



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN MINNEAPOLIS!

**2011 SAFSF Forum
Creativity at the River's Edge:
Funding Change in Food and Farming Systems
June 21-24, 2011**

Any questions? Please call us

Virginia: 805.680.7987

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FORUM REGISTRATION at The Depot Hotel

Located in the Winter Garden room

Check-in, pick up your packets (Agenda at a glance, name tag, contact and bio information for all attendees and speakers, list of restaurants, and more!)

Registration table hours:

Monday, June 20: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21: 7:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22: 7:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 23: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 24: 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Also, be sure to sign up for Wednesday's Dine-arounds when you register (optional).

HOTEL INFO FOR FORUM

The Depot Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel

225 Third Ave South

Minneapolis, MN 55401

Tel: 612.375.1700

<http://www.thedepotminneapolis.com/>

Parking

Daily rate: \$9.00 per vehicle (up to 12 hours)

Overnight parking: \$15.00 per night per vehicle (unlimited in and out)

Shipping materials to yourself, please note:

- All packages will be stored in a secured storage area without a fee.
- Each item must be packed and marked as follows:
 - The Depot Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel
ATTN: Tony Whiteside – SAFSF Forum (YOUR NAME)
225 Third Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55401

- Materials may NOT be sent to arrive prior to June 19

GETTING TO MINNEAPOLIS – we hope you have already booked your travel, but if you haven't

By Air

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport <http://www.mspairport.com/>

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) is close to Interstate Hwy. 494 and Route 5 and is centrally located within a 30-minute drive of both downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. With four runways and an estimated 32 million passengers a year, Minneapolis-St. Paul International is served by a host of major airlines offering direct and connecting flights to all points of the globe.

By Train

Amtrak services Minneapolis-St. Paul – check out <http://www.amtrak.com>

Midway Station

730 Transfer Road

St. Paul, MN 55114

GETTING FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL

Light Rail/Metro Transit

The light rail goes directly from the airport to 3 ½ blocks from the hotel – an approximately 25 minute ride; Costs \$1.75. <http://www.metrotransit.org/light-rail.aspx>

Trains run between terminals around the clock, seven days a week, every 7 to 8 minutes during peak times and every 10 to 15 minutes at other times of day.

Taxi services

Costs \$35.00 to \$40.00 to The Depot Minneapolis Hotel. Taxi service at Terminal 1-Lindbergh (the main terminal) is accessible via the Tram Level (Level T). Signs direct passengers one level up to the taxi starter booth, where airport staff will assist passengers in obtaining a taxi.

Car Rentals

You will definitely NOT need a car while participating in the Forum. But in case you should be so inclined, check out <http://www.mspairport.com/GroundTransportation/car-rentals.aspx> for more information.

Important Considerations: Parking at the hotel is NOT free. Daily rate is \$9.00 per vehicle (up to 12 hours). Overnight parking is \$36.00.

Car rentals in Minnesota are charged approximately 35% tax.

GETTING AROUND TOWN



Nice Ride Minnesota is a public bike sharing system that provides a transportation alternative to Twin Cities residents and visitors. Nice Ride is a great way to get to great destinations with 70+ station locations. With a 24-Hour Nice Ride subscription, you get 24/7 access to the green bikes and an unlimited number of 30 minute rides. For more information and station locations go to www.niceridemn.org.

Purchase a 24-hour subscription at any Nice Ride station for just \$5. Keep each trip under 30 minutes and no additional fees will be charged. If you keep the bike longer than 30 minutes, Trip Fees apply. All stations are within a 30-minute ride and restarting the clock is easy. Simply dock the bike at any station and check out another. Within seconds you're on your way.

There is a NiceRide station across 2nd St. from the Depot Hotel! Participants of the Wednesday afternoon bike ride will be using NiceRide bikes.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY SITE VISITS

SAFSF believes in learning from our environment and strives to provide hands-on learning at all of our Forums. Tuesday afternoon, June 21st, we have four choices of ½-day site visits in-and-around the Twin Cities. Thursday, June 23rd we are offering 4 full-day site visits outside the city area.

Please note: Site visits will take place rain or shine so come prepared.

Stay Hydrated – please bring a water bottle to fill up before getting on the bus. We will NOT be providing bottled water on the bus.

