

**2023 SASES Regional Conference Bid**  
**Wheat State Agronomy Club**  
**Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS**

Located in the heart of the nation, the Wheat State Agronomy Club, in cooperation with the Kansas State University Department of Agronomy, would be thankful for the opportunity to host the 2023 SASES Regional Conference. Surrounded by one of the largest native tallgrass prairie reserves in the United States, Manhattan, Kansas offers unique biodiversity and endless opportunities for student enrichment. Our goal for this conference will be to provide attendees with a meaningful experience that will enhance their knowledge, strengthen their passion for agriculture and environmental science, and connect them with leaders from across the country. Students will be engaged through several fascinating industry tour opportunities, engaging speakers, and professional networking sessions. Our group of motivated students, engaged faculty, and distinguished alumni are ready, willing, and excited to welcome the 2023 SASES Regional Conference to Manhattan, Kansas, and Kansas State University.

**Schedule**

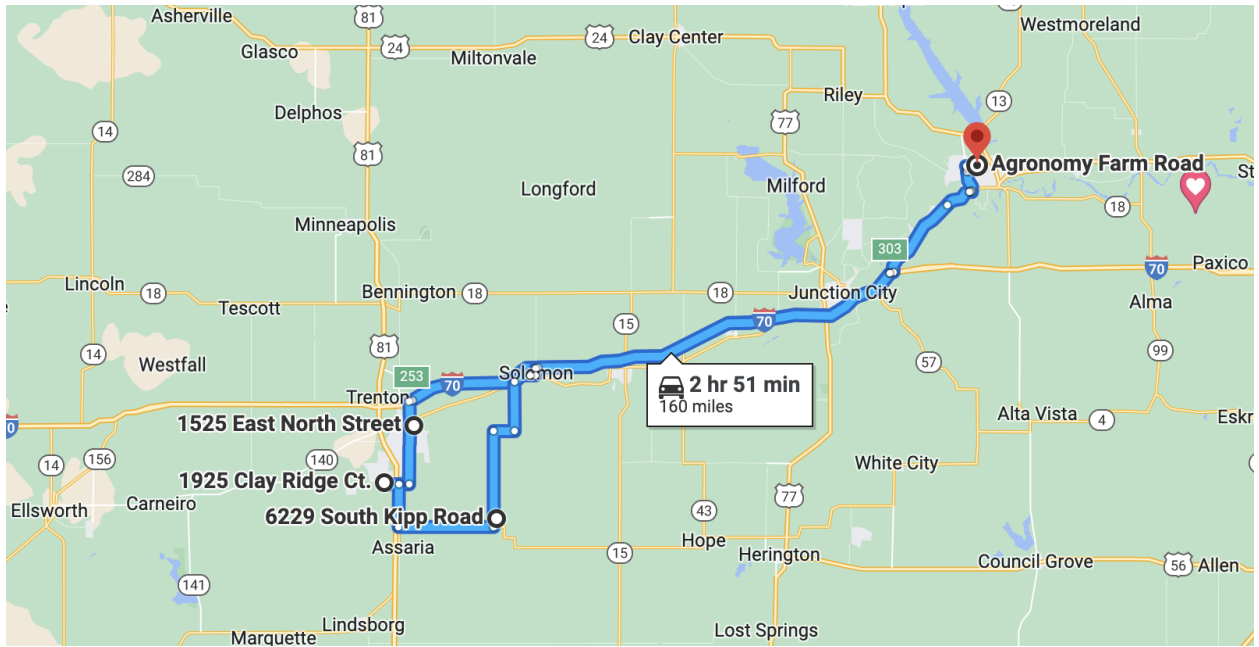
<b>Thursday (Kansas State Agronomy Farm)</b>	Time
Check-in (campus and farm tours provided for those that come earlier than 6:30)	6:30 - 8:00
Social with snacks	
Welcome speech	8:00 - 8:30
<b>Friday (Various places)</b>	
Tours	8:00 - 4:00
Entertainment (axe throwing, games, social hour @ the farm)	6:00 - 11:00
Dinner	6:30
<b>Saturday (Kansas State Student Union)</b>	
Meetings (National Officers and Presidents)	various times
Speakers	various times
Crops Contest	10:00
Formal Dinner	6:00
Guest Speaker	7:00

