

April 17-19, 2008, (Thurs. to Sat.), Omaha, NE, Part 1

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Facility: Ponca Hills Farm, 14605 North 42nd Street, Omaha, NE 68112, 402-453-0900

Airport: Omaha Eppley Airfield, Approximately 10 miles from the facility—see directions below—Rental cars, taxis and shuttles available at airport

Hotels: 1) Country Inn & Suites, 2210 Abbott Drive (Omaha Airport), (712) 347-5600, \$89 for double or single when you mention EAGALA group rate. (A great deal!) Includes hot and continental breakfast and shuttle service to airport or downtown. Located near the airport, approximately 11 miles from the facility and 5 miles from downtown Omaha – see directions below

2) La Quinta Inn, 3330 No. 104th Avenue (I-680 & Maple Street), 402-493-1900 and ask for Tricia, \$59.99 + tax for double w/ 2 full size beds or single w/ 1 King bed

Approximately 10 miles from the facility—see below

3) Hilton Garden Inn, 1005 Dodge Street, 402-341-4400, \$149 for a King or Room w/2 double beds for 1-2 adults. Located in downtown Omaha, near shops, restaurants, etc. Approximately 20 miles from the facility—see below.

Weather/Clothing: The weather in Omaha in April is typical of a Midwestern spring, which means bring just about everything you own. **Temperatures generally range in the low 50s at night and in the 60s during the day.** It is often rainy, so a light windbreaker or rain jacket is recommended. We will have access to an indoor arena, so we can move inside if it is too wet but it can still be fairly cold in there. Generally, it is wise to bring layers as the days can vary in temperature. Please wear long pants and boots or shoes appropriate for a farm setting.

Directions from Airport to Hotels:

To Hotel 1: Exit Airport Terminal. Turn left on Abbott Drive. Continue 2 miles and arrive at Country Inn Suites, on the left.

To Hotel 2: Exit Airport Terminal. Turn right on Abbott Drive and continue 3.3 miles (becomes John J Pershing Dr). Turn left on Craig Avenue and continue for 0.5 miles. Turn right on north 30th Street (US Hwy 75) and continue 1 mile. Take ramp on left side of road to I-680 West. Continue approximately 8 miles to Exit #4, Maple Street. Turn right onto Maple and take the next right onto north 108th Street. Turn right on Bedford Avenue and bear right on north 104th Ave. Arrive at La Quinta, on the left.

To Hotel 3: Exit Airport Terminal. Turn left on Abbott Drive and continue 3.5 miles. Turn left onto north 10th Street and continue 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Dodge Street and arrive at Hilton Garden Inn, on the left.

Directions from Hotels to Facility

From the Airport (Hotel 1): Exit the airport, turning right onto Abbott Drive. Stay in the right lane. Follow Abbott Drive under the I-680 overpass. (Abbott Drive becomes Pershing Blvd. and then River Road). You will pass N.P. Dodge Park on your right before seeing signs on your left for Hummel Park. After Hummel Park, you will see Ponca Road on your left. Turn left onto Ponca Road and follow it until you see 42nd Street (if you get to the Fire Station, you have gone too far) and take a hard right onto

42nd Street. Ponca Hills Farm is located at the end of 42nd Street on your right, just before a tall radio tower.

From I-680 (Hotel 2): Take I-680 North until you get to the 48th Street/Highway 75 Exit (it is just past the 72nd Street exit). Exit on 48th Street and turn left. After going up the big hill and down the other side, you will see a sign in the median for Calhoun Road/Ponca Road. Turn right onto Calhoun Road and make an immediate right. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Ponca Road. Follow Ponca Road until you get to 42nd street. It is just past the fire station and appears to only be one block past 47th street. Turn left onto 42nd Street. Ponca Hills Farm is located at the end of 42nd Street on your right, just before a tall radio tower.

From Downtown (Hotel 3): Take I-480 North and stay right to Florence Boulevard. Exit at Florence Boulevard and turn left. Follow Florence Boulevard until you go under a small bridge. You will stay on Florence Boulevard (it will turn into Abbott Drive and then River Road), but will need to get in the right lane in order to avoid turning left. You will go through a stop sign, and pass N.P. Dodge Park before seeing signs on your left for Hummel Park. After Hummel Park, you will see Ponca Road on your left. Turn left onto Ponca Road and follow it until you see 42nd Street (if you get to the Fire Station, you have gone too far) and take a hard right onto 42nd Street. Ponca Hills Farm is located at the end of 42nd Street on your right, just before a tall radio tower.