Clothing requirements for those going on either of the following site visits:

Tuesday: "Worlds Away Right Next Door" tour to St. Paul – *close toe shoes required; jacket strongly encouraged (it's cold at J&J Distribution).*

Thursday: "One Size Does Not Fit All" (Meat production) tour – *close toe shoes and long pants.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dress

SAFSF is a casual group so business casual (including jeans) is fine. We will have two receptions (on a river boat cruise on Tuesday June 21st and at the McKnight Foundation on Thursday June 23rd) so you might want to bring something a little dressier. For site visits: be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

Weather

The weather in Minneapolis, as everywhere else, can be unpredictable. We are hoping for wonderful early summer but rain is always a possibility—bring a rain jacket just in case!

Please Note: Forum events take place rain or shine—come prepared. Historically temperatures in June range from about 60-90 with averages in the mid 70s.

For up to the date weather in Minneapolis: [http://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=minneapolis_mn &wuSelect=WEATHER](http://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=minneapolis_mn&wuSelect=WEATHER)

Fitness and Exercise Opportunities

SAFSF will never keep you sitting in hotel conference rooms for long. Site visits and other activities will get you out your chair and out of the city! There is a small fitness room on site at the Depot Hotel and a water park (<http://www.thedepotminneapolis.com/waterpark/> – check it out!). The hotel is a ½ block from the river with a beautiful recreation trail along the bank, perfect for walkers and runners.

For Bikers: Nice Ride, a Minneapolis non-profit, operates a bike share program:

<https://www.niceridemn.org/index.php>

For Runners: <http://www.runmdra.org/>

For Yogis: There is a yoga center right behind the Depot:
<http://corepoweryoga.com/locations/minnesota/minneapolis.aspx>

For Walkers: There is a biking/walking path that follows the river a block from the hotel. Additionally, check out this self-guided walking tour of Saint Anthony Falls:
http://www.mnhs.org/places/safhb/things_walkingTour.shtml

Things to do in Minneapolis

There's far too much going on in Minneapolis and St. Paul to include it all, but here are a few links to get you started!

General Info: <http://www.minneapolis.org/>; <http://www.visitsaintpaul.com/>

Things to Do: <http://events.twincities.com/>

Public Transit: <http://www.metrotransit.org/>

For Foodies (we will provide a list of restaurants in your registration packet as well)

Simple, Good, & Tasty: <http://simplegoodandtasty.com/directory>

Slow Food Minnesota: <http://www.slowfoodmn.org/>

Farmers Markets: <http://www.mplsfarmersmarket.com/>; <http://www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com/>

Eat Local Twin Cities Guide (*developed by the American Planning Association*)

<http://www.planning.org/conference/previous/2009/pdf/EatLocal.pdf>

For Art Lovers

From Twincities.com <http://events.twincities.com/st-paul-mn/events/minneapolis+art+events>

From Twin Cities Fine Arts: <http://www.twincitiesfinearts.org/>

For the Sports Minded

Sports and Recreation: <http://www.twincities.com/sports>

For the Kids

From Parents Connect: <http://gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/region/minneapolis-st-paul-mn-usa>

From Grandparents: <http://www.grandparents.com/gp/events/mineapolis.html>

For International Shoppers: The Twin Cities are home to some great international markets

Somali Village Market: 912 E. 24th St., Minneapolis

Hmongtown Marketplace: 217 Como Ave, St Paul

Hmong Village: 1001 Johnson Pkwy., St. Paul

Mercado Central: 1515 E. Lake St., Minneapolis

Forum Etiquette Rules

While we may be casual in our clothing, we do have a few 'etiquette' rules we ask all attendees – funders and non-funder alike – to follow.

Our events are intended as *pitch-free 'no-fly zones'*. We encourage you all to talk about your work and to network, network, network – and to follow up! However, while you are at the Forum, please honor our no proposal pitching. This is to ensure that the few days we have together at the Forum offers an open, welcoming, no-pressure environment allowing conversation and ideas to flow freely.

Likewise, we ask that everyone observe limited cell phone use while at the Forum. While we know everyone has family and professional obligations to attend to, *we ask you to please step outside of plenary or workshop meetings to answer calls, respond to texts, check email/twitter/facebook*, etc. Please also be advised that small spaces (i.e. captive on bus rides) do not lend themselves to phone calls. And know that it is important to respect our site visit hosts who have gone to considerable effort to put together learning experiences that require us all to be present.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!