

Leadership Maine

*Session 2: Exploring Rural Maine: A Tour of Aroostook County
Wednesday - Friday, October 5-7, 2011*

*Hosts: University of Maine, Houlton Band of Maliseets, Northern Maine
Community College, Job Corps, University of Maine Fort Kent*

Learning Goals:

- ◆ Understand the cultural and economic attributes of the region
- ◆ Have a better understanding of the efforts to ready the workforce in the region
- ◆ Have a better understanding of some best practice businesses and organizations contributing to the quality of life in the region

**“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not one act, but a habit.”
Aristotle**

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Day One, Wednesday, October 5, 2011

When you arrive please park your cars in the Park and Ride on Odlin Road, right across the street from the Ramada. The bus will be meeting us in front of the Ramada on Wednesday morning.

- 7:15 Bus departs Bangor – Ramada, Odlin Road
- 7:15 – 7:30 Travel to University of Maine, Student Innovation Center
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome to UMaine
Dr. Paul Ferguson, President of the University of Maine
- 8:10 a.m. Overview of University of Maine
Dr. Susan Hunter (pi), Provost
- 8:30 a.m. Break into two groups
Group A – AEWG Center
Group B – Forest Bioproducts Research Initiative
- 9:20 a.m. Group A – Forest Bioproducts Research Initiative
Group B – AEWG Center
- 10:10 a.m. UMaine Cooperative Extension Statewide Impact
John Rebar, Executive Director, Cooperative Extension @ Foster Center
- 10:45 Innovation Center, Renee Kelly
- 11:15 a.m. Pick up lunches and board the bus
- 11:30 – 1:30 Travel to Houlton
- 1:30 – 3:00 Visit with Houlton Band of Maliseets
 Topics to be covered: history, health status, new developments
 ~ Brenda Commander (sigma), Chief, Houlton Band of Maliseets
- 3:15 – 4:15 Travel to Presque Isle

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4:20 – 5:45 Overview/Presentations MMG
Led by Matt McHatten, Sr. Vice President, Maine Mutual Group

5:45 Depart for NMCC

6:00 – 7:00 Preparing for the Future:
Tour of Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Alternative Energy Training and Education

7:00 – 8:00 Dinner
Welcome and Overview:
~ Timothy Crowley, President, Northern Maine Community College

Overnight at Hampton Inn, 768 Main Street, Presque Isle 760-9292

Day Two, Thursday, October 6, 2011

6:30 – 7:30 Continental breakfast at Hampton Inn

7:30 - 8:00 Travel to Smith Farms

8:00 – 10:30 Overview, Tour of farm and processing plant

10:45 – 11:15 Travel to Loring

11:30-1:15 Tour of Loring
Overview of History of Loring
Impact of 3 ring binder project – Tim McAfee, Pioneer Wireless
Alta Eros – working with MIT on hovering wind turbines
Graphic Utilities

1:15 – 2:15 Lunch – Job Corps Cafeteria

2:30 – 3:30 Travel to Fort Kent, Bengal's Lair in Cyr Hall/Fox Auditorium

3:30 – 5:00 Walking tour of campus
End with Presentation on Deportation of Acadians
Lise Pelletier, Director of Acadian Archives

5:30 Cash Bar/Reception: University of Maine Fort Kent, Nadeau Hall

6:00 Welcome: Vice President Rachel Albert (iota), University of Maine, Fort Kent
Acadian dinner

6:20 Early college high school project: Scott Voisine, Dean of Community Education, UMFK

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- 6:30 Dessert served
- 6:45 Overview Acadian Congress 2014: Lise Pelletier, Director of Acadian Archives
- 8:00 Depart for Northern Door Inn 866-834-3133

Day 3, Friday, October 7, 2011

- 7:30 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast at Northern Door Inn
- 8:30 – 9:30 Travel to Ashland
- 9:45 – 11:30 Tour of Northeast Pellets
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch – Oxbow Lodge
- 1:00 – 4:00 Drive to Bangor