## Tours

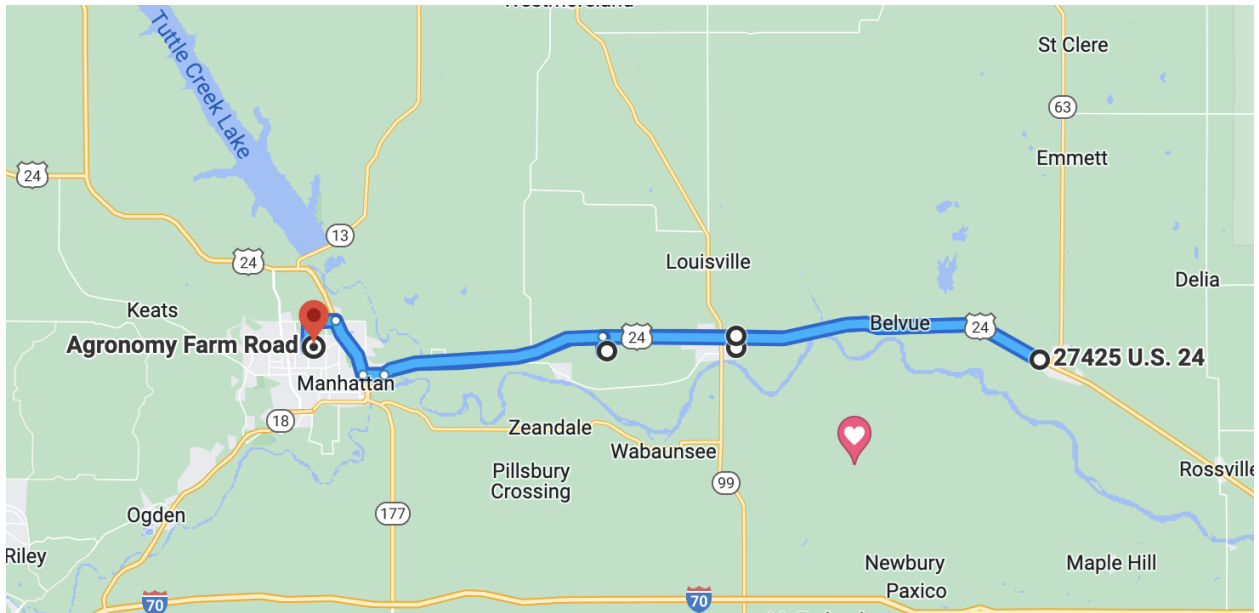
Below highlights the tours that we would like to offer. We have a variety of options including seed companies, mills, family farms, tall grass prairie, and machinery. As these may be subject to change, we believe these locations highlight the points of Kansas agriculture.

<b>Tour one (Salina)</b>
Great Plains
Veris
Justin Knopf
<b>Tour Two (Wamego)</b>
CAT
John Deere // Kanequip
JB Pearl
Corteva
<b>Tour Three (Junction City)</b>
Syngenta
Agri Trails
Konza Prairie
Phillips Seed
<b>Tour Four (Manhattan)</b>
Wheat Innovation Center
Grain Science
Flour Mill
Foundation Seed

