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2024 NASCOE Convention

In this issue, we will be digging into the details of the NASCOE Convention and providing Illinois FSA employees relevant information as we prepare to host this August!

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You Are Invited!



- Who:* All Illinois FSA CO & GS Employees & Guests
- What:* 65th Annual NASCOE Convention
- Where:* RiverCenter, Davenport IA
- When:* August 7-10th, 2024
- Why:* A once in a career opportunity for many IL FSA employees to attend a NASCOE convention close to home!

Our home base for the four-day convention will be in downtown Davenport Iowa. This riverfront city has plenty of restaurants and entertainment all within walking distance from the convention center and hotels.

Explore the area and make hotel reservations

<https://visitquadcities.com/2024-nascoe-national-convention>



IASCOE is planning a full slate of entertainment and activities

View the Agenda & Register here:

<https://nascoe.org/2024-nascoe-convention>

Attendees will have ample opportunity to explore this bi-state destination and the many communities that make the Quad Cities unique



Evening Entertainment

Wednesday

Dinner & River Bandits
Baseball Game

*Pin Trading



Friday

Illinois Night :
John Deere Pavilion
Private Event

Immerse Yourself in the
World of John Deere!

Food Trucks & Band

Thursday

NASCOE Scholarship
Dinner Auction

followed by:

Downtown Davenport
Poker Run

Saturday

NASCOE Awards &
Dinner Banquet

Roaring 20's Theme

*More details available
at the registration link on Page 3*

All IL attendees who register for the ballgame will receive a set of IASCOE pins to trade



Kid Zone Activities

Kid Zone is open during business meetings and Thursday & Saturday dinner events

Thursday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Bettendorf Children's Museum



Hands on Music Class



Channel Cat Ride and Ice Cream



Art Class at the Figge Art Museum



Parental consent forms and contact information must be provided prior to dropoff

Quad Cities Tour Experiences



Wednesday

August 7th

Foodie

TRAVEL AROUND BOTH IOWA AND ILLINOIS EXPLORING THE QUAD CITIES FOOD SCENE!

GRAB A DRINK & ENJOY RIVER VIEWS AT QC'S LOCAL COFFEE ROASTER MILLTOWN COFFEE.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH A COOKING DEMONSTRATION AT JOHNNY'S STEAKHOUSE.

TAKE A HANDS ON EXPERIENCE AND PERSONAL TOUR OF CHOCOLATE MANOR - ONE OF THE QUAD CITIES PREMIER CONFECTIONERS.

END WITH A COCKTAIL SEMINAR AT MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTILLERY.

LUNCH, COCKTAILS AND A SWEET TREAT ARE ALL INCLUDED!

John Deere

TAKE AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF ONE OF JOHN DEERE'S PRODUCTION FACILITIES.

TWO OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TOUR TIMES!

IN THE AFTERNOON, BOTH GROUPS WILL JOIN FOR A DISCUSSION AND BOOK SIGNING WITH AUTHOR NEIL DAHLSTROM, JOHN DEERE'S HISTORIAN AND ARCHIVIST.

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A HARDCOVER COPY OF MR. DAHLSTROM'S 2022 BOOK "TRACTOR WARS" .

Art

EXPLORE DAVENPORT'S VIBRANT ART SCENE!

TAKE A GUIDED BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR ON THE MAKING OF ARTIST ISABEL BLOOM'S SCULPTURES & ENJOY SOME SHOPPING IN THE SCULPTURE SHOWROOM.

EXPERIENCE CHOCOLATE AS ART WITH A HAND'S ON EXPERIENCE AND TOUR AT THE CHOCOLATE MANOR - ONE OF THE QC'S PREMIER CONFECTIONERS.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON AT THE FIGGE ART MUSEUM WITH A CATERED LUNCH, GALLERY TOUR AND HANDS ON WINE & ART CLASS.



Quad Cities Tour Experiences



Saturday

August 10th

Rock Island Arsenal

THE TOUR BEGINS WITH A STOP AT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER VISITOR CENTER WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE WORLD'S LARGEST ROLLER DAM THAT HOLDS BACK THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI WATERS.

THE NEXT STOP WILL BE AT THE SECOND OLDEST US ARMY MUSEUM. EXPLORE ITS EARLY HISTORY AND THE ARTIFACTS THAT MAKE IT A REGIONAL AND NATIONAL DESTINATION.

Channel Cat Water Taxi

TAKE A RIDE ON THE OPEN-AIR PASSENGER FERRYBOAT.

LANDINGS INCLUDE THE VILLAGE OF EAST DAVENPORT, BETTENDORF'S ISLE CASINO, AND JOHN DEERE COMMONS IN MOLINE.

IASCOE WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM THE HOTEL TO THE VILLAGE OF EAST DAVENPORT LANDING. PURCHASE YOUR ALL-DAY TICKET (\$8) AT THE DOCK.

Freighthouse Farmers Market

INDOOR/OUTDOOR FARMERS MARKET ALONG THE SCENIC MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

HAVE BREAKFAST AND WALK ALONG THE 200+ FARMERS, BAKERS, MAKERS AND ARTISANAL FOOD PRODUCERS TO FIND A SNACK OR SOUVENIR TO TAKE HOME!

THE MARKET IS FIVE CITY BLOCKS FROM THE HOTELS. IASCOE WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE MARKET AS NEEDED.



NASCOE Scholarship Auction

All members are encouraged to source donations for items or donate an item themselves to be auctioned off during the live or silent auction on Thursday night.

The annual NASCOE Scholarship Auction provides funding for the NASCOE scholarships available to NASCOE members and their families. Over \$18,000 in scholarships were awarded across the 8 categories in 2023.

Auction Item Ideas

- Gift baskets
- Jewelry
- Home Decor
- Memorabilia
- Outdoor or Sports Items
- IL local products



Contact Info:

LeAnn Oltmanns

Photos of items being brought to the convention can be sent to LeAnn.Oltmanns@nascoe.org

Ship Items to:

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NEVER ATTENDED A
NASCOE CONVENTION?!
MEMBERS CAN WIN A
\$500 STIPEND TO HEAD
TO THE HEARTLAND
THIS AUGUST!

SUBMISSIONS
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