



Conference Information

Service Project

Feed My Starving Children

www.fmsc.org

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit hunger relief organization. In 2007, 185,000 volunteers packaged more than 43 million meals for children around the world. As a volunteer you will be packaging a unique mixture of food that has been formulated by Minnesota food scientists to address the needs of children suffering from malnutrition. Other humanitarian groups will then deliver the life saving food you package to children in more than 50 countries around the world.

Tour Information

Tour Option A

Marjorie McNeely Conservatory

www.comozooconservatory.org/cons/index.shtml

The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory occupies one full acre under glass, managing six indoor gardens and three outdoor gardens and annually manages 50,000 plants from 1,684 separate species. Its newest exhibit, Tropical Encounters, takes guests on an adventure through a Central and South American rainforest. Guests will encounter such animals as freshwater stingrays, giant river turtles, frogs, toads, fish, free-roaming birds, an anaconda and Chloe the sloth.

St. Paul Gangster Tour

www.wabashstreetcaves.com/gangster.html

Explore the sights of nightclubs, kidnappings, and gun battles associated with the 1930's gangsters like John Dillinger, Ma Barker, and Babyface Nelson. See the sights where the gangsters lived it up as they planned and executed some of the most notorious crimes ever perpetrated in the upper Midwest. Your guide takes you past the most infamous gangster hideouts and the famous nightclubs where many gangsters spent time socializing with the public.

Tour Option B

Guthrie Theater

www.guthrietheater.org

Called "a 21st century dream factory" by *Time Magazine*, the new Guthrie boasts three stages, restaurants, and some of the best views of Minneapolis to be found in the city. It also has a 178-foot cantilevered bridge to the Mississippi. A backstage tour offers a look at what goes on behind the scenes at the Guthrie. You'll discover the stunning and expanded features of our state-of-the-art facility and learn how we take our plays from script to stage, including the many intriguing steps in between. On the tour, you'll visit our various production departments, including the shops where costumes, sets and props are expertly crafted by talented artisans.

Formally established in 1927, the Walker Art Center began as the first public art gallery in the Upper Midwest. The museum's focus on modern art began in the 1940's. Today, the Walker is recognized internationally as a singular model of a multidisciplinary arts organization and as a national leader for its innovative approaches to audience engagement. The Walker is considered one of the nation's "big five" museums for modern art and includes works by Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol. The Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is located right next to the museum and is one of the largest urban sculpture garden in the country. It has 40 permanent art installations, including the famous spoon and cherry sculpture.

Tour Option C

Riverfront Tour and Mill City Museum

The Riverfront Tour is an hour and a half long bus tour of the historic Minneapolis Riverfront District. A local guide will provide historical information and point out local landmarks. The tour ends at the Mill City Museum. An attraction for all ages, the museum chronicles the flour milling industry that dominated world flour production for roughly a half-century and fueled the growth of Minneapolis, recognized across the nation and around the world as "Mill City." Built within the ruins of a National Historic Landmark, the Washburn A Mill, the museum will provide a multi-sensory, interactive journey. The story of flour milling - and its impact on Minneapolis, the nation and the world - comes to life in this one-of-a-kind museum. You will have the opportunity to explore the museum's exhibits and gallery, watch the Flour Tower multimedia show, and see the "Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat movie."

Workshop Options

This year the National Collegiate 4-H Organization will be doing something different during its workshops and concentrating on strengthening our Collegiate 4-H clubs and our national organization by focusing on national 4-H initiatives. Specific workshops have not been finalized at this time but a general outline is described below. Finalized details will be posted on the conference website at a later date and workshop registration will occur online and at the conference.

Session 1: Existing Collegiate 4-H Programming

These workshops will target club programming ideas and developing professional skills. Some programming workshops will focus on: public speaking, Operation: Military Kids, leadership development, and icebreakers.

Session 2: National Issues

During this session, you'll share ideas and issues brought from your club and provide leadership in developing the direction of new programming for Collegiate 4-H nationwide. Each session will feature a member of the National 4-H Leadership Team, which may be someone from the National 4-H Headquarters, National 4-H Council, or a State 4-H Leader. They will help you to share what your club is already doing, think bigger about national issues within 4-H, and how you can help 4-H in your local communities with these programmatic areas. Make sure that members from your club are represented at as many sessions as possible, so you can maximize the number of ideas you bring back to your club.

