

2016 Noble Foundation Tour

Multi-County—Noble Foundation Tour

Ardmore, Oklahoma

May 25 & 26, 2016

Cost—\$75.00 per person, plus 2 meals and lodging!

(Cost includes transportation and Noon meal on the tour)

Registration is due by May 4, 2016

For more information and to register, go to;

<http://gregg.agrilife.org/files/2015/11/noble.pdf>



580-226-7100

By May 5th!!!

Sponsored by the following Texas A&M AgriLife Extension county offices;

Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk & Upshur Counties

Feel free to call any of these office if you have a question!

The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation is an independent, nonprofit institute headquartered in Ardmore, Okla. Founded in 1945, the Noble Foundation conducts direct operations, including assisting farmers and ranchers, and conducting plant science research and agricultural programs, to enhance agricultural productivity regionally, nationally and internationally.

Employing more than 360 persons, the Noble Foundation conducts its operations through the activities of three operating divisions:

Agricultural Division: Serving a 47-county area within a 100-mile radius of the Noble Foundation's headquarters in Ardmore, Okla., the Agricultural Division assists more than 1,700 regional farmers and ranchers in achieving their individual financial, production, stewardship and quality-of life goals.

The Forage Improvement Division translates basic plant science research into tangible plant varieties. Within the institution, the Forage Improvement Division serves as a link between the discoveries in the laboratory and the field, where such discoveries are intended to enhance agricultural outcomes in Oklahoma and around the world.

Trip & Tour Information...

We will be travelling by charter bus with pickup points in Carthage, Marshall and Longview (depending on participation from producers). The \$75.00 fee is for transportation for the trip and the noon meal while on the tour. Other meals and lodging is not included. We will have the last pickup point in Longview, travel to Ardmore, Oklahoma, eat supper, then check in for the night at the hotel. The next morning, we will then leave early, travel to the Noble Foundation, tour all day, then travel back home, eating supper on the way back. Plans are to have a noon meal at the foundation during the tour and is included in the registration fee of \$75.00. **NOTE:** We need to have 42 people for this to work, so seriously think about this, we would love to have you participate, have fun and enjoy a good trip with us! Registration is due no later than May 4, 2016 at 5:00 PM. We will be staying at the Spring Hill Suites in Ardmore Oklahoma.

Hotel Reservations, Call 1-580-226-7100 to make your reservations, rooms are \$89.00 plus tax per night. They will be holding 30 rooms for us, if you want to save more money, you can split the room cost with a roommate. Use the wording **"Noble Foundation Tour"** when calling to make your reservations!

Spring Hill Suites—580-226-7100 by May 5th at the latest!!!



2016 Multi-County Noble Foundation Tour Travel Itinerary

Wednesday, May 25th

1:00 pm – Pick up participants at Marshall Convention Center –
2501 S East End Blvd. Marshall, TX.

2:00 pm – Pick up participants at Gregg County Extension office (Back Parking lot) 405
East Marshall Ave. Longview, TX.

Travel to Ardmore, Oklahoma

6:00 pm - Arrive in Ardmore;
Eat Supper – TBD

Travel to Spring Hill Suites – Ardmore
2501 Centennial Dr. N
Ardmore, OK 73401

Thursday, May 26th

7:00 am – Depart for Noble Foundation
2510 Sam Noble Parkway, Ardmore, OK

7:30 am – Arrive at Noble Foundation

All Day – Tour Several Sites on Tour (See detailed tour schedule on Page 2)

4:00 pm – Depart Noble Foundation and head home...

7:00 pm – Supper on the way home...

9:00 pm – Arrive in Longview

9:45 pm – Arrive in Marshall



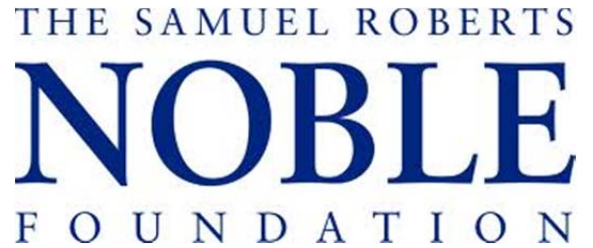
Itinerary for Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk & Upshur Counties

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016
 Contact: Randy Reeves, dr-reeves@tamu.edu,
 Guests: 30-40

Thursday, May 26

7:30 am	Arrive to Noble Foundation	
7:35 am	Welcome & Noble History Overview	Mary Howard
8:05 am	Consultation Program	Hugh Aljoe
8:30 am	Transport Memorial Pond	
8:35 am	The BoarBuster	Josh Gaskamp
9:00 am	Center for Pecan & Specialty Ag	Charles Rohla
9:15 am	Transport to Hort Center	
9:20 am	Pecan Industry & Research	Charles Rohla
9:50 am	Hoop House Construction	Steve Upson
10:25 am	Raised Beds	Steve Upson
11:00 am	Lunch & Integrity Beef Program Kruse Auditorium	Robert Wells
12:00 pm	Depart for Pasture Demonstration Farm	
12:30 pm	New/ Forage Measurement Technology for Cattle Production	James Rogers
1:15 pm	Pond Fencing with Livestock Water Access Points	Mike Porter
1:45 pm	Beaver Enclosures	
2:15 pm	Depart for Oswalt Ranch	
3:00 pm	Cattle Handling Facility – Live Demo	Devlon Ford
3:30 pm	GrowSafe System	Bryan Nichols
4:00 p.m.	Depart Noble Foundation	

**2016 Noble Foundation
Multi-County Tour
May 25 & 26, 2016**



The program registration fee for the 2016 Noble Foundation Tour is \$75.00 per person. This includes Charter bus transportation and the Noon meal on the tour itself. Participants will have to pay for their own lodging and two meals, Wednesday evening and coming home Thursday night. Please fill out the registration form and mail with your check. Make sure that you call Spring Hill Suites and reserve you room for Wednesday night, May 25th!! (You might want to also have a roommate to lower the cost...)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____

How many in your group _____ X \$75.00 = _____ Total Fee

Please complete the registration form and mail back to the address below by May 4, 2016 with your check made payable to;

Gregg, Harrison & Upshur Ag Fund

Gregg County Extension Office
c/o Noble Foundation Tour
405 East Marshall Ave. Suite 101
Longview, TX. 75601