USRL NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 21 – 25, 2013

TOURS

CHOOSE ONE OF TWO OPTIONAL TOURS TO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 21 (FOR EARLY ARRIVALS)

ENJOY ONE OF THESE WORLD-- CLASS ATTRACTIONS WHEN YOU VISIT SASKATOON!

Please fill out the tour enrollment form enclosed, and submit with your convention registration including the tour fee.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park Visitor Centre (Tour 1)

The award-winning architecturally-unique Visitor Centre, located 5 km from Saskatoon, is your gateway to the incredibly beautiful unspoiled natural prairie landscape with 360 acres of scenic trails, interpretive sites, archeological digs, fauna, flora and herbs.

Over 6000 years ago nomadic tribes roamed the Northern Plains (Prairies) and gathered on this site, Wanuskewin. At this interpretive Visitor Centre you can relive stories of people who came here to hunt bison, gather food and herbs, and escape the winter winds. Walk in their footsteps and understand why this site was a place of worship and celebration.

The tour starts at 2 p.m. with a live Pow Wow dance and welcome, then you can walk a path to a medicine wheel to see native medical plants that gave relief from the common cold to bug repellent. This valley has all of the ancient medicinal plants and are here for your viewing. Follow this up with a tipi raising, one of the most popular programs at Wanuskewin. Both the medicine wheel hike and the tipi raising each take about 45 minutes. The welcome takes about 45 minutes. At the visitor Centre, a café is on site with many excellent snacks and meals as well as an art gallery and gifts store. View the site at www.wanuskewin.com .

Cost: $28 per person includes return transportation from the hotel

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Canadian Light Source (Tour 2)

The Canadian Light Source (CLS) is Canada's national synchrotron research facility located on the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. It is the only such facility in Canada. A synchrotron is a source of brilliant light that enables scientists to study the microstructure and chemical properties of materials and to analyze a host of physical, chemical, geological and biological processes. Synchrotrons can be used to analyze a host of physical, chemical, geological and biological processes. Information obtained by researchers can be used to develop ways to help reduce greenhouse gases and clean up mining wastes, examine the structure of surfaces to develop more effective paints and motor oils, design new drugs, develop new materials for products ranging from solar panels to safer medical implants and build more powerful computer chips. New applications are being thought of all the time - synchrotron experiments are even helping with the search for other life in the universe.

Since this is a research site, only 15 people can be accommodated on a tour The first 15 people to apply for this tour go to the site. The tour starts at 2 p.m. and lasts 1 hour.

View the site at: www.lightsource.ca

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