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SUBJECT: EEO-MN NRCS ALL CULTURAL APPRECIATION MONTH ACTIVITIES

Purpose. To provide information about MN NRCS All Cultural Appreciation Month activities.

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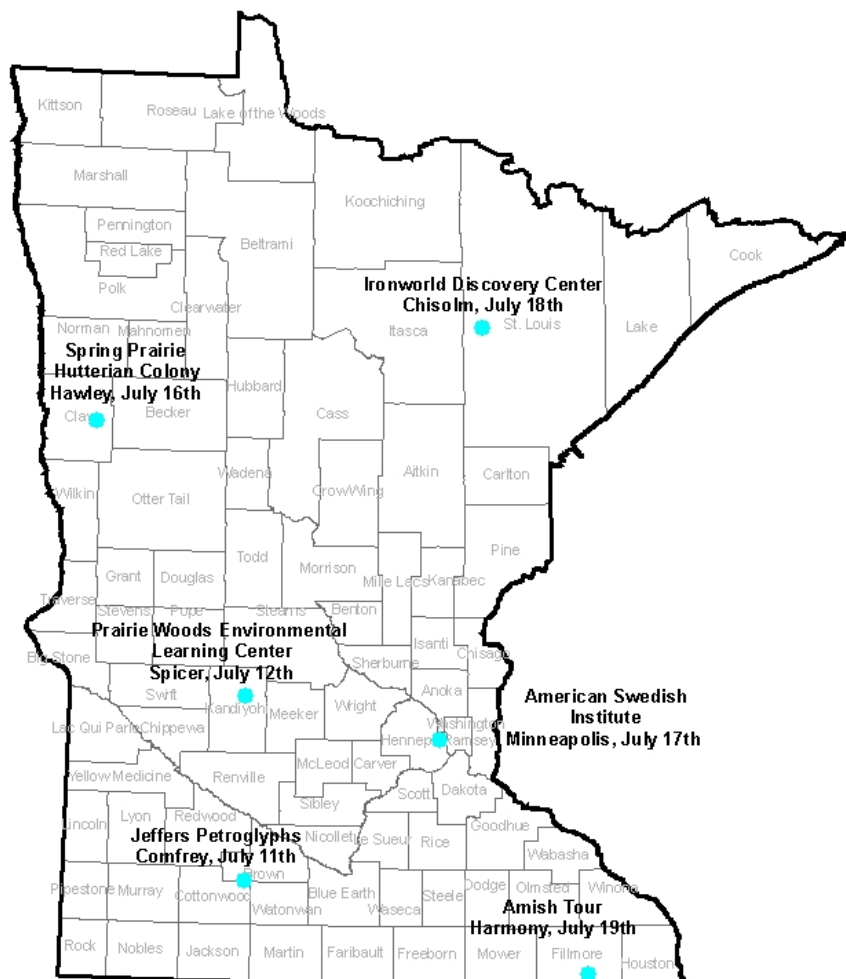
ACTION DUE BY: June 28, 2007

In celebration of All Cultural Appreciation Month, the MN NRCS Civil Rights Committee and MN Natural Resources Conservation Service are hosting events during the month of July. These events are open to all MN NRCS employees, Farm Service Agency, Rural Development and other USDA agencies, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, volunteers, and project partners (fees will apply to non-NRCS personnel). District Conservationists, RC&D Coordinators, and other project office supervisors are asked to share this information with our partners in your local service center. **Register by June 28 if you are interested in attending an event.**

Please join us for **All Cultural Appreciation Month** activities that will include cultural tours and/or presentations at different sites throughout the State. Supervisor's approval is required to participate. Time spent traveling outside work hours to and from this meeting is not considered hours of work for overtime, compensatory time, or accrual of credit leave. The attachment provides information about each site. Civil Rights (CR) training will be provided at each location. This year the CR team would like to present a packet of information to help every office comply with Civil Rights Reviews that occur every three years. **Please work with your Supervisor or ASTC (FO) to reserve your space (required).** The dates and locations of various cultural events are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jeffers Petroglyphs, Comfrey	Wednesday, July 11	10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, Spicer	Thursday, July 12	9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Spring Prairie Hutterian Colony, Hawley	Monday, July 16	10:00 am – 12:30 pm
American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis	Tuesday, July 17	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Ironworld Discovery Center, Chisholm	Wednesday, July 18	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Amish Community and Culture, Harmony	Thursday, July 19	9:30 am – 12:30 pm

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All MN NRCS employees are encouraged to attend one of these events. If in need of special accommodations for accessibility to persons with disabilities, please call Cory Drummond (320-842-7201) at least five business days in advance of the event, whenever practicable. ASTC offices are asked to report to your Civil Rights Committee Area Representative or Cory Drummond, State Civil Rights Chair, the number of approved personnel attending by June 28.
/S/

WILLIAM HUNT
State Conservationist

Attachments

- cc: LeAnn Buck, Executive Director, MASWCD (**please distribute to your staff**)
 John Jaske, Executive Director, BWSR, St. Paul, MN
 Perry Aasness, State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency (**please distribute to your staff**)
 Steve Wenzel, State Director, Rural Development (**please distribute to your staff**)
 Craig Rice, State Director, RMA, St. Paul, MN
 Douglas Hartwig, State Statistician, NASS, St. Paul, MN
 Beverly Durgan, Director, CREES, St. Paul, MN