Session 3: National Issues

During this session you will continue to think bigger about the national issue you selected and start to plan ideas that Collegiate 4-H Clubs can do to support this initiative. Sessions will have the opportunity to propose a national initiative related to their area if they're interested. All ideas generated throughout these sessions will be immediately posted to the national website.

Speakers/Entertainment

Keynote Speaker: Dave Mona

A Minneapolis native and a University of Minnesota alum, Dave Mona has been a lively and influential presence in the Twin Cities community, the University, Minnesota sports and the media scene for more than four decades. Few individuals have had an impact in this community like him. Mona started out as a sports journalist and continues to cohost a local radio sports show and is the color analyst for Gopher football games. He recently authored a book about his Minnesota sports stories entitled "Mona on Minnesota." In addition, Mona is the founder and current chairman of Weber Shandwick, the region's largest public relations firm. But Mona's biggest impact is at the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Linda, have dedicated thousands and thousands of hours to the betterment of The U. He is the past national president of the 60,000-member University of Minnesota Alumni Association, was instrumental in making TCF Bank Gopher Football Stadium a reality, and is the 2008 recipient of the prestigious University of Minnesota Outstanding Achievement Award by the Regents. He is also very active in community events and currently chairs the board of the Minnesota Vikings Children's Fund. He is the past national president of the Council of Growing Companies; former chair of the Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce; and recent chair of Meet Minneapolis, the convention and visitors' association.

Comedic Magician: Kristoffer Olson

www.kristofferolson.com

A Minnesota 4-H alum and University of Minnesota alum, Kristoffer Olson performed his first paid show when he was nine years old. Currently at twenty-five, he still has no plans for retirement. His passion for performing magic supported him through high school and college without having to get a 'real' job. It was during this time that Kristoffer made a name for himself in the world of magic, winning countless awards, including the International Brotherhood of Magicians' Junior Stage Championship for his unique presentation of a classic magical effect, the Metamorphosis. Kristoffer's knowledge and experience have since been utilized by the Society of American Magicians as a judge for their national magic competition. His quick-witted and self-deprecating character drives a show that plays like an earth-friendly hybrid of stand-up comedy and magic. The comedy and magic flow seamlessly together in this interactive show, as the stage is filled with members of YOUR audience!

States Night Out

Mall of America

www.mallofamerica.com

As one of the most visited tourist destinations in the world, Mall of America features something for everyone – 520 stores, 50 restaurants and attractions galore, including Nickelodeon Universe®, the nation's largest Nickelodeon amusement park. Plus there's no sales tax on shoes or clothing! The combination of world-class shopping, top attractions, over 300 free events annually and great restaurants make Mall of America a popular destination. Mall of America offers excellent dining options. For an elegant experience, Napa Valley Grille, Tucci Benucch, Twin City Grill and California Cafe are among the best. For a fun and interactive environment, try Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. and Rainforest Cafe. Have a craving for Japanese food? Tiger Sushi offers traditional and contemporary sushi creations.

Lodging

The lodging for the conference will be at the Radisson University Hotel in Minneapolis, MN. More information on amenities and features of the hotel can be found at: http://www.radisson.com/minneapolismn_metrodome

Weather and Clothing

We can't lie. Winter weather in Minnesota is usually cold and it often snows. The average temperature in February ranges between 10 and 30 degrees. Conference activities will continue to take place unless severe weather prohibits safe participation. Please pack accordingly. We suggest bringing a warm coat, hat, gloves, scarf and boots (and a snowsuit if you want to play in the snow!). Most activities will be taking place indoors. Many buildings on campus are connected by an intricate tunnel system (called the "Gopher Way"), so you may not need to go outside often. The hotel is connected to both Coffman and McNamara in this system. To view this map, click here: <http://www1.umn.edu/pts/maps/graphics/tmpls.gif>

Conference Attire

Recommended attire for conference is casual; nice shirts or jeans are perfectly acceptable.

Exceptions: Dress for the banquet is Business Casual/Semi-Formal. Ladies: Business suits, dresses/skirts, blouses, etc. Men: Dress shirt, slacks, tie/suit optional.

Trade Item

A National Conference tradition is for each delegate to bring an item, or multiple items, to trade with delegates from other schools. Please bring items from your school or favorite hangout to trade with other delegates. Suggested ideas are pins, stickers, pens/pencils, or cups.



