they spent the winter before heading back across the wilderness. Fort Stevens reveals the defenses used during WWII in the only place in the continental US to actually be fired upon by the Japanese and just a short distance across the sand to the wreck of the Peter Iredale, a four masted ship that has been a landmark for 102 years. Then on to Astoria to climb the Astoria Column, beautifully covered in artwork that would stretch 500 feet if unwound. The 125 foot column sits high upon a 600 foot hill offering a dramatic view of the mouth of the Columbia River, Mt Rainer and more. Breakfast provided on bus. See workshop 3 for stay-over and fishing excursion (*Depart/Return Times TBA - Portland Convention Center*).

Tour 4 - Oregon Zoo and Rose Gardens

All aboard the Max Light Rail System for a ride to the Oregon Zoo in Portland's Washington Park! The 64-acre Oregon Zoo promotes conservation by educating visitors about animals and their habitats. This zoo trip includes "Behind the Scenes Encounters" with opportunities to visit staff only areas around the zoo and see exhibits from the other side of the rail. After



visiting with the animals take the Zoo Train Excursion through Washington Park to the nearby International Rose Test Gardens to tour and learn about how different varieties of roses are developed and tested for use world wide. The International Rose Test Garden includes The Gold Medal Rose Garden, The Royal Rosarian Garden, Miniature Rose Test Garden, and the Shakespearean Garden. The Rose

Garden Store is an all-rose gift shop! You can also visit the neighboring Portland Japanese Garden on your own. (*Depart Portland Convention Center at 8:00 am - Return at 5:00 pm*) (*Expect to walk a lot!*)

Tour 5 - In Town Museums, Chinese Garden, and More

Take a guided tour of the Chinese Garden, completely hand built by 3,000 Chinese artisans in rock, wood and plants and animals. Beautiful, peaceful... totally designed to stimulate and relax the



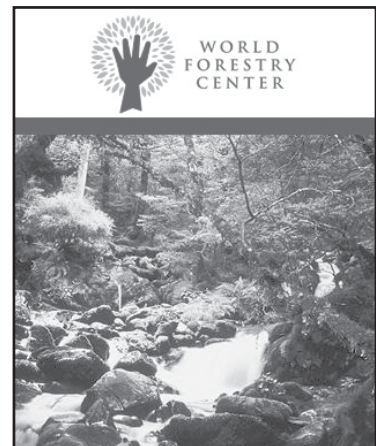
five senses (go barefoot and massage your feet on the stone walk). Then the Oregon Historical Museum which plans many special displays to highlight Oregon's Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary). You can spend the rest of the day on your own, or continue on with Optional add-on A and or add-on B (additional costs as indicated). (*MAX Light Rail transportation: Depart 8:30 am - Return 5:30 pm*)

Tour 5 Optional add-on A - Come over to the Dark Side...visit Portland's Underground and a revealing piece about former "recruiting techniques" for sailors and for boot-legging (\$13 additional charge - collected at on-site registration). (5A)

Tour 5 Optional add-on B - Balance the bad with beauty at the Portland Art Museum, featuring many famous local art displays plus many of the grand masters (\$11.00 additional cost - collected at on-site registration). (5B)

Tour 6 - World Forests and Rose Gardens

All aboard the Max Light Rail System for a ride to the World Forestry Center in Portland's Washington Park! The activities start with the exploration of the World Forestry Center's Discovery Museum where you will learn about growing, protecting, harvesting trees, plus information on wood products. After, take a leisurely stroll through the Hoyt Arboretum with a guide who will share information on the importance of trees in the Pacific Northwest and how our lives are affected by them. Lunch along the trail is included. End up at the International Rose Test Garden for a tour and learn about how different varieties of roses are developed and tested for use world wide. The International Rose Test Garden includes The Gold Medal Rose Garden, The Royal Rosarian Garden, Miniature Rose Test



Garden, and the Shakespearean Garden. The Rose Garden Store is an all-rose gift shop! You can also visit the neighboring Portland Japanese Garden on your own. (*Depart Portland Convention Center at 8:00 am - Return at 5:00 pm*). *Trail conditions will have you doing lots of leisurely walking.*

