

SUMMER CONFERENCE

Celebrating the preservation, promotion and production of the Great American Bison

MEETING AGENDA **Friday, June 16, 2023** **Ramkota 2111 N Lacrosse St. Rapid City, SD 57701**

4:00PM REGISTRATION OPENS Best Western Ramkota- Convention II Sylvan I&II

4:00PM - 5:30PM WELCOME RECEPTION Best Western Ramkota- Convention II Sylvan I&II

Grab your registration packet and nametag and linger to catch up with friends. We will have some great refreshments!

5:30PM - 6:30PM DINNER Best Western Ramkota- Convention II Sylvan I&II

Thank you to Dakota Pure for the donation of Bison Hotdogs and Bison Chili! Enjoy the local cookout, with apple cobbler for dessert!

6:30PM - 8:00PM FUN AND FUNDRAISER Best Western Ramkota- Convention II Sylvan I&IIN

Get ready to play some heads & tails and bison bingo! Most importantly, and most importantly there will be a single item auctioned: the #13 Limited Edition 2007 International Bison Conference Harley Davidson Heritage Softail owned by Bruce Anderson.



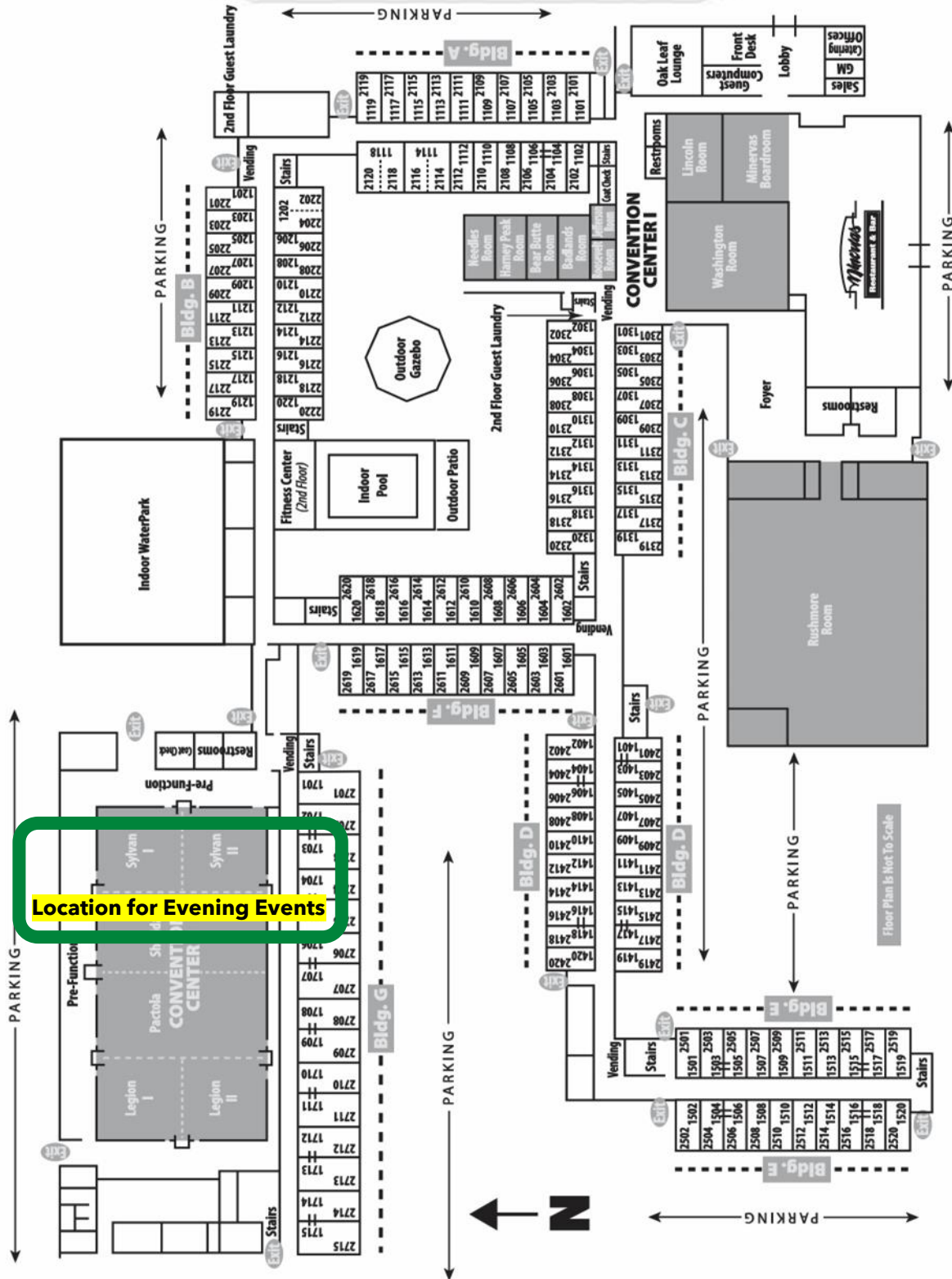
Friends of Bruce and Martha Anderson are presenting an opportunity to own a Limited Edition 2007 International Bison Conference Harley Davidson Heritage Softail. This beautiful motorcycle, with a custom paint job tailored to the owner, was purchased, and proudly ridden by Bruce for many years.

