

To: NRD Managers and NARD Board of Directors
From: NARD Staff
Date: January 17, 2024
Re: Washington DC Meeting

Make plans now to attend the NRDs Annual Washington DC meeting, March 16-20, 2024

Deadline for Hotel Reservations – February 15, 2024

***Please note that you will be making reservations and paying for your own rooms this year.**

The hotel rooms will no longer be billed directly to NARD.

Embassy Suites Hotel Washington D.C. Convention Center – 900 10th St. NW, Washington DC, 20001. We have a group rate of \$334 for single/double occupancy. Enjoy the complimentary, full cooked-to-order breakfast each morning in the Finn & Porter restaurant and start your evenings with the nightly Manager's Reception.

Make your reservations by calling 1-800-774-1500 and ask for the NARD Annual Meeting block.

Registration Options – March 1 - DEADLINE, no refunds after this date.

Full Registration (\$625) Includes:

- **Monday** – Meetings, break services, lunch and group tour to Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA. Tour includes lunch at the hotel, charter bus transportation, guided tour ticket, social and dinner.
- **Tuesday** – Meetings, break services and lunch.
- **Wednesday** – Nebraska Breakfast, Senate Dirksen Building (SD): Room B48 / Dirksen Buffet Area, followed by meetings with Nebraska Delegation. *(Breakfast on your own at the Embassy Suites, or hot and cold breakfast items are available for purchase in the Southside Buffet located in the Dirksen building. The building will open at 7:30 a.m.)*

Meeting's only Registration (\$490) Includes:

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Guest tour ticket (\$220) includes:

Monday group tour to Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA. The tour includes lunch at the hotel, charter bus transportation, guided tour ticket, social and dinner.

Use the enclosed form to register or register on line [NARD 2024 Washington DC Meeting | Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts \(nrdnet.org\)](https://www.nrdnet.org)

Outline and tentative Agenda for the Washington DC Meeting, March 16 – 20, 2024

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

March 16-17, Travel days. Enjoy seeing the monuments and museums on your own.

Monday, March 18th

8:30 a.m. Meetings at Embassy Suites Hotel - Washington DC Convention Center, 900 10th St. NW.

11:30 Grab and Go boxed lunch. Board bus for group tour to Gettysburg National Military Park.

1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Gettysburg Museum & Visitor Center. Video and time on your own.

2:45 – 5:30 Board bus for guided tour of Gettysburg National Military Park.

6:00 Social followed by dinner (location to be determined).

8:30 Arrive back at the Embassy Suites hotel.

Tuesday, March 19th

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Meetings at Embassy Suites - Washington D.C. Convention Center

Wednesday, March 20th

6:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own at the Embassy Suites.

7:30 Nebraska Breakfast, Senate Dirksen Building (SD): Room B48 / Dirksen Buffet Area.

Every Wednesday morning while both the Senate and House of Representatives are in session, Nebraskans visiting Washington, D.C. are invited to meet with the Nebraska Delegation. If you choose, hot and cold breakfast items are available for purchase in the Southside Buffet located in the Dirksen building. Guests are encouraged to arrive by 7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meetings with the Nebraska Congressional Delegation, Capital Visitor Center

Some Tentative Agenda items we're working on, and speakers invited:

- Welcome to DC -- Kris Polly and Dale Nellor, Water Strategies
- Agriculture issues of concern -- American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and the National Corn Growers Association
- Updates from the agribusiness organizations - Corteva, National Fertilizer Institute
- Climate Smart Initiatives
- Farm Bill and conservation program discussions – NACD, NRCS and other federal agencies
- Water infrastructure initiatives and financing
- Flood Control Programs
- Water Resources Development
- Water Quality programs and initiatives
- Fish & wildlife programs
- Watershed programs