Tour 7 – Hood River County Fruit Loop

Begin with a stop at Multnomah Falls, where you can take in the awesome views by hiking to the falls or just looking up from below. A visitor center and shop are on site for you to peruse. Then head on to Panorama Point overlooking the Hood River Valley, a leader in winter pear production, where a fruit specialist will join you as your guide for the area. Visit two roadside fruit stands and learn about agritourism, plus a bit about research programs and agriculture

in the Hood River Valley. Later stops include Government Camp and Timberline Lodge, a National Historic Landmark furnished entirely by hand with original craft work in wood (both carved and inlaid marquetry), wrought iron, weaving, applique, painting, mosaic, carved linoleum, and stained glass. Situated on the snow covered, south slope of Mt Hood, you'll be sure to enjoy the views from this timberline area. A Forest Service guide will help you explore the lodge. Space limited to 30 participants. (Depart/Return Times TBA - Portland Convention Center).



Spouses Workshops – Wednesday, September 23

All or Part-day Workshops

Workshop 1 – Quilting and Sewing Projects

Join this workshop for an outstanding quilting and sewing workshop, with a variety of Hands-on, Make and Take projects! Stay a half-day or all-day, you choose. This off-site workshop will be hosted by the famous Palmer School of Sewing at the Fabric Depot in Portland. There will be opportunity for all skill levels, with plenty of supplies (kits include all necessary items) for the day's project(s), instructors, and workspace in the special classrooms. Everyone will get really good attention so that participants will leave with their project or projects done. Take time out to explore the Fabric Depot, one of the largest fabric warehouses in the US, with chances to purchase materials to take or ship home for upcoming projects. Lunch and refreshments are included in this workshop. Additional fees apply, depending on project choice. (Depart Convention Center 9 AM, travel by MAX Light Rail, Tri-met bus, and a short walk. Return at your leisure.) Choose one or two projects as time allows. Limited to 15 participants per project.

Project choice, time commitment, and additional fees.

Project A: Apron Sewing Project, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Additional fee \$30.00 (payable on-site) (1A)

Project B: Quilted Table Runner, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Additional Fee: \$15.00 (1B)

Project C: 2 Quilted Heart Shaped Potholders, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Additional fee: \$5 (payable on-site) (1C)

Workshop 2 – Beads, Beads, and More Beads

Enjoy a leisurely paced beginners' project choosing and putting together beads and things into custom-made, wire-n-bead cocktail rings for you or as a present for someone else. Portland is a city where beading is very popular, so you will take a short ride via the Tri-Met bus to a local bead gallery. There will be time for you to pick out your own beads using a project list provided. Then settle into the workshop and

bead your way through your creation. The Interweave Bead Fest takes place right after our convention, so stay on and take advantage of that to enrich your beading experience. No fee. Limited to 8 participants. *Note: This is a 3-hour workshop (1-4 pm).*

Workshop 3 - Ocean Fishing Excursion

Fish for Pacific Salmon out of Astoria, Oregon, on an early morning charter boat. The charter includes almost everything you need to fish all morning (bait, poles, etc.) and bring home the loot (have your fish processed or trade it for canned product). You will need to have a fishing license issued by the State of Oregon, warm clothing, and tennis shoes. The boats have covered areas and bathrooms. The excursion leaves the dock at 6:00 AM, so you will need to arrive the day preceding the trip and stay overnight at a designated hotel. For transportation to Astoria choose the Tuesday Spouses Tour 3 (Coast Trip to Astoria) along with this workshop. The charter company is next to the hotel and will arrange transportation between the hotel and the boat. You will return to Portland by van (supplied) sometime after 1 PM on Wednesday. Additional charges for this workshop include \$100 per person, and you will be responsible for your own hotel fees and meals. Limited to 11 participants - fee must be paid with this registration form.

Morning Workshops (9 – 11 AM)

Workshop 4 – Ultimate Girlfriends Pampering Party

Enjoy luxurious pampering of your hands, lips and face with #1 Selling Mary Kay anti-aging, mineral color, and body beautiful products. You will be pampered with a Spa Satin Hands and Lips Treatment, a Timewise Anti-Aging Skin Care Treatment, and a Mineral Makeover that will have you looking and feeling fabulous! In addition, sample delectable fragrance and body care products, hear expert advice, and enter to win \$100 in FREE Mary Kay Products - helping you put your best face forward everyday. Workshop repeats in the PM. Convention Center. No class size limit; no fee.

