

Mobile Learning Workshops and Other Activities for CDS / RSS Conference Participants
Thursday, July 28, 2011 *(Details subject to change; all trips end by 4:15 pm)*

Field Trip / Activity Capacity / Length	Description
<p>Community-Level Impacts of Idaho's Large-Scale Dairy Industry</p> <p>~8 hours total Bus trip ~2.25 hrs each way Lunch provided</p>	<p>Since the mid 1990s, Idaho's dairy industry and workforce have grown considerably and been concentrated mainly in the Magic Valley, two hours east of Boise. This field trip will explore how the industry has impacted small communities in the Magic Valley, with a focus on local economies, schools, health care providers, justice systems, and culture. We'll visit a large dairy farm and visit with community leaders and representatives of Idaho's Latino community.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Idaho Dairymen's Association & RSS Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research & Interest Group (SAFRIG) COST: no charge – covered by sponsors</p>
<p>From Timber to Recreation and Tourism: Two Development Approaches</p> <p>~8 hours total Bus trip ~1.5 hrs each way Lunch provided</p>	<p>The economy in small towns north of Boise along the Payette River once depended on the timber industry. With mills closed and fewer jobs in the woods, communities have turned to recreation and tourism for economic opportunities. Tamarac Resort is a four-season destination resort that opened several years ago but is now in bankruptcy proceedings. Kelly's Whitewater Park grew out of a more community-based approach to development and was launched in 2010 with major funding from a local donor. This field trip will explore the different approaches represented by these two developments and other local activities intended to improve economic prosperity.</p> <p>Sponsored by the RSS Natural Resources Research Group (NRRG) COST: \$ 20 / person</p>
<p>Diversity in the Desert: A Collaborative Approach to Workforce Devt</p> <p>~4 – 5 hours total Bus or van ~45 min each way Lunch provided</p>	<p>This tour will explore workforce development strategies in a region home to one of the nation's largest refugee communities and a rapidly growing Latino population. We will visit META (Microenterprise Training Assistance), Create Common Good (community garden, CSA, training assistance) and COSSA (Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency) a cooperative effort of five rural school districts that provides professional-technical education.</p> <p>Sponsored by the RSS Rural Studies and Rural Policy RIGs COST: \$20 / person</p>
<p>Caldwell Downtown Revitalization</p> <p>~3-4 hours total Bus or van ~45 min each way Lunch provided</p>	<p>This tour will visit downtown Caldwell, a community 45 minutes west of Boise. Two restoration projects (Indian Creek and the Train Depot) are aimed at redeveloping Caldwell's sense of place and community, after the demise of downtown over the last two decades. Spend the afternoon with community leaders and hear how they are breathing life back into downtown. Top the afternoon off with a stop at the Coyote Wine Tasting Room to sample some of the area's wines.</p> <p>Sponsored by the RSS Rural Policy RIG COST: \$20 / person</p>
<p>Local food systems: From Farm to Plate</p> <p>~4-5 hours total</p>	<p>The Treasure Valley Food Coalition, University of Idaho, and Capital City Development Corporation are among the many organizations working with entrepreneurs to expand and support the region's food system. Participants in this tour will begin with lunch at a locally sourced restaurant, visit a farm that relies on the regional market, stop at a winery, and talk with the CCDC director about Boise's</p>

Bus or Van	successful farmers' market.
Lunch provided	Sponsored by RSS Sociology of Agriculture & Food Interest Group (SAFRIG) COST: \$20 / person
Boise Walking tours	Boise, the center of commerce and government in Idaho, offers a rich selection of walking tours. Tour guides include Dan Everhart, Architectural Historian and Cultural Resource Manager, Idaho Transportation Department; Todd Shallat, PhD, Director of the Center for Idaho History and Politics, Boise State University; Karen Bubb, Public Arts Manager, City of Boise and Chris Blanchard, Historian, Boise State University. Possible tours include: -WPA architecture -Public art -Branch library system in neighborhoods -Urban renewal -Ethnic landmarks highlighting the cultures that founded and settled Boise – Shoshone-Bannock, Irish, Spanish, German, Chinese, Basque, Bohemian, African American and Greek.
2 hours	Nominal cost \$5
Futures Game with Innovative Leadership Australia / USA	For RSS and CDS conference participants who are more inclined to stay close to their hotels, David Beurle and Juliet Fox from Innovative Leadership Australia / USA will host a session of the Futures Game. This interactive, fast-paced game explores how regional and local decisions shape our economic, environmental and community well-being. Working in teams, participants are challenged to make decisions about contemporary issues including land use, workforce, and economic development.
No travel	
2 hours	Nominal cost \$5



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