



Natural Resources Conservation Service
210 Walnut Street, Room 693
Des Moines, IA 50309-2180

June 18, 2013

IOWA BULLETIN NO. IA360-13-22

SUBJECT: PER – STUDENT TRAINEE TOUR

ACTION REQUIRED BY: JUNE 24, 2013

PURPOSE: To provide details of the student trainee tour to be held July 9-10, 2013.

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2014

The 2013 student trainee tour is being sponsored by the Fort Dodge Area Office. On Tuesday, July 9, 2013, an optional picnic will be held at Ada Hayden Park in Ames at 4:00 p.m. The tour will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An agenda for the tour is attached.

Please see the attachment for a list of participant. Anyone else who would like to attend any part of the tour should contact Tricia Mootz, Human Resources Specialist, at (515) 284-4587 before June 24, 2013. Anyone on the participant list who will NOT be participating in the tour should immediately notify Ms. Mootz.

NRCS Summer Interns who live or work 35 miles or more from Ames are eligible to stay overnight and be reimbursed.

- Reimbursement includes \$77 for motel, the room taxes charged by the motel, and \$46 reimbursement for meals & incidental expenses (figuring 75 percent of the day for the first and last day of travel).

District Summer Intern options for overnight travel are:

- Visit with the SWCD to determine if reimbursement for overnight stay is available.
- Pay for the travel personally.
- Drive home the evening of July 9 and return by 8:00 a.m. on July 10.

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved for the night of July 9, 2013, at GrandStay Residential Suites & Hotel, 1606 South Kellogg Avenue, Ames, Iowa. The phone number is 515-232-8363.

- You will be responsible to pay by cash or personal credit card for your room at check in.
- Call the hotel by June 24 and provide them with your address, phone number, and form of payment.

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There will be a get together on Wednesday, July 9, at 4:00 p.m. at Ada Hayden Park in Ames for anyone who wishes to attend. Attendance at this gathering is optional. A meal will be catered at the cost of \$6. Money for this meal will be collected at the park. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other students and NRCS employees.

Anyone who would like to attend the picnic, INCLUDING STUDENTS, must make a reservation no later than June 24, 2013, with Rebecca Scott, Administrative Management Assistant, at 515-573-4351 x103 or rebecca.scott@ia.usda.gov.

Other items:

- The tour bus is air conditioned.
- All attendees of the tour should ensure that they bring cash and/or other forms of payment as they will be responsible for paying for their own meals and incidentals during the session.
- Bring your own water or soda for the day.
- Field attire is appropriate as we will be spending time outdoors. Long pants and closed toe shoes are required.
- Please be prepared for all types of weather; participants may want to bring a raincoat, umbrella, and a camera.

If you have any questions about the tour or hotel arrangements, or if you need special accommodations and/or have any dietary needs, please notify Ms. Scott by June 28, 2013.

/s/
Jay T. Mar
State Conservationist

Attachments

2013 STUDENT TRAINEE TOUR

Participant List

NRCS Interns not eligible to stay overnight on July 9:

Jamie Sandoval, Ida Grove
Ava Haun, Northwood
Shelby Erickson, Jefferson

NRCS Interns are eligible to stay overnight on July 9:

Brayton Grote, Sac City
Emily Seidl, Guthrie Center
Gabrielle Shaffer, Leon
Matthew Smith, Malvern
Ashley Hanson, Tipton

District Interns:

Dillon Vosika, Butler County
Matt Blaser, Jones County
Jared Thill, Marion County
Kyle Behrle, Muscatine County
Anna Haselhuhn, Wapello County

State Office Employees (attending on July 10):

Adam Stiegelmeier
Elmer Foxx
Lisa Hobbs
Chris Knudsen
Tricia Mootz
Jill Clothier
Linda Wells
Lori Derringer
Marcus Hill
Pam Koster
Michelle Wall
Peggy Wohlgemuth
James Zeigler
John Selenske
Michelle Bales
Carolyn Christian
Justin Niceswanger

Agenda
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Ames, Iowa

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

- 3:00 PM: Check in time for those who are staying in the motel overnight
- 4:00 PM: Meet at Ada Hayden Park (shelter house on the north side of the park) —
 - Presentation by Ervin Klaus
- 5:00 PM: Picnic

Wednesday July 10, 2013

- 8:00 AM: Leave the Motel
- 8:10-9:15 AM: Horticulture Research Station (Hort Farm)
55519 170th Street, Ames, Iowa 50010

The Horticultural Research Station is located 4 miles north of Ames, Iowa, on Highway 69 and 1.5 miles east on county road E-23. The station was established on its present site in 1970. Most of the buildings were built between 1970 and 1972. The station is located on 230 acres of land that includes topography of flat areas, rolling hills, and waterways, with a 12 acre lake. The lake provides a source of irrigation water and a location for research by fisheries and biology personnel. The farm contains trees and shrubs used for research and beautification of the area. There are 14 horticulture faculty and graduate students who conduct research on site. In addition, 9 faculty and graduate students from other departments have research projects on the station. Research projects range from work on fruits, vegetables, and herbaceous ornamentals, to work with trees, shrubs, and turf grass. On site trials include evaluation of cultivar performance, crop production as a function of fertility level, weed pressure, and herbicide performance, disease incidence vs. fungicide impact, insect pressure, and the effects of growth regulators.

- 9:30-10:30 AM: BioCentury Research Farm
1327 U Avenue Boone, IA 50036

- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Lunch
Subway, 1311 Buckeye Avenue in Ames

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12:15-1:30 PM: Lincolnway Energy Tour

59511 Lincoln Hwy, Nevada, IA

- All visitors must wear hardhats & safety glasses.
 - These will be provided by Lincolnway Energy.
- All Visitors must wear long pants and closed toe shoes.
- All visitors must sign in at the front desk.
- No one under the age of twelve is allowed on the tour.
- All cell phones must be turned off.
- No smoking or tobacco products.
- No pictures allowed in the plant.

2:00 PM: NRCS assisted CREP site—Dana Holland, DC, Marshalltown

Schwartz Farm

Corner of 140th Street & Y Ave (E23) -- SW of Story City -- 5 miles west
and 2 miles south

- Constructed Wetland (CREP-Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)

3:30 PM: Return to Motel

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