WE’RE SO GLAD YOU’RE HERE!

The Arkansas County Agricultural Agents Association is excited to welcome you to the great state of Arkansas. We’ve worked hard to make sure you have a first class experience here in Little Rock.

Arkansas is known as the Natural State because of its wealth of forests, waterways, wildlife and geographical variety. “It’s a Natural” for hosting the 2016 AM/PIC, especially when you consider that agriculture is Arkansas’ No. 1 industry.

From tonight’s Opening Session through Thursday’s Farewell Dinner, we hope you enjoy the many educational and professional improvement opportunities, as well as fellowship and networking with county agents from around the nation.

You will find the Little Rock River Market District to be an exciting area to spend your down time. There are museums, art galleries, boutiques and let’s not forget the food! There is a wide range of restaurants and pubs (some offering live music) within easy walking distance from the Marriott. Grab a trolley ride down to the Clinton Presidential Library or Heifer International or catch a ball game across the river. There are hundreds of entertainment opportunities for your to choose from!

Again, we’re glad y’all are here. Please let any Arkansas Agent or Specialist know if you need anything, and Woo Pig Sooie!
TOURS: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Participants at this year’s NACAA AM/PIC meeting had a bundle of options for attending pre-conference tours. They were an opportunity to see unique approaches to common challenges.

Tree Streets, a nonprofit dedicated to plant appropriate, long-living trees in Little Rock. (Thanks to UF-Escambia Co.)

Escambia Co., Florida, contingent visiting Pinnacle Mountain State Park just outside of Little Rock during NACAA Pre-Tours. (Thanks to UF-Escambia Co.)

Ag agents on a pre-conference tour of the City of Fayetteville’s biosolids management site. ——(Thanks to Brian Haller)

Gene Sullivan, executive director of the Bayou Meto Water Management Project. (Thanks to Debbie Moreland)
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY

FIRST STOP
Registration Desk! Find us in the State House Convention Center Rotunda from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. We can’t wait to see you!

FIRST TIME?
Is this your first NACAA AM/PIC? If so, be sure to come to the First Timer Orientation and Reception in the SHCC Fulton Room from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

STATE OFFICERS
State Officers, don’t forget about the State Officer Workshop today from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the State House Convention Center (SHCC) Fulton Room.

EXHIBITS/POSTER SESSION
Commercial and Educational Exhibits and Poster Session set up if from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Governor’s Hall I, II, and III.

WELCOME DINNER
Don’t miss our Welcome to Arkansas Dinner in Governor’s Hall I, II, and III tonight from 4:30-6:30 p.m.! Be sure to bring your ticket and refer to it for your serving time.

PARENTS’ ORIENTATION
Sons and daughters, don’t forget the Parents’ Orientation tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Marriott’s Salon A and your Get Acquainted Party from 6:45-9:00 p.m. in Salon A & B!

OPENING SESSION
We are looking forward to kicking off this year’s AM/PIC tonight at the Opening Session & Inspirational Program! Meet us in the SHCC Governor’s Hall IV at 7:00 p.m.

SAY CHEESE!
State Pictures, 8:45-11:00 p.m. See schedule in back of program

SOMEONE SAY ‘ICE CREAM?’
Yup! Ice Cream Social tonight at 8:45 p.m!

GOT GAME?
Take me out to the ballgame! The Arkansas Travelers play several home games this week just across the river at Dickey Stephens Park. It’s an easy stroll across the Broadway St. bridge which is just two blocks west of the Marriott. The Arkansas Travelers are a Class AA affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and they happen to be playing Arkansas’ other minor league team, the Northwest Arkansas Naturals, a Class AA affiliate of the Kansas City Royals.

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Faculty and staff of the Arkansas Extension Service, part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, applying buckets of elbow grease in preparation for the opening day of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents annual meeting and professional improvement conference.

Lots of unboxing, unloading and shoveling went on as the countdown to the opening session ticked on.

The entire county agent schedule for the AM/PIC is now on an app, so you will never miss a session you are interested in! Download the free Eventbase app, and then search “NACAA AM/PIC Little Rock 2016” within the app. The schedule of each days events, links to the website and social media accounts, and useful maps are all available through the app.