

2021 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

Pre-Conference Tour

American Gothic:

\$75 per person

Capacity: 26

7:30AM – 4:00 PM Monday, June 28, 2021

Stop #1: Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Neal_Smith/

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1990 with ambitious goals and a multifaceted mission. The mission of the Refuge is to actively protect, restore, reconstruct and manage the diverse native ecosystems of tallgrass prairie, oak savanna, and sedge meadow. These were the native habitats existing on the Refuge's 5600 acres prior to Euro-American settlement. The ecosystem also includes a herd of bison to mimic native wildlife.



Stop #2: Vermeer

<https://www.vermeer.com>

Vermeer is a manufacturer of iconic yellow iron seen on industrial jobsites and farm fields worldwide. They have a 3,000-member team found around the world but are headquartered in the heart of the United States. In 1948, a one-man job shop was established on a farm in central Iowa. The man behind it? Gary Vermeer. The second, and now third generations have taken what Gary started and transformed our company into a market-changing powerhouse recognized around the world. tour (what buildings open in June) assembly line? Bldg. 1 & 2

Stop #3: Pella, Iowa

<http://www.pella.org/visit-pella/attractions/>

(Lunch on your own)

Pella is known as America's Dutch Treasure, so you will be able to see reminders of the Dutch heritage everywhere you look. The town has iconic windmills, wooden shoe factories, and Dutch pastries. The town plays host to an annual tulip festival each year. Enjoy the main square with great shopping in Pella's charming boutiques, stores, bakeries and meat markets.

Stop #4: The American Gothic House

<https://americangothichouse.org/american-gothic>

One of the most iconic paintings depicting agricultural life of the 20th century is Grant Wood's *American Gothic*. The house in the painting has been well preserved and along with the visitors' center provide a glimpse into what life was like in the 1930s.

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Fun, exciting and educational, the Kinze Innovation Center appeals to all ages. Adults enjoy the fascinating stories of Kinze breakthroughs while kids see towering farm equipment and innovations come to life. The Kinze Innovation Center showcases Kinze's rich heritage and highlights technology shaping the future of farming. See the first grain cart that all grain carts since have been modeled after. Experience the size and power of "Big Blue", the tractor and its plow that showed the world how to plow. Dig into the technology enabling farmers to plant fields faster and more accurately.

Stop #2: Amana Colonies <https://amanacolonies.com/>

Willkommen! Step away from the outside world and enjoy the authentic German ambiance created by in the Amana Colonies. Experience the unique culture through history, attractions, and shops. No passports required! The Amana Colonies is a National Historic Landmark and one of America's longest-lived communal societies. The seven villages began in 1714 in the villages of Germany and continues today in Eastern Iowa.

Stop #3: Herbert Hoover Birthplace and Presidential Library <https://www.nps.gov/heho/index.htm>

Orphaned at age nine, Herbert Hoover left West Branch, Iowa never to live there again. In later years, he returned to his humble birthplace to celebrate his long career of public service. A memorial landscape remains to tell his story: how community, hard work, honesty, and usefulness to others opened a world of opportunity— and the presidency of the United States— to a child of simple beginnings.

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Post-Conference Tour

Bridges of Madison County:

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7:30AM – 5pm, Friday, July 2, 2021

Stop #1: Bridges of Madison County <http://www.madisoncounty.com/the-covered-bridges/>

Robert James Waller's masterpiece book was made even more iconic when Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep brought *The Bridges of Madison County* to pop culture stardom with their 1995 movie. See three of these covered bridges in person: the Imes Bridge, the Holliwell Bridge, and the Cutler-Donahoe Bridge.

Stop #2: John Wayne Birthplace and Museum <http://www.johnwaynebirthplace.museum/>

The life story of John Wayne began in the small central Iowa town of Winterset. He was born Marion Robert Morrison on May 26, 1907, the son of Clyde and Mary Brown Morrison. The John Wayne Birthplace Museum adjacent to the home allows visitors the opportunity to see the largest diversified exhibit of John Wayne artifacts in existence, including original movie posters, film wardrobe, scripts, contracts, letters, artwork, and sculpture, and even one of his last customized automobiles.

Stop #3: PepperHarrow Farm <https://www.pepperharrowfarm.com/>

This 20-acre farm cultivates local farm fresh flowers. They offer classes and events, do wedding and other event arrangements, host photography sessions, and host yoga-on-the-farm.

Stop #4: Covered Bridges Winery <http://coveredbridgeswinery.com/>

See a 4th covered bridge – the Cedar Bridge on your way to the Covered Bridges Winery. The fertile soils of the North River basin and traditional winemaking techniques combine to elicit the subtle flavors and aromas of native and French-American hybrid grapes. Enjoy a tour of the facility and a wine tasting.