Wednesday, May 20, 2015

8:30 a.m.  Arrive at McKimmon Center – 1 carry-on please

9:00 a.m.  Depart for Rutherford/Polk Counties

Reminder: Bring your lunch and a drink for the bus.

1:00 p.m.  FACEBOOK – Wesley Gordon, Chief Engineer; Aaron Theye, BMS Controls Engineer; Stencil Quarles, EHS Risk Engineer; Anthony Bostwick, Facilities Project Mgr.; Julia Harrill, Site Manager

1) Describe Facebook’s Open Compute infrastructure
2) Learn why PUE (Power Usage Effectiveness) is important in Data Center Operations
3) Explain how we achieve our goal of 100% uptime of DC availability

2:30 p.m.  Depart for KidSenses Museum

2:45 p.m.  KIDSENSES MUSEUM – J. Willard Whitson, Executive Director; Joseph Knight, Director of Education and Exhibits

1) Introduce KidSenses as a powerful destination experience for resident and visiting families with young children who learn through play
2) Convey the economic impact of KidSenses on Rutherford County and beyond
3) Describe KidSenses as a leading informal educational resource, with a special emphasis on STEM education

3:45 p.m.  Depart for Isothermal Community College (ICC)

4:00 p.m.  ULTIMATE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING AT ICC – Terri Helmlinger Ratcliff, Vice Provost of Outreach and Engagement

1) Understand what an Ultimate Community Partnership is and why Rutherford was chosen as one of the first sites for this initiative
2) Identify and voice community-driven goals/objectives for the partnership in order to build capacity/a pipeline (K-12 through workforce)
3) Learn how to spread awareness and support for the Ultimate Community Partnership as well as seek membership/involvement

5:15 p.m.  Arrive at Baymont Hotel & Holiday Inn Express

6:15 p.m.  Arrive at The Foundation Performing Arts Center
MINI CINC TOUR RECEPTION
Welcome - Walter L. Dalton, President

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Walter L. Dalton, President

1) Provide tour participants with an overview of the mission and history of Isothermal with a focus on the role of the college in education and workforce development in Rutherford and Polk Counties
2) Understand current partnerships in place between Isothermal and NC State University
3) Highlight Isothermal Community College’s partnership with Rutherford County Schools in innovative education delivery

Overview of State Climate Office/WNCW – Walter L. Dalton

Rutherford County Travel & Tourism Presentation – Michelle Whitaker, Executive Director

8:30 p.m. Return to Baymont Hotel & Holiday Inn Express

Thursday, May 21, 2015
7:45 a.m. Depart for Tryon Equine Hospital

TRYON EQUINE HOSPITAL – Stacy Tapp, Practice Manager; Michelle Klopp, Senior Equine Veterinary Technician; Dr. Bill Hay, DVM, ACBS Diplomat

1) Tour and become educated on the daily operations of Tryon Equine’s referral hospital
2) Understand the important role of the equine veterinarian to both the horse owner and the wellbeing of the horse from educating to overall equine health
3) Provide an overview of Tryon Equine’s wide range of services through advanced technology and extraordinary care

9:30 a.m. Depart for Tryon Equestrian Center

TRYON EQUESTRIAN CENTER – Ashley Erwine – Manager of Lodging, Events and Operations; Mark Bellissimo, CEO; Paige Bellissimo, Assistant to CEO; Jeff Brown, VP Of Facilities; Vaneli Bojkova, VP of Resort and Event Operations

1) Convey employment opportunities and how the facility will continue to grow and provide jobs for local citizens over the years
2) Showcase the different equestrian disciplines that happen on our
show grounds

3) Learn about the vision of the facility and how it has truly been designed from the ground up all with the customer satisfaction as the top priority

11:20 a.m. Depart for Livestock Education Center

11:45 a.m. **LIVESTOCK EDUCATION CENTER** - Jeff Bradley – Rutherford County Cooperative Extension Director

1) Learn about the Livestock Educational program of Rutherford County Cooperative Extension and how it is enhanced by this facility
2) Convey the long-term goals of this site as it is developed into an Agricultural Center for education
3) Gain an understanding of the Mountain Cattle Alliance, a value-added marketing program for beef cattle producers, and how it is boosting the local economy
4) Meet Rutherford County’s local celebrity

12:40 p.m. Depart for Forest City Economic Development Office

12:45 p.m. **MAIN STREET MEETINGS BLDG.** - Lunch (catered by Café at the Mall) and presentation – Amy Bridges, Downtown/Community Development Manager for Forest City, NC; Jan McGuinn, Agricultural Extension Agent, Rutherford County

1:30 p.m. **FLORENCE MILL PROJECT** – Amy Bridges, Downtown/Community Development Manager for Forest City, NC

1) Provide an overview of the history of the Florence Mill complex and how it has contributed or will contribute to the economic development of downtown Forest City
2) Understanding the resources available from NC State University is assisting with the environmental and revitalization challenges of the Florence Mill complex
3) Learn about the importance of future and current partnerships and the ability to leverage funding

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY FARMERS’ MARKET** – Jan McGuinn, Agricultural Extension Agent, Rutherford County

1) Visit the Rutherford County Farmers’ Market networking with growers & artisans learning new strengths of local food systems
2) Understand linkage of proposed Agriculture Innovations and Solutions Center and the NC State Food Manufacturing/Plant initiatives
3) Provide tour participants with an overview of the Farmers Market
proposed expansion of services and economic development for the Town of Forest City

2:00 p.m. Depart for Trelleborg

2:15 p.m. TRELLEBORG COATED SYSTEMS – Dale Owens, HR Manager

1) Understand Trelleborg’s impact globally through our products
2) Gain awareness of how Trelleborg impacts the local area through various products and programs
3) Learn about our polymer coating processes and training needs

4:15 p.m. Depart for Raleigh

6:15 p.m. Quick stop for dinner to go

8:45 p.m. Arrive in Raleigh at McKimmon Center