

The Emma/Nobel Conference

Experience



Nobel Conference 54

**Living Soil:
A Universe Underfoot**
October 1-3, 2018

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is it called the EMMA/Nobel Experience?

Ellen Mielke Moore Anderson (EMMA) was a teacher who lived in Two Harbors, MN and had a passion for intergenerational education. After several years of attending the annual Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College, she encouraged her brother, Dr. John Mielke, to join her. John and Sally Mielke attended and were hooked. In 2008, they provided funds so that a small group of teachers and students could share in the experience, and in 2010 encouraged adult members of the community to add an additional intergenerational value to the experience. For more on the history of EMMA and the trip, visit <http://appletoneducationfoundation.org/programs/nobel-conference/>

How do we get there and back?

- Attendees from Appleton and Shawano travel by coach buses, each equipped with a bathroom, Wi-Fi and a DVD player for movie-watching.
- Attendees from Two Harbors, MN travel by van and will meet up with the WI participants at the hotel.
- Appleton attendees leave from the Goodwill parking lot, 1800 Appleton Road in Menasha, north side of the building. **Buses will depart promptly at 4:00 pm on Monday, October 1, 2018.**
- Shawano attendees leave from the Boarders Motel at 7393 River Bend Road in Shawano at approximately **4:50 pm on Monday, October 1, 2018.**
- There are no planned rest stops.
- Buses depart from the conference at **4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.** Shawano attendees will arrive back at the Boarders Motel at approximately 10:00 pm and the Appleton attendees at Goodwill at approximately 11:00 pm.

Where do we stay?

- All attendees stay at the [Best Western Hotel in Mankato, Minnesota](#). The hotel accommodations include a swimming pool and hot tub.
- Adult community members and chaperones will have single rooms unless otherwise requested.
- Students will share rooms! Most rooms will have two students per room, occasionally three.
- Please include any special room assignment requests on your registration form.

What should I pack?

- Space on the bus is limited! Expect to share a seat. There is ample storage for luggage under the bus, but travelers are limited to 1 carry-on bag (backpack or smaller) and 1 comfort item (pillow or blanket).
 - There is no required dress code. The bus trip is long so dress for comfort. At the conference, we suggest you also dress for comfort but with a reminder that we are representing our communities.
 - It can be cold in the arena, so be sure to pack a sweater or sweatshirt.
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Are meals included?

- Meals are provided from the time of departure on Monday through lunch on Wednesday, including a boxed meal and beverage for the bus ride.
- **Attendees are expected to purchase their own dinner on Wednesday, October 3.** The buses stop at a location with multiple quick food options.
- Attendees will eat meals together as a group, either at the hotel or at the college.

What if I have dietary restrictions?

- Be sure to include any dietary restrictions or allergies on your registration form so that we can accommodate your needs.

Do we have any free time?

- There is a block of free time Tuesday evening after dinner.
- While on campus, you will also have some free time each morning before the sessions begin.

What is the cost to attend?

- Through grant funding provided by the Mielke Family Foundation and the EMMA Fund of the Appleton Education Foundation, students and educators from Appleton, Shawano and Two Harbors attend at no cost. Adult community members pay \$350, which includes transportation, accommodations, meals and admission to the conference.

What expenses are not included?

- On the return trip, we stop for a quick meal. The cost of the meal is the responsibility of the attendee.
- Snacks or beverages outside of meal-time and any books, t-shirts or souvenirs.

What should be done if I need to cancel my registration?

- To **cancel on the day of the trip**, call Lisa at 920-832-1517 or Cathy at 920-209-0066.
- To cancel your registration prior, email Lisa at ljabas@cffoxvalley.org.

Who should I contact if I have questions or concerns during the trip?

- Cathy Mutschler is the primary conference coordinator and can be reached during the trip at 920-209-0066 or emmanobelconference@gmail.com
- We also designate a “bus mom” for each bus, who will be your primary bus contact. His or her contact information will be made available prior to departure.
- All schools have a designated chaperone/liaison, whose contact information you should have. If there is a health emergency and a participant is unable to continue with the group, their school liaison and/or a committee member will stay with the participant until arrangements can be made with a family member. The committee members have access to emergency contact information while on the trip.

Who organizes this trip?

The EMMA/Nobel Conference Experience is coordinated by a committee of the Appleton Education Foundation and the Mielke Family Foundation. Committee members represent the communities of Appleton and Shawano, most of whom are past participants. The 2018 conference committee members are:

FOUNDERS

Ellen Mielke Moore Anderson (EMMA) *deceased*
John E. Mielke
Sally Mielke

STEERING COMMITTEE

Bill Bultman	Lisa Jabas	Cathy Mutschler	David Wollangk
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