

# AN INVITATION TO EXHIBIT & SPONSOR

# 2024 NC Agritourism Farm Tour & Conference

18th Annual Conference / Dates: February 19-20, 2024 Doubletree by Hilton New Bern - Riverfront, New Bern, NC

We are pleased to invite you to participate in our upcoming 2024 NC Agritourism Networking Association Farm Tour & Conference as a vendor and/or sponsor. Our vendors are always a top priority for us as we create a valuable educational and networking experience for conference attendees. The 2024 Farm Tour and Conference has great networking opportunities as we have an exciting agenda in the works. The conference, with workshops, keynote speakers and presentations will take place at the Doubletree by Hilton New Bern - Riverfront hotel. Explore downtown New Bern with a trolley ride straight from the front door. The hotel overlooks the Trent River, and less than a mile from Tryon Palace and New Bern-Craven County Convention & Visitors Center. Downtown New Bern is filled with a distinctly rich history that's evident the moment you walk down its streets. Enjoy quaint restaurants and cafes, art galleries, antique stores and more. Most people that visit New Bern focus on the Historic Downtown area, but there is much more to see if you venture out. Take a day trip to Cape Lookout, or enjoy one of our many tours, it's all here for you to discover.

During the event, we will be hosting farm owners and decision makers across the state in their important work of educating visitors about all that is grown, raised, caught and made on their farms. These farm owners will be looking for added value products to sell at their farm markets, activities for their guests and ways to market their farm. With your partnership we are able to place your business directly in front of North Carolina farmers which can positively affect the bottom line of your business.

All contributions are fully tax deductible and classified as a charitable contribution. The North Carolina Agritourism Networking Association is classified as a 501-C(3) non-profit organization and our Federal Tax ID number is 51-0572131. Please review the rest of the packet for details on this year's conference and how you can take part in it.

Sponsorship, program ads, and auction donations provide opportunities to show your company's support of our agritourism industry and increase your visibility during our conference. These options are also available to companies that choose not to have a booth at the trade show. We can also accommodate vendors who wish to sponsor a particular event such as a meal or the farm tour. Contact Kristy Phillips for more details (<a href="mailto:kristyncana@gmail.com">kristyncana@gmail.com</a> or 336-215-6271).

Confirmed vendors and sponsors will be listed on the association's website as part of our pre-conference publicity so register soon. Sponsors confirmed before printing will be listed in the conference program booklet. Deadline for vendors and sponsors is December 28, 2023.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have sponsorship questions, program ideas, or special exhibit needs. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kristy Phillips, Executive Secretary

NC Agritourism Networking Association



#### **TRADE SHOW**

Hours: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 from 7:00am-4:00pm

Vendor Area: The trade show will be adjacent to the meeting rooms. All breaks will be held in the exhibit area.

Vendor space includes a 6ft. table with 2 chairs.

Vendor Set up: Monday, February 19, 2024 from 2pm-9pm.

No special security is provided and NC-ANA assumes no liability for loss or damage to your display or equipment.

Breakdown: Please break down booths on Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00pm (end of breakout sessions)

**Electricity/Internet:** Electricity cost is a \$50 one-time fee for standard electrical hookup and you may reserve your hookup by checking the box on your registration sheet. Wireless internet is complimentary.

**Shipping:** Please ship any items to the following address:

**Hilton Charlotte University Place** 

c/o (Company Name - Vendor) 8629 J.M. Keynes Dirve Charlotte, NC 28262

REFERENCE: NC Agritourism Conference (February 19-20, 2024)

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & TRAVEL**

100 Middle St,

New Bern, NC 28560

**RESERVATIONS**:

**Doubletree by Hilton New Bern - Riverfront** 

**♦ Group Rate:** \$139.00 + tax

♦ Reservations: Individual reservations can be made by calling the Hotel directly at (252) 658-9000

or use customized reservation link below for booking online:

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### **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Our Silent Auction raises funds for the NC-ANA Scholarship Program. All donors will be fully acknowledged. Donations can be pies, products, tools, supplies, services, excursions, etc. Please note on the registration form if you plan to bring an item for the auction.

## **PROGRAM BOOKLET ADS**

Increase your impact with a program booklet ad! Participants often keep booklets for year-round reference. All ads are full color and must be received by <u>December 28, 2023</u>. All sponsors receive a free ad (see details under sponsorship opportunities).

Cutoff Date: January 28, 2024
Final deadline to make your
hotel reservation at the
discounted group rate

## VENDOR & SPONSOR REGISTRATION

2024 Agritourism Farm Tour & Conference February 19-20, 2024 New Bern, NC

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CONTACT INFORMATION					
Company/Organization:					
Address:					
Website:					
Work Phone:					
Cell Phone: Email Address:					
Representative Attending:					
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EXHIBIT SPACE					
Vendor space includes 6' table with 2 chairs & admission for (1) representative to attend conference (\$75/each add'l attendee).					
□NC-ANA Membership <u>1</u> @ \$75 =\$ <u>75</u>					
□Exhibit Space					
□Complimentary WiFi@ \$0 =\$					
□Add'l attendees (1 incl)@ \$75 =\$					
□Additional needs and/or dietary restrictions:					
Total Exhibit Space Commitment: \$					
PROGRAM BOOKLET ADVERTISING					
All sponsors receive a free full-color ad.					
Please submit artwork to Kristy Phillips at					
kristyncana@gmail.com by December 28, 2023.					

lds are also available for purchase as follows: ☐ Business Card (2" x 3.5") - \$45 □ 1/4 Page (3.5" x 4.5") - \$75 □ 1/2 Page (5.5" x 7.5") - \$135 ☐ Full page (8.5" x 11") - \$250 Total for Booklet Advertising: \$

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We rely on our sponsors to help keep this highly educational event affordable for our members! All sponsors benefit from prominent recognition in our our program booklet, on signs and announcements during the conference, as well as various types of conference publicity prior to farm tour & conference.

## ☐ Host Level - \$10,000

Exhibit Space at conference, Admission for 2 representatives to attend conference, Monday Farm Tour presentation (10-min. Dinner), Tuesday lunch presentation (5 min.), Breakout session presentation (5 min.), Name recognition on signage, free center spread ad in program booklet, Premier naming rights of the conference & logo branding in the program booklet

## ☐ Platinum Level - \$5,000

Exhibit Space at conference, Admission for 2 representatives to attend conference, Monday Farm Tour presentation (10 min. Dinner) or Tuesday lunch presentation (5 min.), Name recognition on signage, free full page ad in program booklet

## ☐ Gold Level - \$2,500

Exhibit Space at conference, Admission for 1 representative to attend conference, Breakout session presentation (5 min.), Name recognition on signage, free half-page ad in program booklet

## ☐ Silver Level - \$1,000

Exibit Space at conference, Admission for 1 representative to attend conference, Name recognition on signage, free quarter-page ad in program booklet

## ☐ Bronze Level - \$500

Exhibit Space at Conference, Name recognition on signage, free business card-size ad

Total Sponsorship Commitment: \$

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Farm tour is Monday, February 19, 2024 (8:00am-6:30pm)

☐ Tour, lunch & dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$139 = \$ \_

Total for Farm Tour: \$

Total amount enclosed and/or to be run on credit card SUBTOTAL (all RED boxes) = \$\_\_\_\_

3.5% credit card convenience fee = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$

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