Workshop 5 - Exploring Exercise and Nutrition for Fitness

Have you ever been hesitant to start a fitness program? Or run into problems that discourage your project? This workshop might be perfect for you. Come learn the how's and why's of exercise and nutrition, as well as participate in the featured activity. Warm up with a short walk to the local fitness center where experts will guide you in a class called "The Lift", which is a mix of weight training and cardio. The two-hour program will mix exercise time and instruction on nutrition, exercise programs for various goals, supplements, and more. This class has a very wide appeal at the club so is sure to be fun for you. Join the group and make some friends you can use for motivation while enjoying the Lloyd Center Athletic Club facilities, locker room and showers included. What a way to start getting into some fantastic exercises or keep up with your current program! Class limited to 20. No fee.

Workshop 6 - Preserving the Goodness of Your Garden/Food Preservation

Preserving food at home is gaining popularity again. The science of food preservation that focuses on protecting the safety and quality of the food you select for your family will be reviewed along with an update of current references and resources. A good opportunity to brush up on your knowledge or start gaining information to make preserving the goodness from your garden or the local farmer's market part of your effort to eat locally and control what is in your food. Convention Center. No class size limit; no fee.

Lunch on your own 11:00 to 1:00

Head over to the Lloyd Center Mall for a shopping lunch hour.

Afternoon Workshops: 1 - 3 PM

Workshop 7 - Living Sustainably

How do you define sustainable living? What does it look and feel like? How can we be more sustainable? Why would anyone want to be? In this seminar, we'll take a light-hearted approach to understanding the "living lightly" revolution. Participants will gain insight into the roles of values and ethics in making lifestyle decisions, learn what sustainable living is - and isn't, find out about societal barriers, and have lively, thoughtful conversation on the topic. Convention Center. No class size limit; no fee.

Workshop 8 - Healthy Living

Foods, nutrition, and exercise will be the topics of this workshop. No, you don't need your gym shoes for this one. Experts will present information on putting together healthy food and activities for you and your family; the benefits of being active, the recommendations regarding what kind and how much you should be getting, and strategies to meet the recommendations; and the latest research on how to 'lose' the belly with diet and exercise. Convention Center. No class size limit; no fee.

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Workshop 10 - Fun from the Forest

Explore the sights, smells, and mood you can get from a forest environment. This active, fun workshop on "Managing Forests for Many Benefits" will incorporate activities from Project Learning Tree. It will be active, fun, applicable to all forests, and incorporate cool free materials from Oregon Forest Resources Institute. This will be the class everyone will talk about at the end of the conference. Don't be the ones to miss out on this one. The non-spouses groups will all be jealous. No class size limit. No fee. Convention Center.

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2009 Sons and Daughters Program

Welcome to the West! We're excited that you'll be joining us for the Sons & Daughters program at the NACAA conference in Portland, Oregon. We are planning for a fun, educational and relaxed program that will show you some great sights in Oregon and provide some learning opportunities along the way.

Sunday, September 20th

The Son's and Daughter's Orientation will be on Sunday evening. Everyone will gather for a 30 minute general overview of the week's schedule. Afterwards, you are invited to participate in "Get Acquainted" activities. Event coordinators will also be available to answer specific questions and give additional details.

"Beach Day" Monday, September 21st

Come join us on a trip to Seaside on the Oregon coast. We'll enjoy sandy beaches, building sand castles, flying kites and a walk along Seaside's ocean front promenade. We'll visit the Seaside Aquarium founded in 1937, feed the seals, observe displays of marine life and touch sea creatures at the Discovery Center. Alternative "indoor" activities are available should the weather be too ugly for recreation near the water.



"Wilderness Day" Tuesday, September 22nd

We will begin the day with a goat packing expedition and hike along the scenic Sandy River. The hike will be appropriate for all ages and activity levels. We'll enjoy a picnic style lunch at the end of the hike. A stop at a local fruit farm will offer agritourism and refreshing snack in the afternoon.

