



Additional News & Important Dates

NAE4-HYDP Conference 2026

Take a plane, a train or even a car, just make plans to get to Missouri this October for the 2026 NAE4-HYDP Conference! Connect with colleagues from across the nation, celebrate successes, grow as a professional, and be invigorated to return to your youth development program and fan those sparks into flames transforming the lives of youth and volunteers through the 4-H program! We look forward to seeing YOU in the SHOW-ME STATE!

Plan your trip now! <https://www.visitkc.com/>



While you are at the NAE4-HYDP Conference, you will have the chance to explore more of Kansas City! One of the tours being offered will explore Spicin Foods, makers of sauces, salsas, drink mixes, BBQ sauces and The Roasterie where the smells of air-roasted coffee are free! Learn more about these exciting local businesses by checking out their websites.

<https://spicinfoods.com/>

<https://theroasterie.com/>



Another great opportunity during the conference will be to tour the Arabia Steamboat Museum and hear the story of the boat that sank in the Missouri River in 1856 and was recovered in 1988. From the depths of the soil left as the river channel moved over time, the artifacts recovered tell of a different time in the history of our country when bulk goods were transported by the steam-powered paddle wheels. From dishes to shoes and even canned pickles, the treasures of Arabia are not to be missed. Be sure to learn about the only casualty from the sinking and the name settled on for this Missouri Mule who was “too stubborn to even save itself”.

<https://www.1856.com/>



Experience the marvels for yourself at the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures while in town for the NAE4-HYDP Conference where you can engage with history, art, and imagination. They have everything from Barbie dolls to video game consoles in the Museum's Toy Collection and incredibly detailed miniatures that are handmade by artists featuring miniature rooms to full structures and even individual miniatures like musical instruments, paintings, tools, food and more!

<https://toyandminiaturemuseum.org/>



Anyone headed to Kansas City has likely heard that you have to try the barbeque! This tour sizzling option allows you to have some fun while learning about the elements and regions of American barbeque. Where there 's smoke, there's fire, so make sure to register for this tour if the spirit of barbeque sparks your interest.

<https://museumofbbq.co/>

