

John Deere Factory Tour

Headlines Pre-Congress Activities

Several pre-Congress activities have been scheduled for the 2010 International Snowmobile Congress at Coralville, including a tour Wednesday morning of the John Deere Harvester Works factory in East Moline, Ill.

On Tuesday, the ISC 2010 Planning Committee has scheduled a winery tour wine pairing at the Cedar Ridge Vineyards at nearby Swisher. This will include an evening meal that will also teach you how to pair different wines with the variety of food and different courses. You can see how their small batch distillery works and maybe sample a variety of distilled liquors <http://www.cedarridgedistillery.com> . For more information on the winery, visit www.crwine.com . For more information on the tour, email Angie Sprung at isc2010registration@hotmail.com .



On Wednesday, we will start out the day with a tour of the John Deere Harvester Works factory and John Deere Pavilion. The bus will depart the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at 8 a.m., June 9, and arrive at the factory in time for a 10 a.m. tour. The tours take about 1 1/2 hours, guests must wear closed toed shoes, and the age minimum requirement is 13 years old. Following the tour of the 4 million square foot factory, we take you to the John Deere Pavilion. The cost of the trip is \$40 and includes transportation and a sack lunch provided by the Marriott. Contact Terry Durby at tdurb@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining. A minimum of 40 people is needed for the tour. Sign up soon to guarantee your spot.



After the bus returns from the John Deere tour on Wednesday, the Friends of Snowmobiling Political Action Committee (FOSPAC) will host a Photo Scavenger Hunt and Pub Crawl fundraiser from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the University of Iowa Pub Central. The cost of the event is \$60 per person, and participants are encouraged to wear their favorite college football team colors. Special event t-shirts will be handed out after the event. For more information, go to www.iowasnowmobiler.com and download the registration form, it will be a lot of fun...and don't forget to bring your camera.

Other events in the area Congress weekend include the Kalona Historical Village Antique Show at Kalona, the Iowa Motor Truck Association Truck Show at the Iowa Speedway in Newton and printing and blacksmithing demonstrations at the Amana Colonies. Additionally, the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort is a short 20-minute drive from the host hotel. In addition to our 5,000 miles of snowmobile trails, Iowa has a lot to offer in terms of culture, tourism and agricultural achievements. "Make plans to come early and stay late."