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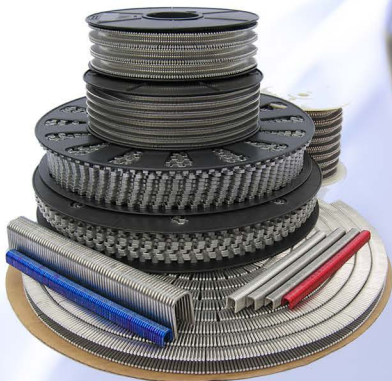
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## SCHEDULE FOR 2023 MMPA CONVENTION

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

**7:30AM-8AM:** Pre-Convention Workshop Registration: Billings Hotel & Convention Center w/Donuts & Coffee

**8:15AM-12:15PM:** Lean Manufacturing Workshop Hands on Event - Lane Gobbs

**12:15PM-12:30PM:** Load Bus

**12:45PM-1:45PM:** Lunch at Ranch House Sausage Co

**1:45PM-3:45PM:** Ranch House Sausage Plant Tour

**4PM:** Bus Leaves to Head Back to Hotel

**4:30PM-5PM:** Board of Directors Meeting @ Billings Hotel & Convention Center

**5:15PM:** Load Bus For Tavern Tour

**5:30PM-6:30PM:** Dinner at First Tavern Stop

**6:30PM-9:30PM:** Evening Social on the Tavern Tour, 5 Stops w/continuous bus trips

**9:45PM:** Final Bus Departure to Hotel

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## **SCHEDULE FOR 2023 MMPA CONVENTION, cont'd.**

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

**7:30AM-8AM:** Convention Registration - Billings Hotel & Convention Center Lobby

**8:10AM-8:50AM:** FSIS/State Inspection Meetings - Speakers: (Alicia Love - State Inspection Bureau Chief)/ (Federal) &/or Nelson Gaydos (AAMP)

**9AM-9:45AM:** USDA FSIS Appendix A and Appendix B - New Changes Effective 12/2022 - Bull Session with Nelson Gaydos & Drew Lorenz

**9:55AM-10:55AM:** Bring Products: Marketing Quiz - Proof Marketing

**11AM-3PM:** Suppliers Show Open

**12PM-1PM:** Suppliers Sponsored Lunch: Sausage Fest (It Returns)

**2PM-3PM:** Efficiencies Seminar - John Frohling

**3:10PM-4:10PM:** 1st Half General Meeting

**4:20PM-4:40PM:** Funding Opportunities - Kathleen Williams - USDA State Director of Rural Development

**4:45PM-5:45PM:** Cured Meats Check In (Only Time!) FFA Students will assist.

**5:45PM-6:00PM:** Load Bus for Axe Throwing

**6:30PM:** Dinner & Cosmic Axe Throwing

**7PM-9PM:** Cosmic Axe Throwing

**9:15PM:** Load Bus to Return to Hotel

**9:45PM:** Return to Hotel

**9:45PM-MIDNIGHT:** Cornhole in the Ballroom, Drinks in the Lounge

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## **SCHEDULE FOR 2023 MMPA CONVENTION, cont'd.**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

**7AM-DONE:** Cured Meats Judging

**7:30AM-8:00AM:** Convention Registration - Billings Hotel & Convention Center Lobby

**8AM-9AM:** 2nd Half General Meeting

**9:10AM-10:10AM:** After The Holidays Blues: What to do with the extras?  
- Ham/Turkey demo/Proof Marketing

**10:20AM-11:20AM:** Bacteria - Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs \*Things we ALL should know. - Andrew Lorenz

**10:30AM-1:30PM:** Suppliers Show Open

**NOON-1PM:** Sandwich Bar Lunch - Suppliers Show

**1:15PM-5PM:** Shooters: Billings Rod & Gun Club: Sporting Clays

Non-Shooters: Sip & Paint (Wine, Color, Tons of Fun) Hotel Ballroom

Kids/Swimmers: Hotel has Slides!

**6PM-8:30PM:** Prime Rib Banquet & Awards Ceremony

w/ Commencement Cured Meats Award Ceremony and Auction

**8:30PM-9:30PM:** Cured Meats Viewing

**9PM-MIDNIGHT:** Corn Hole Tournament - \$20/Team buy-in

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023**

**9AM-10:30AM:** Send Off Breakfast and Critique

**10:30AM-11AM:** Final Cured Meats Pick-up - *Unclaimed Products Will Be Donated*

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