

STATE FFA CONVENTION TOURS



Order tour tickets ONLINE today. Tours fill up fast...there may be a few tickets at convention but most tickets are sold online. Each tour is \$10.00 per person **except** where indicated because of additional admission or supplies charges. There are, however, a limited number of participants per tour. **Order your tickets today before the tours are all filled.** You will be notified before convention if tours you sign up for are unavailable.

Times include travel to and from site. All tours INCLUDING MONDAY leave from the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center. – Opposite end of lobby from the Main Convention Hall D.

Tour Ticket Orders Must Be Received Online on or before May 23, 2017.

Monday, June 12, 2017

12:45 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. **Henry Vilas Zoo** Limit: 50 people Cost: \$12.00

The Henry Vilas Zoo is a long standing tradition for the Wisconsin State Convention Tours!

On this tour members will have the chance to engage their knowledge in a keeper talk, learn from the experts in a live keeper handling demonstration, and have the chance to explore the zoo in search of animals we don't get to see in our everyday agriculture classrooms!

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

8:45 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. **Camp Randall Stadium** Limit: 50 People Cost: \$11.00

Camp Randall Stadium is the home playing field of the Wisconsin Badgers football team. This tour looks at the history of the field, which used to be home of the Union army training camp. Students will learn more about the history and building of Camp Randall, along with how the fields turf is placed, managed, and maintained!

8:45 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. **Crop Innovation Center** Limit: 50 People Cost: \$10.00

The Wisconsin Crop Innovation Center was established in January of 2017 at the current site in Middleton, Wisconsin. The facility includes a 100,000 square foot agricultural biotechnology/greenhouse, which enables the exploration of plant gene function. Students will learn about the importance of this division of agriculture when faced with global challenges such as: population growth, world hunger, and sustainability.

11:55 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. **Blue Star Dairy** Limit: 50 People Cost: \$10.00

Blue Star Dairy says it best with their quote of the month: "The best classrooms smell like a barn!" Blue Star Dairy is a family owned and operated dairy farm with three locations in DeForest, Middleton, and Arlington. Members will have the chance to tour the DeForest location and learn about the milking of 2,600 cows, calving and raising of young stock, along with the management of over 4,500 acres of crop land. A great tour to see first hand the family value that goes into feeding the world!

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Aldo Leopold Foundation Limit: 50 People Cost: \$15.00

The Aldo Leopold Foundation was established in 1982 by the five children and wife of Aldo Leopold in Baraboo Wisconsin. Aldo Leopold is best known for writing *A Sand County Almanac*, and serving as one of the 20th century's greatest conservation thinkers. Members will have the chance to tour the Leopold families Shack and Farm, while learning about the vital role that land ethic plays in a bright future for agriculture.

10:15 a.m. - 12:25 a.m.

Olbrich Botanical Garden Limit: 50 People Cost: \$15.00

Olbrich Botanical Garden features 16 acres of outdoor display gardens showcasing the beauty of Midwest hardy plants! Members will have the opportunity to partake in an educational tour at the Bolz Conservatory, which is a sunny 50 foot high glass pyramid, housing a wide variety of tropical plants, free flying birds, and a rushing waterfall! Members will be able to appreciate the beauty and importance of plants in a sustainable world!

11:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

O'Dools Dairy Goats LLC Limit: 50 People Cost: \$10.00

O'Dools Dairy Goats is a family owned and operated dairy farm located in Orfordville Wisconsin. The farm consists of over 1000 total goats, whose milk is used to produce world class goat cheese, soaps, and lotions! Students will have the ability to see the milking operation in a diverse sector of the agriculture industry!