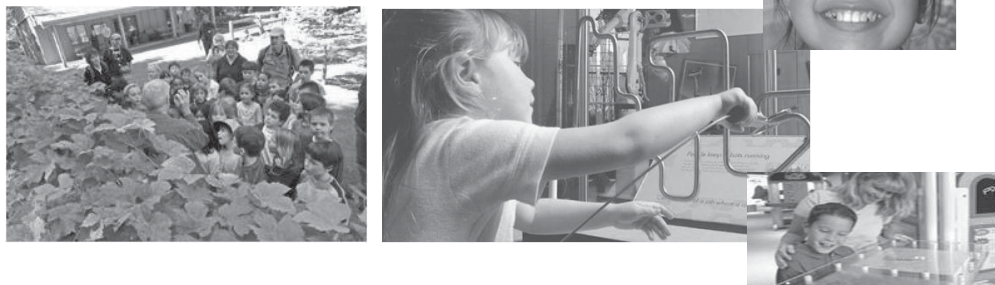


"Portland Fun Day" Wednesday, September 23rd

The Oregon Zoo and World Forestry Center or Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) await us as we explore Portland, Oregon's largest city. At OMSI you can touch a tornado, uncover a fossil, enter the world of virtual reality, experience an earthquake, or simply experiment on your own in one of the many hands-on labs. Five exhibit halls offer hours of brain-powered fun through hundreds of interactive exhibits and hands-on demonstrations. OMSI's multi-attraction complex

features big screen OMNIMAX theater, the Northwest's largest planetarium, and the USS Blueback, the last fast-attack, diesel-powered submarine built by the U.S. Navy. If you choose the Oregon Zoo, you'll see animals from A (Agouti) to Z (Zebra) and everything in between. Spend the day exploring the zoo and

learning about exotic and native animals. The World Forestry Center, also located in Washington Park offers both indoor and outdoor educational experiences for all ages.



A farewell party is planned for all youth who would like to participate

Thursday, September 24

Enjoy the day touring Oregon agriculture with your parents on one of the Professional Development tours.

If you or your parents have questions about the Sons & Daughters program please contact Melissa Fery at (541) 766-3353.

Life Members Tours Choices

Tuesday September 22, 2009

Tours for the Life Members and their spouses will be on Tuesday September 22, 2009. Tours are designed to offer a variety of peeks into the Oregon and Northwest Experience.
Tour No 1: Mount St Helens and the Forestry Center

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Mount St Helens provides an impressive experience in the devastating and healing forces of nature; See up close how the 1980 eruption changed the landscape and how the landscape is responding. Pictures cannot do justice to the feeling of the volcano. The Forestry Center tracks changes in forest management practices from the 1830 have to present day management and use. Light walking. Breakfast provided on bus.



Tour 2: Gardens, Zoo and the Big House

A pair of unique gardens add color to this tour. The International Rose Garden is a rose lover's dream. Actually comprised of six rose gardens including the International Rose Test Garden, you're sure to find a flower of color and beauty to match your dreams while overlooking Portland and Mt Hood. Then up the hill, visit the Japanese Gardens, featuring five different Japanese styled gardens design to offer peace and serenity. Beautiful photo ops. The Washington Park Zoo is home to the most successful elephant breeding program anywhere and also features displays of animals in natural settings. The Pittock Mansion is nestled 1000 feet above the Portland skyline and offers an architectural wonder built with features decades ahead of its time. Moderate to heavy walking but worth the effort.



Tour 3: Oregon Coast, Seaside and Astoria

Travel through tall timbers, take a peek at old logging equipment at Camp 18, and then swing into Seaside and its famous Boardwalk on the shoreline. Lewis and Clark spent a winter in the neighborhood. See where and how they made salt from the sea; visit Fort Clatsop where they spent the winter before heading back across the wilderness. Fort Stevens reveals the defenses used during WWII in the only place in the continental US to actually be fired upon by the Japanese and just a short distance across the sand to the wreck of the Peter Iredale, a four masted ship that has been a landmark for 102 years. Then on to Astoria to climb the Astoria Column, beautifully covered in artwork that would stretch 500 feet if unwound. The 125 foot column sits high upon a 600 foot hill offering a dramatic view of the mouth of the Columbia River, Mt Rainer and more. Breakfast provided on bus.



