

STATE FFA CONVENTION TOURS



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Monday, June 12, 2017

12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Henry Vilas Zoo Limit: 50 people \$12.00 per person
This tour will allow students to learn more about exotic animals inside zoos and how they're cared for. The tour is approximately 45 minutes which includes 15 minutes with a caretaker, 15 minutes of a live animal presentation, and then another 15 minutes with a different caretaker. After this, the students are free to explore the zoo.

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Wisconsin State Capitol Limit: 50 people \$10.00 per person
The Wisconsin State Capitol stands as a historic site both for Wisconsin and Wisconsin agriculture. This tour offers a look at architecture and history of the capitol, including legislation and people who have helped in furthering Wisconsin. This tour offers students the opportunity to see exactly where their laws are created and debated, along with possibly learning more about how their legislators play a role in agriculture.

9:25 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Sassy Cow Creamery Limit: 40 people \$14.00 per person
*Includes Ice Cream

Sassy Cow Creamery is a milk bottling business in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Consumers can view the products being made in the processing areas. They continuously host events to educate the public about dairy products and their sources. Sassy Cow has two farms run by the Baewolf family. Taste their milk and ice cream, processed and made right at the creamery!

12:20 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Camp Randall Stadium Limit: 50 people \$13.00 per person
Camp Randall Stadium is the home playing field of the Wisconsin Badgers football team. The grounds used to be home to a Union army training camp, until the football stadium opened on November 3rd, 1917. Today, the field and history encompass many Wisconsin traditions and values that we all hold. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the history and building of Camp Randall, along with how exactly the turf is placed, maintained, and created.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

7:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Macfarlane Pheasants Limit: 40 people \$10.00 per person
Macfarlane Pheasants is the largest pheasant producer in North America and has been in business for 87 years in Janesville, WI. They maintain their own breeding flock, and export over 1.8 million chicks to Europe, the Middle East, and Canada. In addition, Macfarlane Pheasants also owns 150 acres of "covered pens" for their adult pheasants. Students will have the opportunity to see a different area of production agriculture, visit their pens, and stop at their store.

8:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ABS Global Inc. Limit: 50 people \$10.00 per person
ABS Global, Inc is a world-leading provider of bovine genetics, reproductive services, technologies, and udder care products and is located in Deforest, WI. The company has been serving the agricultural industry since 1941 and strives to offer unique services to their customers. Members would have the opportunity to tour the facilities in Deforest and possibly watch a collection taking place.

10:20 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Pam Jahnke's Studio Limit: 40 people \$10.00 per person
Pam Jahnke is a radio talk show host that covers the various issues and topics concerning agriculture in The Farm Report. Ms. Jahnke has been broadcasting the agricultural industry since her college days at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Students will have the opportunity to tour her studios and see more examples of the marketing aspect of agriculture.

11:10 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Statz Brothers, Inc. Limit: 50 people \$10.00 per person
Statz Brothers INC. was established in 1971 and is a second generation owned and operated dairy farm in Sun Prairie, WI. Currently the farm is operated by three brothers who oversee three areas of dairy, manure handling/projects, and crops. They strive to produce products through renewable energy with gold quality standards. Members would be exposed to a large scale dairy farm that uses its resources to become more environmentally friendly.