Tentative Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

NAB MEETINGS *Radisson: Big Ten Room*
5:00 - 10:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

REGISTRATION *Radisson Lobby*
2:00 - 6:00 PM Check into your room and sign up for workshops

OPENING ASSEMBLY *Coffman Memorial Union: Mississippi Room*
5:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner catered by Pizza Luce
7:00 - 8:00 PM Keynote Speaker: Dave Mona
8:00 - 8:30 PM Conference Welcome Activities/Pin Swap
8:30 - 9:30 PM New Member / Voting Delegate Meeting

GET ACQUAINTED ACTIVITIES *Coffman Memorial Union: Goldy's Gameroom*
8:30 - 10:00 PM Delegates choice: bowling, billiards, video and pinball arcade

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

BREAKFAST *Radisson: Humphrey Ballroom*
6:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast buffet catered by Radisson

REGIONAL MEETINGS *Coffman Memorial Union*
8:30 - 10:15 AM
Northeast Region: Room 319
North Central Region: Room 324
Southern Region: Room 325
Western Region: Room 303

WORKSHOPS *Coffman Memorial Union*
10:30 - 11:20 AM Workshop Session 1: Break out rooms TBA
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM Workshop Session 2: Break out rooms TBA

LUNCH *Coffman Memorial Union: Room 303*
12:30 - 1:20 PM Boxed lunches provided by Big 10 Restaurant.
Please take a boxed lunch and find a place to eat in the building.

WORKSHOPS	<i>Coffman Memorial Union</i>
1:30 - 2:20 PM	Workshop 3: Break out rooms TBA

STATES NIGHT OUT	<i>Mall of America</i>
4:30 PM	Load buses in front of the Radisson
4:45 PM	Depart for the Mall
5:15 - 9:15 PM	Explore the Mall and Nickelodeon Universe! Dinner is on your own.
9:15 PM	Load buses at Mall to return to hotel
9:30 PM	Depart for the hotel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009

BREAKFAST	<i>Radisson: Humphrey Ballroom</i>
6:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast buffet catered by Radisson

NAB INTERVIEWS	<i>Radisson: Big Ten Room</i>
6:00 - 8:00 AM	

TOURS/SERVICE PROJECT	<i>Twin Cities Metro Area</i>
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Tour Option A

8:15 - 8:30 AM	Load buses & Depart for Service Project
9:00 - 11:00 AM	Service Project: Feed My Starving Children
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Load buses & Depart for Conservatory
11:45 - 1:15 PM	Tour: Marjorie McNeely Conservatory
	Lunch: On your own on location
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Load buses & Depart for Gangster Tour
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Tour: St. Paul Gangster Tour
4:00 PM	Depart for hotel
4:30 PM	Arrive at hotel

Tour Option B

8:00 - 8:15 AM	Load buses & Depart for Guthrie
8:30 - 10:15 AM	Tour: Guthrie Theater
10:15 AM	Load buses
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Mini bus tour of downtown Minneapolis and depart for Service Project
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Service Project: Feed My Starving Children
1:30 - 1:40 PM	Load buses & Depart for lunch
1:50 - 2:30 PM	Lunch: On your own on location
2:30 PM	Depart for Walker Art Center
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Tour: Walker Art Center
4:00 - 4:15 PM	Load buses & Depart for hotel
4:30 PM	Arrive at hotel

Tour Option C

8:30 - 8:45 AM	Load buses & Depart for Riverfront Tour
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Tour: Riverfront Tour
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Tour: Mill City Museum
12:30 - 12:40 PM	Load buses & Depart for lunch
1:10 - 1:45 PM	Lunch: On your own at location TBD
1:45 PM	Load buses and depart for Service Project
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Service Project: Feed My Starving Children
4:00 - 4:15 PM	Load buses & Depart for hotel
4:45 PM	Arrive at hotel

NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING *Radisson: Nolte Room*

5:15 - 7:00 PM

CLOSING BANQUET *McNamara Alumni Center*

7:30 - 8:30 PM *Dinner*

8:00 - 8:30 PM *Closing Remarks, Announcement of New National Officers, National Awards*

8:30 - 9:00 PM *Entertainment: Kris Olson, Comedic Magician*

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM *Dance: Music provided by Minnesota 4-H's favorite DJ, Paul McCarvel*

NAB MEETING *Radisson: Big Ten Room*

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009

BREAKFAST *Applebee's*

TBD *Everyone will receive a giftcard to help pay for their breakfast to Applebee's, a restaurant connected to the hotel. Delegates can choose when to eat.*

NAB CLOSING MEETING *Radisson: Big Ten Room*

9:00 - 11:00 AM