

Highlights

July 21-25, 2013

Omaha, Nebraska WSLCA Conference

Embassy Suites Hotel in Historic Old Market.
Only 4 miles from Eppley Airfield. Shuttle Service Available.

Walk to over 50 different restaurants, 20 different Pubs or Bars,
live entertainment and speciality shops, all within the Old Market.



SEE YOU IN OMAHA !!

Close to Harrah's and Ameristar Casinos right across the Missouri River.
Casinos provide transportation.

Opening Reception on travelling Missouri River Boat



Conference Topics:

- The Future of Water - Agriculture Use and Marketability
- The Agricultural Economy and Rising Land Values
- Leadership: Dr. Tom Osborne
- Climate Change
- Teaching Cows to Eat Weeds
- Visit to World Famous Henry Doorly Zoo and Banquet in Shark / Fish Tank Room



The Old Market -
Downtown Omaha



Lied Jungle -
Henry Doorly Zoo



Harrah's and
Ameristar Casinos





2013 WSLCA Summer Conference

July 21-24, 2013
Omaha, Nebraska



Delegate & Guest Registration Form

Registration Deadline: **June 21, 2013**

Please use one form per delegate or guest

Delegate Name: _____

Title: _____

Representing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Guest Name: _____

Please indicate any special needs you may have, including dietary: _____

- Delegate Registration (\$400 per person)
- Guest Registration (\$250 per person)

Event Sign up:

- Sunday, July 21st
River Boat Reception
- Wednesday, July 24th
World Famous Henry Doorly Zoo - Aquarium Dinner

Method of Payment

- Bill Me
- Purchase Order # _____
- Check

Make checks payable to: WSLCA - Nebraska Conference
Mail to: WSLCA, 555 North Cotner Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68505

For more information contact:
Shelly Trojan
Phone: 402-471-3144 Ext - 16
E-mail: shelly.trojan@nebraska.gov

Conference Hotel Information

Embassy Suites Hotel
555 South 10th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Online Reservation Request - <http://goo.gl/HwKNq>
The rate is \$134
Call 402-346-9000 to make reservations
The WSLCA room block is available until June 28, 2013

According to tradition we would request each state bring along door prizes.



Attn: Shelly Trojan
555 North Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68505

INVOICE

Name:
Company:
Address:

Invoice #
Invoice Date
Due Date

Delegate Registration	Unit Price	Quantity	Amount
		Subtotal	
		Total	
		Amount Paid	
		Balance Due	

Revised Date: 6/11/2013

OMAHA WSLCA TENTATIVE AGENDA

July 21-24, 2013

Sunday, July 21st

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| 1:00 - 6:00 pm | Registration Desk Open in Convention Lobby Area |
| 3:00 – 6:00 pm | Hospitality Suite Open - Rooms 127-128
Lower Level Atrium |
| 4:00 - 5:30 pm | Executive Committee Meeting
Council Bluffs Room A in Convention Area |
| 6:30 pm Load
6:45 pm Depart | Meet in Lobby for bus transportation to River City Star
Boat Reception
<i>Both outdoors and air conditioned accommodations on boat.
Dress casually.</i> |
| 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Floating Reception on River City Star Boat on Missouri
River.
<i>Picnic Dinner, Beer and Wine, Music and Fellowship</i> |
| 9:00 pm Load
9:15 pm Depart | Load Buses - Transportation back to Embassy Suites.
Arrive at Hotel around 9:30 pm. |
| 9:30 - 10:30 pm | Hospitality Suite Open - Rooms 127-128
Lower Level Atrium |

Monday, July 22nd

- 6:00 - 7:45 am Breakfast - **Lower Level Atrium**
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- 7:30 - 11:30 am
1:30 - 3:00 pm Registration Desk Open in Conference Lobby
- Morning Meeting Held in Missouri Room**
- 8:00 - 8:20 am Welcome by President Jarrod Johnson (South Dakota) followed by Surprise National Historic Figure
- 8:20 - 10:15 am Roll Call of States. Presided over by WSLCA Secretary Lisa Schneider, Utah
- 10:15 -10:30 am Break
- 10:30 – 10:45 pm *Speaker:* Allen Freemyer
Topic: Education Outreach Update
- 10:45 - 12:00 pm *Moderator:* Jarrod Johnson for Executive Committee
Topic: The Future of the WSLCA, a listening session
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm **Lunch in Platte Room**
Speaker: Dr. Tom Osborne, *retired NE Athletic Director / Coach*
Topic: The Dynamics of Leadership

Monday, July 22nd, continued

Afternoon Meeting Held in Missouri Room

Topic: The Future of Water Resources

1:45 - 2:45 pm

Video Presentation: "Great Plains: America's Lingerin Wild"
Acclaimed nationally known photographer Michael Forsberg examines what bits of wildness remain in the 11 states that comprise the Great Plains.