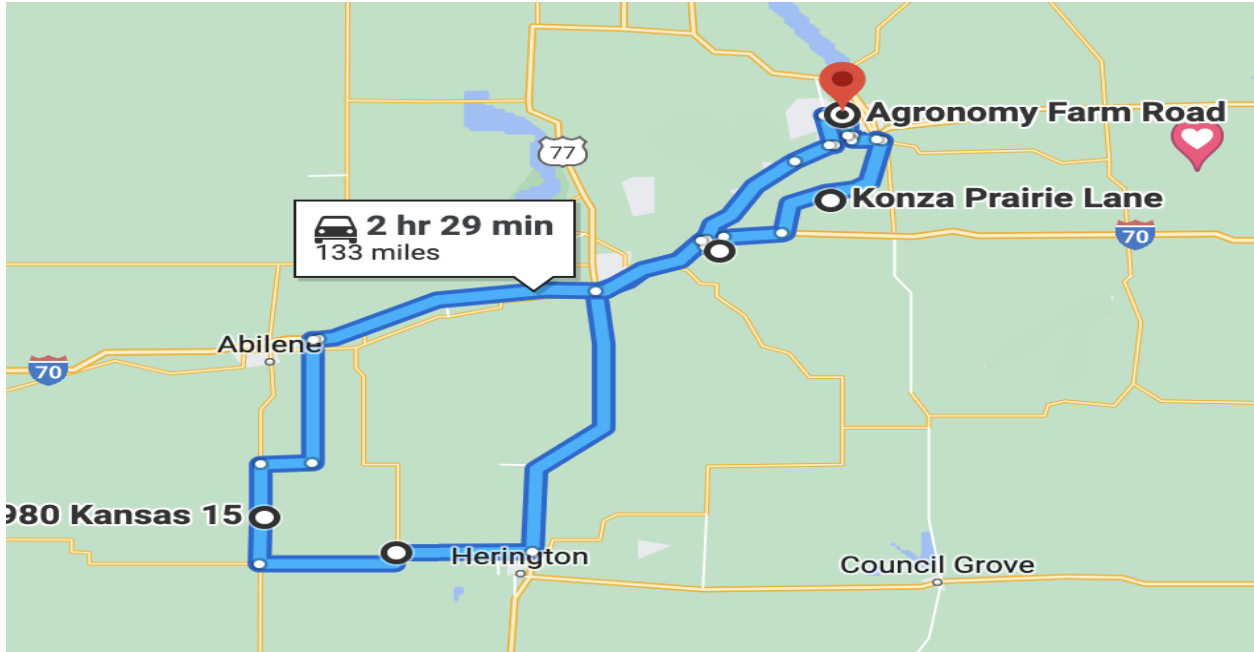
## Tour 1



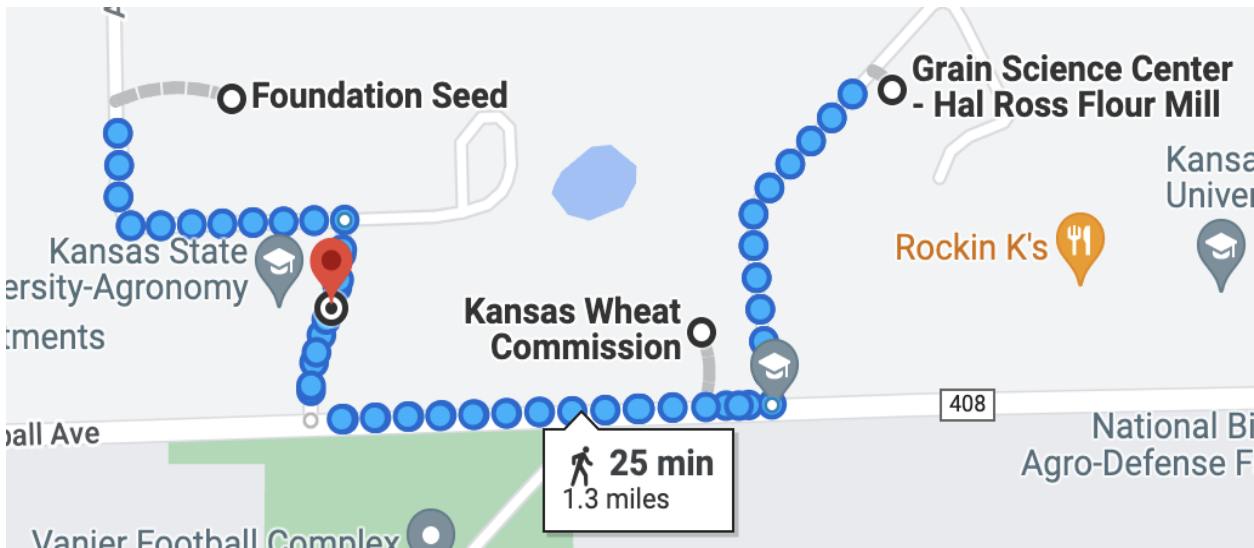
## Tour 2



### Tour 3



### Tour 4



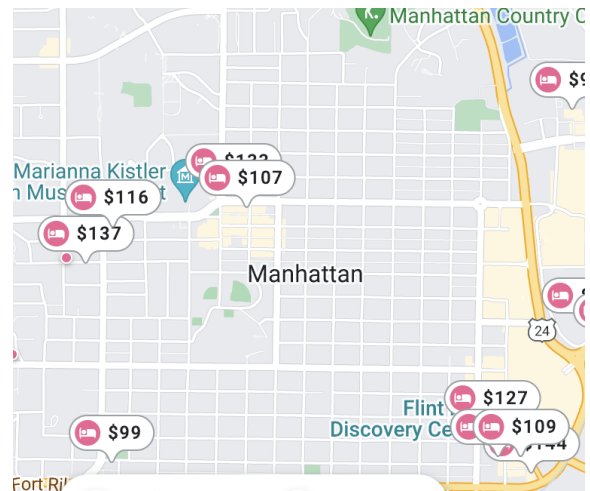
## Venues

With our new building at the agronomy farm and many rooms in the student union we have a wide range of free options for venues and meeting spaces.



## Lodging

Our recommendation for lodging will be the Holiday Inn on campus. With easy access to campus it is located right across from the student union. There are many other options around Manhattan including a Hilton Garden Inn, Candlewood Suites, and many Marriott options.



## Budget

Below we have budgeted for 200 people. These prices have been overestimated to ensure we collect enough money from sponsors. We have decided to do most business with local companies that we use often. We have a long list of anticipated sponsors that we believe will be more than willing to help us!

Item	# of units	Price
Tshirts	200	2,500
Welcome Bags	200	1,600
Thursday Dinner/Snacks	200	1,500
Tour Transportation	1	8,000
Tour Lunches/Snacks	200	3,000
Friday Entertainment	1	2,000
Friday Dinner	200	2,800
Saturday Breakfast	200	900
Saturday Lunch	200	2,400
Saturday Dinner	200	2,500
Speaker fees	1	2,000
Total		29,200

## Membership & Timeline

We have around 52 due paying members in the club with roughly 50% of them being active. With interest from 16 of those active members we have formed a committee and delegated jobs within the committee. If we win this bid those individual jobs will ensure that everything gets the attention it deserves. We would like to have everything done and booked by the end of the Fall 2022 semester. This will allow us to have enough time to follow up and ensure everything runs smoothly before the event in April.

## Speaker ideas

Alumni Panel - range of occupations

National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility representative

Courtney Dehoff (possible keynote speaker for Saturday dinner)

Green Cover Seed

Numerous individuals at our university

If there are any questions please feel free to reach out.

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\*\*All plans are subject to change depending on availability and funds.