Tour 4: Columbia Gorge and Stern - Wheeler Tour of the River



The Scenic Gorge Highway parallels the interstate but it takes you back 100 years in time in a restful journey. The old highway has artfully created bridges and railings and tops at Crown Point with its vista views of the Columbia Gorge past many of the 77 named waterfalls in the next 20 miles including Bridal Veil, Horsetail and Multnomah Falls, the second highest in the nation and past the Oneonta Gorge, a beautiful narrow canyon that is a botanist's dream with its many one of a kind species. Then to the Bonneville Dam, first powerhouse built on the River and done as work project to create jobs during the Depression. Then board the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler at Cascade Locks and take a different view and tour of the River and its history.

Close out at the Bonneville Fish Hatchery come face to face (literally) with 10 foot sturgeon in their view pond and see the salmon harvest for the hatchery.

Tour 5: Museums, Chinese Gardens and the Portland Underground

Take a guided tour of the Chinese Garden, completely hand built by 3,000 Chinese artisans in rock, wood and plants and animals.



Beautiful, peaceful... totally designed to stimulate and relax the five senses (go barefoot and massage your feet on the stone walk). Then the Oregon Historical Museum which plans many special displays to highlight Oregon's Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary). Then, come over to the Dark Side...visit Portland's Underground and a revealing piece about former "recruiting techniques" for sailors and for bootlegging. Finally, balance the bad with beauty at the Portland Art Museum, featuring many famous local art displays plus many of the grand masters. Breakfast provided on bus.

Tour 6: Wineries, Nurseries and Spruce Goose

Sandwich a nursery visit by stops at two wineries and learn about one of the fastest growing ag industries in the state as wine makers discover the rich soils and grape conducting climates



of Oregon. Conclude the day's activities with an afternoon at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, a grand display of historic air and space craft under roof including a new IMAX theater for the sensation of catching air without leaving the ground. Plus compare aviation giants and see how they are dwarfed by the famous HK-1 flying boat dubbed the "Spruce Goose," the world's largest airplane ever assembled and flown. Breakfast provided on bus.

State's Nights Out Twice as Nice

To take advantage of the diversity of quality restaurants in Portland there will be two chances for states to gather together for dining out. Monday evening is State's Night Out Ethnic Style and Tuesday's Pre Auction Night Out is billed as American Style.

On the ethnic side, Portland offers a wide array of restaurants to suit any taste or expand one's experience. Egyptian, English, Ethiopian, European, French, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Lebanese, Mediterranean, Mexican, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese offerings are all within reasonable distance and easy transportation (walking or mass transit) of the Convention Center. Go ahead; you've always wanted to try it.

For Tuesday's American style evening, don't miss on familiar dishes prepared featuring Oregon's fresh, home grown quality. Oregon has more pizza places per capita than anywhere in the US; Oregon's micro-brews and pubs are legendary and multiple and most offer good dining in addition to liquid refreshments. Fish and seafood are prepared fresh taking advantage of the proximity to the coast and the diversity it offers.... (Try our crabs. Oregon is the leader in production of Dungeness crab, and you've heard about our salmon... try it specially seasoned and served as only those close to the source have learned to make it).

Even the burger joint next to the Oregon Convention Center features Country Natural Beef (it started in Oregon), Tillamook Cheese, Oregon fries and Oregon berries and Oregon hazelnuts among their shake flavors plus other locally produced fares.

Make State's Nights Out twice as nice!

Publication Deadlines

The County Agent

October, 2009 Issue

AM/PIC Recap Issue

Deadline for articles: September 28, 2009

Mail Date: October 15, 2009

January, 2010 Issue

Committee Directory

Deadline for articles: November 15, 2009

Mail Date: December, 15, 2009

Special Car Rental Offer for Members

There is a lot to see and do in Oregon and Southwest Washington, more than we can possibly introduce to you in a few days of conference. So, Oregon has secured a special offer from Enterprise Rent-A-Car for NACAA members and guests.

Come in early or stay late for the Annual Meeting and see some extra country side using Enterprise as your car rental agency. There are special rates, with unlimited mileage for any rental in Oregon and Washington, or if you choose to rent outside these states, you can still get a discount off the best deal they are offering at the time using the account code.