Introduction: Mike Farrell, Nebraska Educational Television Production Manager.

2:45-3:00 pm

Break

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Speaker: Ms. Ann Bleed, Former State Hydrologist and Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Current Board Member of Lower Platte South NRD.

Speaker: Mr. LeRoy Sievers, General Counsel for Nebraska NRD

Topic: Sustaining The Beneficial Uses of Water – Do We Really Care About Our Grandchildren?

Questions and Answers

4:15 - 4:30 pm

Introduction to First WSLCA Olympic Games (State vs. State)

Non-vigorous, but skill-oriented competition between the States. Heckling is not only permitted, but is encouraged. Individual medals per game awarded. The first State to win this elite competition will be awarded what will undoubtedly become a much-coveted traveling Olympic Trophy !

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Hospitality Suite Open - Rooms 127-128

Lower Level Atrium *Wine Tasting from Nebraska Wineries*

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Hotel Management Happy Hour

Lower Level Atrium

Monday, July 22nd, continued

5:30 - 7:30 pm

First WSLCA Olympic Games (State vs. State)

Elkhorn Room – In Conference Area.

Bring your drinks and competitive nature along and plan for an old-fashioned good time!

Dinner on Your Own

7:30 - 10:30 pm

Hospitality Suite Open - Rooms 127-128

Lower Level Atrium

Tuesday, July 23rd

6:00 - 7:45 am Breakfast - [Lower Level Atrium](#)

7:30 - 11:30 am
1:30 - 5:30 pm Registration Desk Open in [Conference Lobby](#)

[Morning Meeting Held in Missouri Room](#)

8:00 - 9:00 am *Speaker:* Dr. Bruce Johnson, University of Nebraska
Professor of Agriculture Economics
Topic: The Future of U.S. Agriculture and Land Values

9:00 – 10:00 am *Video:* "Teaching Cows to Eat Weeds" by Kathy Voth
Introduction: Richard Endacott, Nebraska

10:00 -10:15 am Break

10:15 - 11:30 am *Speaker:* Dr. Clinton Rowe, University of Nebraska
Professor of Climatology
Topic: Climate Change

11:30- 1:15 pm [Lunch in Platte Room](#)

Speaker: Mr. Joe Starita, Pulitzer Prize Nominated Author
"I Am A Man" The story of the trial of Chief Standing Bear
Book Signing from 1:00 – 1:15

[Afternoon Meeting Held in Missouri Room](#)

1:30 - 2:30 pm *Speaker:* Senator Greg Adams,
Speaker of the Nebraska State Legislature,
Topic: The Future of Education

Tuesday, July 23rd, continued

2:30 - 3:30 pm *Speaker:* David Hubbard, The Mediation Center,
Topic: Better Communication in the Workplace

3:30 - 3:45 pm Break

Committee Meetings Held in Big Blue Rooms

3:45 - 5:15 pm Simultaneous Committee Meetings:
Communications Committee – Big Blue Room C
Legal Committee – Big Blue Room B
Subsurface Committee – Big Blue Room A,
Speaker: (State of Texas - on Fracking)

5:30 - 7:30 pm Hotel Management Happy Hour
Lower Level Atrium

6:00 - 7:30 pm Buffet Dinner in Platte Room

7:30 - 10:30 pm Hospitality Suite Open - Rooms 127-128
Lower Level Atrium

Wednesday, July 24th

- 6:00 - 7:45 am Breakfast - [Lower Level Atrium](#)
- 7:30 – 12:00 pm
1:30 – 3:45 pm Registration Desk Open in [Conference Lobby](#)
- [Morning Meeting Held in Missouri Room](#)
- 8:00 – 8:45 am *Speaker:* Les Trobman, General Counsel for Texas Committee on Environmental Quality
Topic: Endangered Species
followed by Panel Discussion
- [Committee Meetings Held in Big Blue Rooms](#)
- 8:45 – 10:15 am Simultaneous Committee Meetings
Asset Management Committee – [Big Blue Room A](#)
Legislation Committee – [Big Blue Room B](#)
Submerged Lands Committee – [Big Blue Room C](#)
- 10:15 -10:30 am Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 pm Simultaneous Committee Meetings
Resolutions Committee – [Big Blue Room A](#)
Surface Committee – [Big Blue Room B](#)
Land Exchange Committee – [Big Blue Room C](#)

