IANR Roads Scholar Tour
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**Day 1 – Wed, Aug 8**

6:45 am  Board Bus, Hardin Hall North Parking Lot
  •  3310 Holdrege Street, Lincoln

7:15 am  Depart for Mead *(est drive time 45 mins)*

8:00 am  **Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center (ENREC) – Mead, NE**
  •  ENREC encompasses 53 counties and includes a wide array of research projects and educational programs focusing on beef systems, the learning child, community environment, community vitality initiative, cropping and water systems, food, nutrition and health and 4-H youth development.

9:30 am  Depart for Bellwood *(est drive time 1 hr)*

10:30 am  **Pillen Family Farms, In-Sight DNA Genetics Swine Performance Center**
  •  This $4 million state-of-the-art performance facility gathers specific data points on more than 9,000 boars each year to increase accuracy needed to make industry-leading genetic progress in the area of pork production.
    o  **Cannot be around hogs for 48 hours prior to visit**
    o  **We do not need to shower in or out, but may need to wear foot coverings**

11:40 am  Depart for Columbus *(est drive time 20 min)*

12:00 pm  **Eat Lunch in Columbus**

1:00 pm  Depart for Lindsay *(est drive time 40 min)*

1:40 pm  **Lindsay Corporation** - Lindsay, NE
  •  Dedicated to finding the answers to the challenges of a growing pollution by innovating tools and solution to helping feed the word, being good stewards of the environment and keeping traffic moving along our roadways and railways. Lindsay is the forefront of research and development of products and services designed to meet then needs of a constantly evolving world in the areas of irrigation and infrastructure.
    •  214 East 2nd Street, Lindsay, NE 68644

3:00 pm  Depart for Royal *(est drive time 1 hr, 15 min)*
4:15 pm  **Ashfall Fossil Bed, State Historical Park** – Royal, NE  
• Part of the University of Nebraska State Museum system, Ashfall Fossil Bed is 360 acres of rugged rangeland in the scenic Verdigre Creek Valley. 12 million years ago, a super volcanic eruption in southwest Idaho blanketed northern Nebraska with glassy volcanic ash. This catastrophic even resulted in the death of much of the wildlife. Today the remains of barrel-bodied rhinos, three-toed horses and llama-like camels are still buried in volcanic ash at the Ashfall Fossil Bed. Dozens of perfectly preserved fossil skeletons have been revealed and are on display at the Hubbard Rhino Barn.
  
• 86930 517 Avenue, Royal, NE 68773

5:15 pm  Depart for Orchard  *est drive time 15 min*

5:30 pm  **Dinner at Green Gables**  
• 517 Ave and 865th Road, Orchard, NE

6:30 pm  Depart for Valentine  *est drive time 2 hr, 15 min*

8:45 pm  Check into hotel – End of day 1

**Day 2 – Thurs, Aug 9**

7:00 am  Depart for Fort Robinson State Park  *est drive time 2 hr, 45 min, plus one hour time change*

8:45 am MT  **Fort Robinson Visit**  
• Fort Robinson operated as a fort from the early days of the Old West until after World War II. Many original buildings survive and remain in use at the park today, and others have been reconstructed. Fort Robinson was the site of the 1879 Cheyenne Outbreak and the death of famed Sioux Chief Crazy Horse. Over the years, the fort served the Red Cloud Indian Agency, as a cavalry remount station, K-9 dog training center, POW camp and beef research station. In 1962, it was established as a state park.

10:30 am MT  Depart for Scottsbluff  *est drive time 1 hr, 30 min*

12:00 pm MT  **Lunch at Panhandle Research and Extension Center**

1:00 pm MT  **Panhandle Research and Extension Center Tour** – Scottsbluff, NE  
• 4502 Avenue 1, Scottsbluff
• The Panhandle Research and Extension Center houses 13 faculty of UNL’s
Institute of Agricultural and Natural Resources. Most members of faculty have joint appointments in extension and research. Specialists not only discover new knowledge about crops, livestock, weeds, water, insects, disease or community vitality, but also share this knowledge directly with the public.

3:00 pm MT  Depart for Scotts Bluff Monument  
[est drive time 15 min]

3:15 pm MT  Scotts Bluff National Monument Tour – Scottsbluff, NE
• 190276 Old Oregon Trail, Gering
• Towering 800 feet above the North Platte River, Scotts Bluff has served as a landmark for people from Native Americans to emigrants on the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails to modern travelers. Rich with geological and paleontological history as well as human history, there is much to discover while exploring the 3,000 acres of the monument.

5:00 pm MT  Check into hotel at Hampton Inn & Suites – Scottsbluff, NE
• 301 West Highway 26, Scottsbluff, 308-635-5200

6:00 pm MT  Board bus

6:15 pm MT  Dinner at Legacy of the Plains Museum

7:15 pm MT  Legacy of the Plains Museum Tour
• Located on the Oregon Trail, the museum features an impressive collection of pioneer and early community artifacts, antique tractors and farm implements; an 80-acre working farm; historic farmstead structures; and striking view of Scotts Bluff National Monument.

9:00 pm MT  Board Bus/Return to hotel – End of Day 2

Day 3 – Fri, Aug 10

7:30 am MT  Depart for Ogallala  
[est drive time 2 hrs]

9:30 am MT  Lake McConaughy Visitor/Water Interpretive Center – Ogallala, NE
• The Lake McConaughy Visitors Center and Water Interpretive Center features interactive educational exhibits on the Platte River and High Plains Aquifer.

10:30 am MT  Depart for Paxton  
[est drive time 30 mins]

11:00 am MT  Lunch at Ole’s Big Game Steakhouse - Paxton, NE
12:00 pm MT  Depart for Gothenburg [est drive time 1 hr; minus one hr drive time]

2:00 pm CT  Visit Monsanto Water Utilization Learning Center - Gothenburg, NE  
- The Gothenburg Water Utilization Learning Center was developed to provide answers and solutions to current questions and issues raised in production agriculture. Our focus at the Learning Center is to help farmers achieve their yield and productivity goals with an emphasis on water utilization.

3:00 pm  Depart for Grand Island [est drive time 1 hr, 45 min]

4:45 pm  Raising Nebraska Exhibit Tour – Grand Island, NE  
- Raising Nebraska educates individuals in various parts of agriculture; water conservation, soil health, animal wellbeing, food safety, invention, innovation, economic impact, global food security and more in an engaging and interactive environment.

6:00 pm  Depart for Lincoln, NE [est drive time 1 hr 15 mins]  
- Box lunches on the bus

7:15 pm  Return to Lincoln