

FIELD TRIPS

MONDAY, July 1st - Farm Tours and the Role of Farming and Food Insecurity, Grinnell IA

Theme: Food Systems and Climate Change Tour Host: Liz Kolbe

Local Partners: Grinnell Heritage Farm: <http://grinnellheritagefarm.com/>, Bayer Production, Practical Farmers of Iowa

Join local Iowans in a discovery of how our food is made and the interlocking nature of food production, economics, and small town Iowa. Hosted by local Liz Kolbe, participants will have the opportunity to tour Bayer Food production, one of the nation's largest seed facilities and connect with Grinnell Heritage Farm, owned and operated by the Dunham's, an 80 acre farm that has been in the family for 153 years, and is counted amongst the oldest family farms in central Iowa.

Meet at 1PM JRC Info desk to join the tour, return to campus by 4PM.

TUESDAY, July 2nd- Scattergood Friends Historical Tour, West Branch Iowa

Theme: Quaker History Tour Guide: Tom Webber and Michael Luock-Thrams

Local Partner: Scattergood Friends

Scattergood Friends School is a college preparatory boarding and day high school located on 126 rural acres in the greater Iowa City area. The campus features a working organic farm, restored prairie, pastures, and pond. These serve as living laboratories for inquiry and project-based learning. Upon arrival, an organic garden-to-table lunch will be served (30 minutes), followed by a tour by **Thomas Weber**, our host and the Head of School. **Michael Luick-Thrams**, an Iowa historian, will complete your tour with a history of Scattergood's role in World War II as a hostel for Jewish holocaust refugees from Germany and Austria. This field trip will end around 4:15 PM to allow all participants to transport themselves safely back to Grinnell for evening dinner.

Meet at 12:00 JRC Info Desk, Lunch Requests, Snacks provided. Depart at 12:15-12:30PM from JRC, return to campus by 5:30PM. Carpool sign-up (1 hour 20 min), gas donation

Conard Environmental Research Area- Prairie Restoration with Iowa Author Elizabeth Hill

Topic/Theme: Women in Nature, Prairie Tour Guide: Elizabeth Hill

Local Partner: Conard Environmental Research area

The [Conard Environmental Research Area](#) is an exceptional resource for engaging in environmental inquiry, providing inspiration and raw materials for artistic expression, teaching students and community members of all ages about the history and character of our past, present, and future landscape, and serving as a model for land preservation and ecological restoration. Guided by Iowa author Elizabeth Hill, participants will learn about the intertwined practices of conversation, restoration, and how Iowa's landscape has transformed. Take a gentle hike on the tour! CERA is open to the public for hiking, bird watching, photography, painting, drawing, and other facets of the study and enjoyment of nature.

Meet at 1PM JRC Info Desk, return to campus by 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY, July 3rd - Mother Mosque and African American Museum, Cedar Rapids IA

Topic/Theme: Cultural Communities in Iowa

Meet at Info Desk at 12PM pick up lunch, depart at 12:15PM, arrive Cedar Rapids 1:30PM

African American Museum Cedar Rapids

The African American Museum of Iowa is a statewide museum dedicated to preserving, exhibiting, and teaching Iowa's African American history. As Iowa's leading educational resource on the topic, we educate

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more than 30,000 people each year through museum tours, traveling exhibits, research services, youth and adult education programs, and community and fundraising events. The African American Museum of Iowa was founded by a small group of members of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids in 1993. The church provided meeting space and money to launch the organization.

Bus ticket (\$25 round trip) Museum onsite fee: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$2.50 students and youth. Box Lunch requests needed. The trip will conclude around 4:20 PM, returning to Grinnell around 5:40pm.

Historic Mother Mosque

The Mother Mosque of America: This field trip will take you to the oldest mosque in the United States, nestled among a quiet neighborhood of homes in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The trip will bus you to Cedar Rapids, beginning at 12:00 (at the assigned meeting place) and will arrive at the Mother Mosque around 1:20pm where all participants are invited to share a lunch meal of Mediterranean cuisine at the Mother Mosque. Imam Taha Tawil will serve as host for this event, sharing the history of the Mosque and its importance not only to the immigrants who started it but to all of the United States. An informal question and answer period will be provided and, if time allows, an additional visit to the Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids can take place. A donation offering to the Mother Mosque is requested.

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/mothermosque.htm>

Bus Ticket (\$25 round trip), box lunch request, lunch provided onsite (suggested donation \$10). The trip will conclude around 4:10 PM, returning to Grinnell 5:30PM.

THURSDAY, July 4th , Amana Colonies <http://www.amanacolonies.com>

Topic/Theme: Intentional Communities

Tour Guide: Jon Andelson is a local expert on Amanas

An information tour will be hosted by Dr. Jon Andelson, local Grinnellian and professor in anthropology. Fifty miles east of Grinnell on U.S. Highway 6 are the seven Amana Colonies, founded by German Pietists in 1854 as a religious communal society. The villages are strategically located on the community's 26,000 acres of land, which consists of roughly equal amounts of cropland, pasture land, and timber. We will tour the seven villages and learn how the communal system worked, its benefits and drawbacks, and what led to the vote by the members in 1932 to reorganize as a joint-stock corporation and end church control of the community. Stops will include the Amana Heritage Museum, the church, an intact communal era kitchen, a cemetery, and some of the modern businesses that have roots in Amana's communal past, including the woolen mill and the furniture shop. We will have some time for an Amana baked goods snack and to wander the village of Main Amana on your own.

Meet at 12:30PM JRC Info Desk, leaving 12:45pm. Return to campus by 5:15PM. Carpool sign-up (1 hour drive), gas donation

FRIDAY, July 5th - Meskwaki Settlement Cultural Museum - Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi In Iowa

Local Partner: Meskwaki Settlement, Cultural Museum

Topic/Theme: Native American culture

The museum displays many artifacts that have been passed down, as well as other reacquired and repatriated items that have come home over the years. Our displays include – arrowheads, bowls, spoons, other pottery, arrowheads, tools, clothing, jewelry, photographs and other objects. Visitors are educated and receive insight in the tradition and culture of the Meskwaki (sometimes spelled Mesquakie). By sharing our culture, we hope others walk away with open minds and open hearts, able to respect and learn from different cultures such as ours. <https://meskwaki.org/about-us/museum/>

Meet at 1PM JRC Info Desk, return to campus by 4:00PM. Carpool sign-up (25 min drive), gas donation

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