Wednesday, July 24th, continued

- 12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch on Your Own
- Business Meeting Held in Missouri Room**
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm Business Meeting
- 4:00 pm Load
4:15 pm Depart **Meet in Lobby** for bus transportation to Henry Doorly Zoo,
Reception and Banquet
- Dress casually with comfortable shoes*
- 4:30 - 6:30 pm Visit to World Famous Henry Doorly Zoo
- Explore on your own but save Aquarium for Reception
and Banquet Dinner*
- 6:30 - 7:00 pm **Reception in Aquarium Building**
- 7:15 - 9:30 pm Steak and Chicken Duet Dinner under **Aquarium Shark Tank.**
Meet Lucias the Penguin and Explore the Aquarium
- 9:30 pm Load
9:45 pm
Depart Load Buses - **Meet in Aquarium Lobby**
Return to Hotel around 10:00 pm
- 10:15 - Midnight **Hospitality Suite Open - Rooms 127-128**
Lower Level Atrium

Thursday, July 25th

6:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast - **Lower Level Atrium**

8:30 - 11:00 am Registration Desk Open in **Conference Lobby**

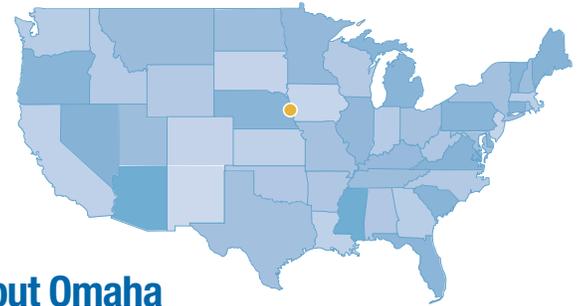
9:00 - 11:00 am **Hospitality Suite Open - Rooms 127-128**
Lower Level Atrium

Check out 12:00 pm



Distance from other cities (in miles)

Cheyenne, WY	498		Indianapolis, IN	608	
Chicago, IL	469		Minneapolis, MN	379	
Dallas, TX	663		Oklahoma City, OK	461	
Denver, CO	540		Rapid City, SD	525	
Des Moines, IA	135		St. Louis, MO	436	
Kansas City, MO	184		Wichita, KS	307	



Quick Facts

Population: Omaha: 427,872, • Metro Area: 877,110

Nebraska's largest city • 42nd largest city in the United States

Located in Douglas County, NE

History

Founded in 1854 by land speculators, Omaha was incorporated as a city in 1897. Omaha, named after an American Indian tribe, means "those going against the wind or current."

Historic Sites

Fort Omaha is best known for its role in the 1879 landmark trial of Ponca chief Standing Bear. Standing Bear was arrested while trying to bury his son near the tribe's homeland along the Niobrara River. At the trial Civil War General George Crook, in his full military regalia, spoke on behalf of the Ponca chief. The court ruled in favor of Standing Bear, which represented the first time the Indian was recognized as a person under the law.

Boys Town • This well-known landmark is a national treasure and historic children's home founded in 1917 by Father Flanagan. Boys Town now assists over 400,000 children each year. .

The **Old Market** is Omaha's historic art, shopping and dining district. In the 1880s it served as a manufacturing, industrial warehouse and wholesale jobbing area.

The **Gerald R. Ford Birth Site and Gardens** is a memorial to our country's 38th President.

The **Malcolm X Birth Site** is a memorial to the civil rights leader and his contributions to our country.

The **Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters** archives the journeys and hardships faced by the Mormon pioneers who stopped in Omaha en route to Utah.

About Omaha

Five Fortune 500 headquarters:

- Berkshire Hathaway
- Union Pacific Railroad
- ConAgra Foods
- Peter Kiewit Sons' Construction
- Mutual of Omaha Insurance

Fortune 1,000 headquarters:

- TD Ameritrade
- West Corporation
- Werner Enterprises
- Valmont Industries

"Omaha ranks eighth among the nation's 50 largest cities in both per-capita billionaires and Fortune 500 companies. No coastal city can claim a ranking as high as Omaha on both lists." – **USA Today**

Billionaire investor **Warren Buffett** calls Omaha home. Buffett's local holdings include Borsheims, the nation's largest independent jewelry store and Nebraska Furniture Mart, America's single largest home furnishing store.

Omaha is a leader in the telecommunications and information services industries, with 1,000 companies employing over 50,000 people. If you're calling for a hotel reservation – chances are you're calling Omaha – home to the Hyatt, Marriott, Radisson and Omni reservation centers.

Union Pacific's Harriman Dispatching Center assists in monitoring a nationwide railroad network composed of 25,707 miles of track and up to 2,200 trains.

Two major research hospitals: **Creighton University Medical Center** and the **University of Nebraska Medical Center** – one of the world leaders in solid-organ transplants.

Omaha Steaks – A family owned business since 1917; it has grown to become the nation's largest direct marketer of high quality steak and frozen gourmet products.

Saddle Creek Records, one of the hottest Indie rock recording labels in the country, launching the careers of Conor Oberst, Bright Eyes and Cursive. Their distinct music is known as the "Omaha" sound.