The auction for the motorcycle will begin promptly at 7pm and be conducted by Quality Auction Services.



Best Western Ramkota Hotel Map

PROPERTY LAYOUT



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MEETING AGENDA **Saturday, June 17, 2023** **777 Bison Ranch 25396 SD Hwy 79 Hermosa, SD 57744**

9:00AM	DONUTS AND INTRODUCTIONS	Join us for donuts, coffee, and some introductions as we kick off the day at the 777 Ranch. Thank you, Nationwide, for sponsorship of the donuts from the amazing Daylight Donuts in Rapid City!
9:15AM - 9:45AM	BUILDING SAFETY INTO YOUR WORKING FARM OR RANCH	Visiting working farms/ ranches gives people the chance to have a real, authentic agricultural experience. It can also expose them to the risks inherent to your operations. Erich Ehrlich from Nationwide Insurance will advise on how to find the balance for safety.
9:45AM - 10:30AM	BISON SPECIES SURVIVAL	Glenn Plumb chairs the International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission for the Bison Specialist Group (BSG). He will be sharing the mission and progress of the BSG in the development of comprehensive and viable strategies and management actions to enhance conservation and ecological restoration of European Bison (<i>Bison bonasus</i>) and American Bison (<i>Bison bison</i>), including Plains Bison (<i>Bison bison bison</i>) and Wood Bison (<i>Bison bison athabasca</i>), as wildlife where feasible across their original range.
10:30AM - 11:00AM	SNACK BREAK	Enjoy the cookies from Eileen's in Rapid City complements of Kremer Buffalo- who knows that good cookies help folks learn. Ilana Xinos from the Buffalo Museum will be showcasing some simple consumer education ideas during the break. Check out how to turn basic items you have at the ranch into tools for learning!
11:00AM - NOON	HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT 101	Regenerative farming and agriculture provide a resilient system to grow food by building soil that will become abundant for man, beast, and all of Nature. Liz Riffle, owner of profitable small bison farming venture Riffle Farms, will showcase the holistic management methodology and its profitability potential.
NOON	LUNCH	We will feed you. You've earned it after absorbing so much information. Bison burgers are on the menu thanks to 701 Bison. Eat up because ranch tours are next!
1:30PM - 3:30PM	RANCH AND HANDLING FACILITY TOUR	Hop on the wagon and take the 10-mile tour of the renowned 777 Bison Ranch, see the herd, the rolling acres of grasslands, and the bison handling set up. 777 Ranch staff will be your expert guides.

Our mission is to bring together stakeholders to celebrate the heritage of the American Bison, to educate and create a sustainable future for our industry and our world. Thank you for joining us for this conference!

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**1:30PM -
3:30PM**

**PLANNING FOR
GRAZING
PRACTICES**

Pasture and soil health, and the land manager's bottom line are interdependent. Justin Boerboom, a resource conservationist from the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service covering the Black Hills area will explore the basic keys to grazing management in the beautiful setting of the 777 grasslands.

**3:30PM-
4PM**

SNACK BREAK

We don't want you getting hangry. Dig into some lovely fresh options, compliments of the Minnesota Bison Association. Check in with the local birding group that has information on the amazing species present at the 777 Ranch.

**4PM -
4:30PM**

**TOOLS TO
MANAGE...
WELL...
EVERYTHING!**

Tracking animals, weights, grass growth, pasture rotations... if only it could be done in one spot. Karena Worstewold and Dan O'Brien will share about one such tool called AgriWebb. This offers solutions for tracking efficiency, profitability, and sustainability.

**4:30PM -
5PM**

**REWARDING
GOOD RANCHERS**

The Land to Market Program is the world's first verified regenerative sourcing solution for raw materials like bison. Wyatt Ball will share how supply, science and storytelling come together to regenerate the land.

**5PM-
5:30PM**

**STRENGTH IN THE
HERD**

Updates from the National Bison Association staff on programs, opportunities, and tools to tap into that will help your bison business no matter where you are at on your journey!

6:00PM

**DINNER AND
RAFFLE DRAWING**

Behold the Bison BBQ of the 777 Ranch! Amazing meat, amazing chef, and the best people to dine with. Stick around for a great bison brisket and rib dinner from the Honest Bison and 777 Ranch. Also find out who wins the amazing raffle from Prairie's Edge.

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