

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm **Minnesota Vikings' Outdoor Practice Facility**

Kick off the convention with a visit to the Twin City Orthopedics Performance Center, the Vikings' new cutting edge, natural grass practice facility and learn from field manager Grant Davison how grass is maintained on this high-traffic playing surface! The grass in this facility is provided by TPI member Graff's Turf Farm, Inc, of Fort Morgan, Colorado.

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm **University of Minnesota Turfgrass Research and Outreach Center (TROE)**

Enjoy tours of the University's natural grass research plots, challenge your friends to some lawn games, and enjoy some Famous Dave's BBQ. Members of two USDA natural grass research projects will join our group for dinner and networking. Individuals not opting to attend the Twins game will arrive back at the hotel between 8:00 and 8:30 pm.

7:00 **Twins vs. Yankees at Target Field (OPTIONAL)**

Join your TPI friends during this group outing at Target Stadium to see the Twins vs. Yankees. A bus will leave University of Minnesota at approximately 6:15 pm for baseball and dinner at Target Field concessions. **Separate fee required to attend this activity.**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

8:00 am – 9:30 am **Breakfast & Learning Session : Communicating the Value of Natural Grass**

Come for breakfast and stay to learn about TPI's Public Relations initiative and how we are working to promote natural grass! What is it about grasses that we are all so passionate about? Are we effectively relaying this to our customers, policy-makers, and other audiences? TPI's Executive Director Dr. Casey Reynolds will discuss recent market research on public opinions of natural grass and what TPI is doing to promote the industry. Please join us for breakfast and education ahead of an exciting day of tours!

10:00 am – 4:00 pm **Industry Tours**

Join your TPI friends and colleagues for a day of learning and networking as we tour industry-related facilities in the Minneapolis area (some destinations have space constraints and final destinations are subject to change based on advance registration numbers. Lunch is included with both tours.)

TOUR #1: **The Toro Company:** Learn about Toro's research priorities, learn about their history, and watch as they demonstrate some of their equipment in their outdoor testing area! (this tour is limited to 100 attendees)

Bailey's Nursery: Visit Bailey's Nursery, a fifth-generation, family-owned company, and learn about their production of shrubs, roses, and perennials, including their Endless Summer, First Editions, and Easy Elegance lines. The visit will also include a trip to their display garden where we will see many of the plants in a garden setting to learn about their habitat and performance.

TOUR #2: **TurfCo:** Learn how family-owned TurfCo, has been making equipment for the lawn care, golf, and sports turf industry for 50 years.

Second destination TBA **Check www.turfgrassod.org/pages/summer-program & watch your inbox for additional tour information!

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Exhibit Hall**

Support TPI supplier members and learn about their new products and services. Dinner served in the Exhibit Hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

8:30 am – 2:00 pm **Field Day @ Wagner Sod**

Breakfast and Lunch provided onsite.