Renters will still want to take the insurance offered as with any car rental agency.

To use the special offer, you must use the special account: "OSU Extension Conference, Account: L46E419". You can use this code by calling Enterprise for your reservation or go on-line using: http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=002&cust=L46E419

This on-line link already has the code and discounts directly embedded so complete the information (desired city for pick up, date and time for pick up and return, vehicle selection, complete and print).

And there is no limit on the selection: from a compact to full sized passenger van or select from their fleet of hybrids, you are sure to find a vehicle to suit your travel needs.



Easy Transportation from Airport and throughout Portland Area

If you're planning to travel to Portland in the "air" - ground transportation is readily available by using the TriMet's MAX Light Rail system which connects Portland, Gresham, Beaverton, Hillsboro and the Portland Airport. Trains run every 5-15 minutes roughly between 5 a.m. and midnight. Once you get your luggage from baggage claim - follow the signs in the airport which direct you to the ticket booth and loading area.

For more information - please visit the following link on-line - it will give you detailed instructions as to which Rail to take and which stop to unload.

<http://trimet.org/go/cgi-bin/plantrip.cgi?lang=>

Plan to enjoy the sights of Oregon



REGISTRATION FORM

NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

September 20 - September 24, 2009

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before July 15, 2009: Late fee is \$100 - **Return ALL forms together**

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

Detailed information about activities is available in other parts of this publication.

Registration will be in the Portland Convention Center

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

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 AM/PIC 2009 Registration
6584 W. Duroc Road
Maroa, IL 61756
Phone: 217-794-3700 Fax: 217-794-5901 E-mail: NACAAAMPIC2009@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 an email address) - by no later than August 15, 2009.

Are you an NACAA Member YES NO
Check your region: NC NE W S

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS – Please check below if you need special assistance during the meeting.
 Accessibility needs during the meeting
 Dietary (Please contact the registration office at the above address two weeks prior to the event to make request)

ANNUAL BANQUET
Wednesday Evening September 23, 2009; 6:30 p.m.
Tickets are required. 1 ticket per registrant is already included in the price of **full** registration (daily registrations do not include a banquet ticket - must be purchased separately). Tickets will be in registration packet. Do you plan to attend: Yes No
 Number planning to attend _____

- 2009 DSA - Please check if you are a Distinguished Service Award Winner for 2009. You need to sign up for the Annual Banquet above...to reserve a ticket.
- 2009 AA - Please check if you are an Achievement Award Winner for 2009. Make AA Breakfast reservations with National Committee Chair. Annual Banquet ticket must also be selected above if you plan to attend (not required for AA award).

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

SPOUSE NAME: _____ (Last) _____ (First)

GUEST'S NAME _____ (Last) _____ (First)

CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES (if attending):

Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____

FIRST-TIMER'S

Is this your first NACAA AM/PIC? Yes No
 If so, please pick up your registration packet at the regular registration area (Convention Center) then stop at the information table to learn more about the conference.
 First time and worked less than 10 years? Yes No
 NACAA members attending for the first time and employed after 9/1/99 will have registration fees waived.
 Complete the following:

Date of Employment _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

The First-Timer's Luncheon is provided for first-time attendees on Monday, September 21, 2009. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome.

Number planning to attend? _____

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

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 <small>employed after 9/1/1999</small>	(Waived x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Regular Member	(\$295.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Life Member	(\$295.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
OTHERS					
Sons & Daughters <small>(participating in activities)</small>	(\$230.00 x _____)			=	\$ _____
Visitor	(\$295.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
University or USDA Administrator	(\$295.00 x _____)	+	(\$250.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Guest of NACAA President	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____
National Donor/Exhibitors	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____
Tour Fee (Additional fee for ALL persons attending Thursday Tours)			(\$20 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Spouse Workshop 3 (Fishing Trip)			(\$100 x _____)	=	\$ _____
PART-TIME ATTENDANCE					
Number Attending Each Day: Sun____; Mon____; Tues____; Wed____; Thurs____ Daily Fee (\$150 x Number of Days____ x Number of People____)				=	\$ _____
Attending only Wednesday Night Banquet: (\$50 x Number of People____)				=	\$ _____
Late Fee: Applies to all registrants listed above whose registration form and fees are postmarked after July 15, 2009 - \$100 per individual)				=	\$ _____
Facilities Fee: 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 - a \$250 fee will be administered. The lodging form must be completed with reservation information (FOR ALL ACTIVE AND LIFE MEMBERS)- 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 - 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

There shall be a 90% refund of registration fee when a request is made 30 days or sooner before the start of the AM/PIC (August 20 or before). There shall be a 75% refund of registration fee if request is made from 15-29 days before the AM/PIC (Aug. 20 -Sept. 5). There shall be a 50% refund of registration fee if a request is made less than 15 days and prior to the end of the AM/PIC (Sept. 6 - Sept. 24). No refunds will be given if a request is made after the close of the AM/PIC (Sept. 24). Appeals due to emergency will be handled on a case by case basis by the NACAA Board. **Requests must be made in writing** to NACAA 2009 Registration, Scott Hawbaker, 6584 W. Duroc Road, Maroa, IL 61756 or email to: NACAAAMPIC2009@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.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Participant's Name _____

Last Name

First Name

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

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>Tour No.</u>	<u># of people on Tour</u>	<u>SPOUSE/GUEST</u> (If different from Agent)	<u>Tour No.</u>	<u># of people on Tour</u>
1 st Choice	_____	_____	1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____	3 rd Choice	_____	_____
4 th Choice	_____	_____	4 th Choice	_____	_____
5 th Choice	_____	_____	5 th Choice	_____	_____

Please note that all tour participants must pay a \$20/person Tour Fee - this must be included on the payment form - or the tour will not be assigned to you. See professional improvement tours program for details including additional fees which will be payable at registration.

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

- Monday, September 21, 2009** (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)
- ___ PRIDE Luncheon # of tickets ___
 - ___ SFE Farm and Ranch Financial Management # of tickets ___
 - ___ SFE Remote Sensing and Precision Agriculture
 - ___ SFE Landscape Horticulture # of tickets ___
 - ___ 4-H and Youth Awards Luncheon # of tickets ___
 - ___ SARE - E-Organic Educational Luncheon # of tickets ___

- Tuesday, September 22, 2009** (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)
- ___ Poster Session Awards Luncheon
 - ___ SFE Livestock Production # of tickets ___
 - ___ SFE Crop Production # of tickets ___
 - ___ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers # of tickets ___

- Wednesday, September 23, 2009** (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)
- ___ SFE Sustainable Agriculture - SARE
 - ___ Pacific Northwest Organic Research Super Seminar (10:45 am - 2:30 pm) # of tickets ___

PAST NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER'S LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 12:00 noon. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome. Meal cost is \$25/person (tax/gratuity included). (If you check yes, you will be asked to pay even if you do not attend). Monies to be collected at luncheon. Do you plan to attend the Past National Board Member's Luncheon?

Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, Number attending _____
Which office did you hold?

- President If you served in more than 1 capacity - please check all that apply (or which ribbon(s) you prefer with your name tag).
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Director

LIFE MEMBER'S & LIFE MEMBER'S SPOUSES ACTIVITIES

LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Tuesday, September 22, 2009
(See Life Members Program for details)

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

SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES

Spouse/Guest Name _____

SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON - Monday, September 21, 2009
(Spouse/Guest Only) I Plan To Attend ___ Yes ___ No

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Tuesday, Septmeber 22, 2009
(See Spouses Program for details including any additional fees which will be payable at on-site registration.)

	<u>Tours #1-7</u>	<u># of people on Tour</u>
1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____

SPOUSE/GUEST WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

	<u>All Day/Part Day Workshops 1-3</u>	<u>9:00 am-11:00 am Workshops 4-6</u>	<u>1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Workshops 7-10</u>
1 st Choice	_____	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	_____
3 rd Choice	_____	_____	_____

Note: Please indicate your preference in each column.
For Workshop 3 - Fishing Excursion - you must pre-pay the \$100 deposit when submitting your registration fees with this form.
See listing on fee form (page 20 of this magazine).