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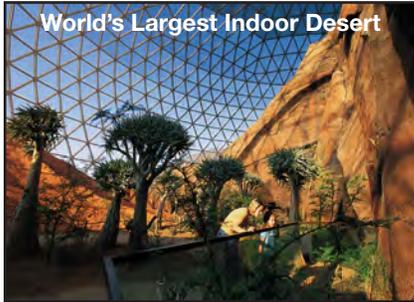
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CenturyLink Center Omaha



The Old Market



World's Largest Indoor Desert



Heartland of America Park



America's Largest Indoor Rainforest

Points of Interest

The Old Market • Omaha historic art, shopping and dining district. Cobblestone streets lined with unique boutiques, eclectic shops, antique emporiums, and restaurants serving one-of-a-kind chef prepared dishes. The Old Market features some of Omaha's most vibrant night life.

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium brings visitors face to face with over 900 different species. Explore the world's largest indoor desert inside the world's largest geodesic dome, next to the America's largest indoor rainforest. Also at the internationally renowned zoo is the newly renovated Scott Aquarium featuring a 70 foot tunnel with sharks circling above. *Skyfari* – a ski lift ride soaring 40 feet in the air over giraffes, monkeys, cheetahs and more.

The **Joslyn Art Museum** features work from antiquity to the present, with an emphasis on 19th and 20th century European and American art. Highlights of the permanent collection include works by Edgar Degas, Claude Monet, and Jackson Pollack.

Climb into history at **The Durham Museum** – both a Smithsonian affiliate and meticulously preserved Art Deco train station. Families can see, touch and experience history through world-class permanent and traveling exhibits.

Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts • Ever-changing, art exhibitions are the cornerstone of the Bemis. Experience works by both seasoned artists and new talent in an airy, studio-like, artist-in-residence atmosphere.

The award winning **Omaha Children's Museum** attracts national children's exhibits and provides families with educational hands-on activities.

Hot Shops Art Center allows visitors to explore their inner artist while witnessing glass blowing, iron forging and sculpture demonstrations.

El Museo Latino • The first Latino art and history museum and cultural center in the Midwest. This cozy, culturally intensive establishment is as authentic as the Hispanic restaurants and shops surrounding it.

Loves Jazz and Arts Center • Catch the heritage of jazz in a district where Duke Ellington, Count Basie and others once played. An 8,000 sq. ft. art and jazz center committed to the preservation, funding and advancement of the African American arts.

Boys Town • This historic landmark features an extensive campus, *Hall of History* museum (showcasing Spencer Tracy's Academy Award for the 1938 movie *Boys Town*), gardens and Dowd Chapel, serving as a shrine to founder Father Flanagan.

The **Strategic Air and Space Museum** includes 300,000 sq. ft. dedicated to the nation's most prized and rarely displayed military aircraft.

CenturyLink Center Omaha • Convention center and arena attracts big name talent while providing a spacious technology rich venue for conventions. The 250,000 sq. ft. facility is complimented by the \$2 million public art project, 'Illumina.' The display consists of more than 40 sculptures that are inspired by the 13th Century Carnival of Venice designed by artist Matthew Placzek.

The **Holland Performing Arts Center** is considered one of the best sounding concert halls in the country. Inspired by the legendary Musikverein in Vienna, the Holland attracts top national performers.

Film Streams at Ruth Sokolof Theater offers a unique movie experience. Dedicated to independent, documentary and foreign films as well as director retrospectives. Academy Award winning director Alexander Payne serves on the advisory board.

The largest community theater in the United States, the **Omaha Community Playhouse** helped launch the careers of Henry Fonda, Dorothy McGuire and Tony Award winner, John Lloyd Young who played Frankie Valli in Broadway's *Jersey Boys*.

Named 2008 Club of the Year by Esquire magazine, **The Slowdown** attracts national Indie Rock bands including nationally known, locally grown *Bright Eyes*, *Cursive* and *The Faint*.

Downtown Omaha continues to thrive with billions of dollars being invested into new developments. The new **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge** s-curves its way across the Missouri River. The first pedestrian bridge to link two states, "Bob the Bridge" connects over 150 miles of trails on both sides. Omaha's bridge landing features a \$2 million plaza boasting art, an amphitheater and River Critters playground equipment for children. A fiber optic wave sculpture designed by Japanese artist Makoto Sei Watanabe and a dancing waters display with 26 water jets shooting into the air create a fun family-friendly atmosphere.

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center • Escape the ordinary while strolling through over 100 acres of lush fragrance, rare foliage and incredible works of art woven into nature.

The 31-acre **Heartland of America Park** features a spectacular fountain, 300 ft. water jet and light show, gondola rides and outdoor concerts.

TD Ameritrade Park • The \$126 million stadium features 24,000 seats, 26 suites and an expansive Fan Fest area. The new home of the NCAA College World Series, TD Ameritrade Park is within walking distance of CenturyLink Center Omaha, the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge and the Old Market entertainment district.



Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge