


**MINI CONNECTING IN NORTH CAROLINA (CINC) TOUR
ITINERARY**

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

6:30 p.m.



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

8:15 a.m.

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

9:45 a.m.

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