



## COMPASS POINT TOURS

### 1. North Tour (Portage & Marathon Counties)

This tour will stop at a local farm to highlight the work of the Dairy Modernization Team and AHORA (Alliance for Hispanic/Latino Outreach and Regional Awareness). Then you will travel to Country Fresh Meats in Weston, where you will learn about meat judging from Marathon County 4-H members and get a chance to judge the meats yourself. During this tour you will also learn more about the woodland management program and the Lincoln County social norms project.

### 2. East Tour (Waupaca Area)

Participants on the East Tour will travel to the Waupaca area. On ride over, you will hear about the Little Plover River Water Quality project. Once you're in Waupaca, you'll meet up with the Guest Tour participants at the Waupaca County Public Library where you will have a chance to view their new Youth Room. Afterwards, you will learn about the Shawano County Rural Health Initiative/Farm Safety program. Then it's back to Stevens Point for a tour of a local fish farm before heading back to the Holiday Inn.

### 3. South Tour (Hancock Research Station)

The South Tour provides an overview of the Hancock Research Station where UW-Extension and College of Agriculture programming converges. On the ride to Hancock, you will watch a video on the Strengthening Families program, presently being held in five counties within the Central District. Once at the Research Station, there will be an opportunity to take a wagon ride around the station grounds that includes a stop at the new potato storage and research facility.

You will also get to "try on" roles as Extension clients. We are including a "hands-on" session of what Extension's clientele actually experience. You'll learn about Plant Science Days and the Central Wisconsin Rural Safety program. Then you'll learn how Waushara, Green Lake and Marquette counties are working together on economic development, tourism and leadership programs. Along the way, participants will learn more about Family Living programs that cover clients across the lifespan through displays and discussion. Home & Community Educators and Master Gardeners will be present to talk about their volunteer roles with Extension. Wisconsin Nutrition Education staff will highlight a program that is conducted at the Twilight Garden Walk at the Research Station.

#### **4. West Tour (Wood County area)**

Join us on a tour of the Wood County Fairgrounds, including the Master Gardeners gazebo. You'll be able to tour the various fair buildings, ending at the Round Barn. In the process you'll learn more about Home and Community Education projects, the Feed the Need program and the Raising Healthy Eaters program. We'll then move on to the Central Wisconsin Sportsman Club for a 4-H shooting sports demo and the George W. Mead Wildlife Area for a tour and presentations on hunting access, Upham Woods camp and other 4-H and Family Living programs. The Mead Wildlife Area contains nearly 30,000 acres of wetlands, forests and grasslands. More than 267 species of birds inhabit or migrate through the Mead area each year.

#### **5. World Café (Optional Hotel Workshop)**

The World Café is a simple way of hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as participants move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important to the group. The goal is thinking together and creating actionable knowledge.

Cooperative Extension World Café will be an opportunity for county board members and Extension personnel to come together in short, brief sessions to explore questions that matter to them. A series of tables hosted by Extension educators will set the context of the discussions. Our hope is to take a critical look at how Cooperative Extension can best position itself as the Gateway to the Future for the people of Wisconsin. Your thoughts will be captured and shared with Extension Colleagues throughout the state in an effort to build on the great work of our county offices.

#### **6. Guest Tour-Portage & Waupaca Counties**

Our tour begins with a stop at Herrschners, where all your crafting needs can be met in one place. Herrschners has been in business for 103 years, selling crafting items online, through catalogs and in their retail store. After this shopping stop, we will go to the Stevens Point Brewery for a tour and a short stop for refreshments. The Stevens Point Brewery has been brewing for more than 150 years and currently serves both soda and beer products. Next, we'll go to Waupaca, where we will have lunch and take a boat tour on the beautiful Chain O' Lakes. Next we will go to the Waupaca County Public Library to view the new Youth Room and learn about Youth in Governance. Our last stop will take a look at and learn more about Community Gardens