

Eastern Regional Summer Conference

Hosted by White Oaks Bison Farm

September 26 & 27, 2025



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, September 26, 2025 Freyman Shelter at Centennial Park 1660 N Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN

3:00PM	REGISTRATION OPENS
3:30PM	INTRODUCTIONS/ WELCOME
3:45PM	BISON MARKETS – JIM MATHESON, NATIONAL BISON ASSOCIATION
4:00PM	NUTRITION - AARON ELISON, REDMOND MINERALS
5:00PM	INSURING YOUR BISON OPERATION – CHERYL JENNINGS AND JENNA RUFF, JENNINGS INSURANCE
6:00PM	DINNER – LOG HOUSE CATERING
7:00PM	HEADS AND TAILS FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 27, 2025 White Oaks Bison Farm 8343 E 400 N Rochester, IN

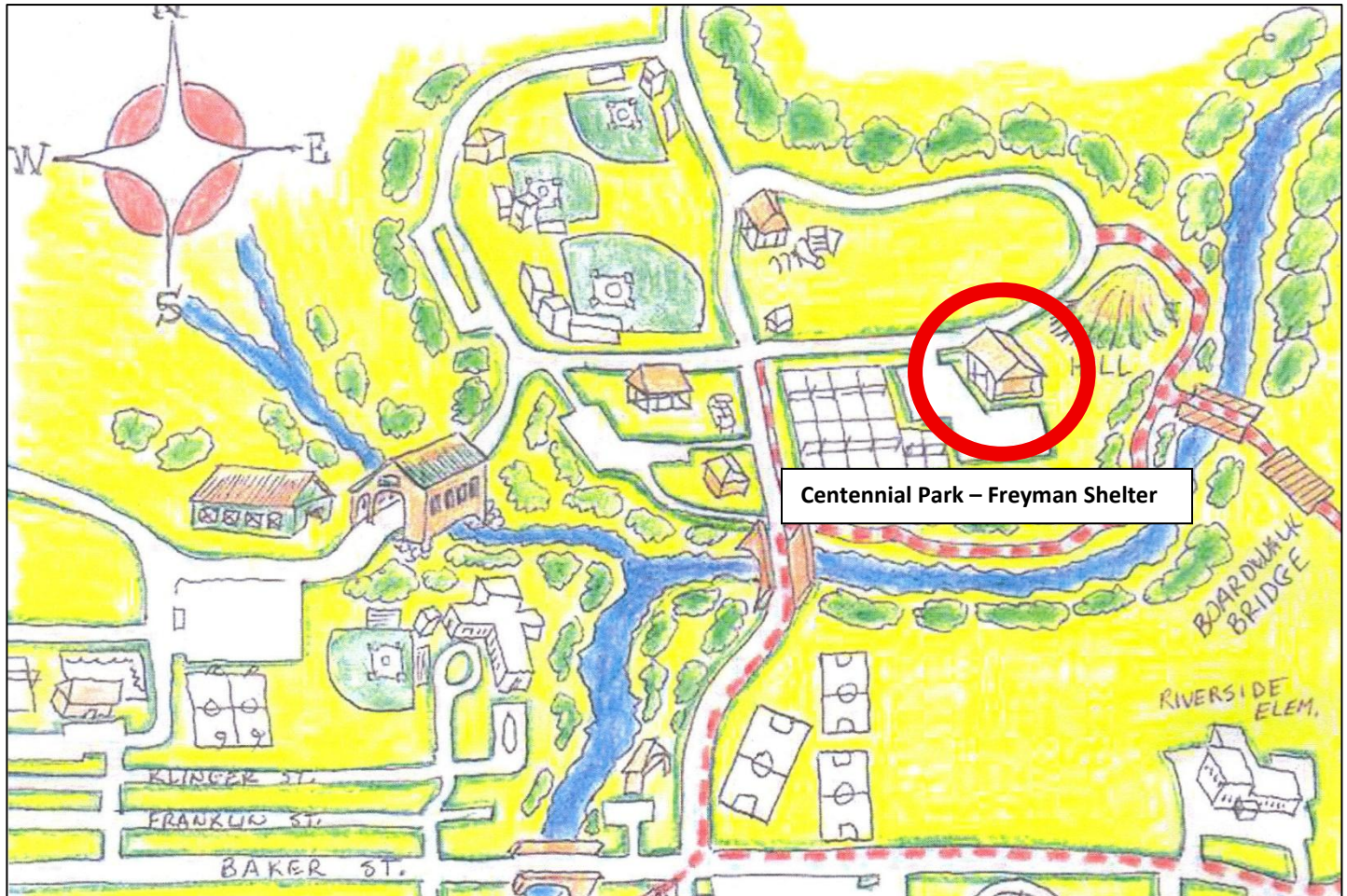
8:15AM	SHUTTLE BUS BEGINS LOADING AT CONFERENCE HOTEL - COMFORT INN AND SUITES 2513 N MICHIGAN ST, PLYMOUTH, IN 46563
8:30AM	SHUTTLE BUS LEAVES CONFERENCE HOTEL FOR FARM
9:00AM	REGISTRATION OPEN/ COFFEE AND SNACKS – THE LODGE BAKERY
9:15AM	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
9:30AM	KEEPING YOUR ANIMALS FED: MANAGING WARM AND COOL SEASON GRASSES/ FORAGE AND SUPPLEMENTING WITH BALE GRAZING – JASON TOWER, SOUTHERN INDIANA PURDUE AG CENTER
10:20AM	BISON RANCHING IN THE EAST: WINS AND LOSSES – PANEL DISCUSSION
11:10AM	ROTATIONAL GRAZING AND POLLINATOR HABITAT – KENT DANKENBRING, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
12:00PM	LUNCH – UP 'N SMOAK
1:15PM	CONSERVATION CROPPING SYSTEMS INITIATIVE – LOIS MANN, CCSI
1:30PM	LOW STRESS BISON HANDLING – JOHN HALSTEAD
	BISON & ELK HERD TOURS
2:30PM	- WHITE OAKS BISON FARM HERD TOUR - FANNIN ELK FARM HERD TOUR
5:00PM	BUS LOADING BEGINS AT WHITE OAKS BISON FARM
5:15PM	BUS LEAVES FARM FOR CONFERENCE HOTEL
6:00PM	DINNER/ SOCIAL TIME - CRISTOS FAMILY DINING - 2227 N MICHIGAN ST, PLYMOUTH, IN 46563

Friday Event Location: Freyman Shelter at Centennial Park 1660 N Michigan St., Plymouth, IN 46563

Saturday Event Location: White Oaks Bison Farm 8343 E 400 N Rochester, IN 46975

Conference Hotel: Comfort Inn and Suites 2513 N Michigan St, Plymouth, IN 46563

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