SON'S AND DAUGHTER'S PROGRAMS

See Program for Details

PARTICIPANT'S Name _____
Last Name **First Name** Agent or Life Members name if not the same Last Name

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

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

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

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

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

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

	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Get Acquainted and Registration	_____	_____	_____
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (Beach Day)	_____	_____	_____
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (Wilderness Day)	_____	_____	_____
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (Portland Fun Day)			
Tour 1: Oregon Zoo and World Forestry Center	_____	_____	_____
Tour 2: Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)	_____	_____	_____
Going Away Party	_____	_____	_____

SON'S & DAUGHTER'S MEDICAL RELEASE FORM: Medical and photo release forms as well as a code of conduct form will be required for all youth participants. These forms are available in this publication (pages 26-27) or <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/oaea/announcements/2009-annual-meeting-nacaa>

LODGING INFORMATION
THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM

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

HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Reservations will be made in the order received.
2. A Facilities fee for all Active and Life members is in force for this years 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 handled by NACAA.
4. Room rates do not include tax which is 12.5%.
5. Rooms will be held only with a first night's deposit – check or credit card. (Checks should be made to NACAA - not the hotel)
6. The registration form must be postmarked before July 15, 2009 to guarantee accommodations.

Please **NUMBER (1,2,3,4)** your preference in each box (*Doubletree & Red Lion will be filled first due to contractual obligations*)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doubletree Hotel - Portland Lloyd Center (Headquarters hotel) | \$142 + 12.5% tax (\$159.75 total), Single/double |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Lion Hotel - Portland Convention Center (Life Member hotel) | \$123 + 12.5% tax (\$138.38 total), Single/double/triple/quad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> La Quinta - (limited rooms - will only be used if other Doubletree and Red Lion are full) | \$102 + 12.5% tax (\$114.75 total), Single/double |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriott Courtyard - (limited rooms - will only be used if other Doubletree and Red Lion are full) | \$134 + 12.5% tax (\$150.75 total) Single/double |

PAYMENTS AND TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS

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

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Company Affiliation _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Credit Card to Guarantee Room and Used at Checkout

Master Card ___ VISA ___ Discover ___

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Beds | <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Available | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rollaway (1 per room \$10/night) | <input type="checkbox"/> Crib |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) | |

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

Sharing Room With: _____

Do you need a roommate? Yes No (Male Female)
 NACAA will make every attempt to find you a roommate, however you are encouraged to find your own roommate as it may be difficult to determine roommate availability until early September, 2009.

SHUTTLE

Members are encouraged to take the MAX rail directly from the airport to the Lloyd Center stops. Cost is \$3/person

Special Notes to Registration Committee:

NACAA AM/PIC Medical Information, Informed Consent for Treatment, and Photo Release for **Sons & Daughters Program**

Participants Name: _____

Please Read and Complete the Following Form.

This completed form must be returned with each participant's registration.

I. Medical Information

Known allergies to foods, drugs, insect stings or bites, etc: _____

Special medical concerns or conditions that event staff should know about, including contagious illnesses, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, previous injuries to bones/joints, etc: _____

List special dietary needs: _____

Medications currently being taken (name of medication, dose, and frequency: _____

Family Physician: Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Address: _____

II. Insurance Information

The NACAA purchases insurance for Sons & 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: _____ Policy #: _____

Company Address: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

III.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in the Sons & Daughters activities, please contact **Melissa Fery, 2009 Sons & Daughters Chair** at (541) 766-3553 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least **2 weeks** prior to the AM/PIC.

IV. Informed Consent

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.

Authorization to Consent to Health Care for Minor

I, _____, of _____ (City, State), am custodial parent/guardian of _____, a minor child, age _____, date of birth _____. I authorize any adult(s) acting as agents of the 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 institution, or the employing of any physician, dentist, nurse, or other person for such health care, and (ii) to consent to and authorize and health care, including administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operations, 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 2009 AM/PIC.

Custodial Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

V. Photographic, Video, and Optional Publicity Release

I DO _____ or DO NOT _____ give permission to NACAA, through the 2009 AM/PIC Sons & Daughters program to take photographs and/or record video and/or audio or otherwise record 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 2009 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 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.

Signatures Acknowledging Parts I, II, III, IV, and V

Participant's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Phone #s: Home: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

The County Agent

POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:
The County Agent - NACAA, 6584 W. Duroc Road,
Maroa, IL 61756 - Attn: Scott Hawbaker

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