

**Research Center Administrators Society
Summer 2023 Meeting
September 10-13, 2023
Nashville, Tennessee**

Greetings RCAS Members & Others,

Plans have come together for the **Summer 2023 RCAS Meeting** that will be held in the Nashville, TN area September 10-13, 2023. Our UT planning team feels that the proposed meeting schedule which includes visiting three UT AgResearch and Education Centers (Milan, Highland Rim at Springfield, TN and Plateau at Crossville, TN) in addition to other commodity-based stops will give the membership great exposure to the diversity of Tennessee Agriculture and the mission efforts within The University of Tennessee to support it. Take a look (below) at what we have planned to date and get those hotel reservations made!

Tentative Meeting & Bus Tour Schedule:

**Research Center Administrators Society
2023 Summer Meeting**

Tentative Meeting & Tour Schedule:

- **Sunday, September 10** - RCAS Board and Business Meeting at the Sheraton Music City (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CDT)
- **Monday, September 11** - Bus Tour: Green Acres Berry and Pumpkin Farm, AgResearch and Education Center at Milan, West Tennessee Agricultural Museum, Ed Davis Fish Farm and Tosh Farms (Dinner at Tosh Farms)
- **Tuesday, September 12** - Bus Tour: South Central Growers, Hail & Cotton, Highland Rim AgResearch and Education Center and Opryland Hotel Conservatory
- **Wednesday, September 13** - Bus Tour: Tennessee Farmers Co-op, Plateau AgResearch and Education Center and Shop Springs Creamery and Dairy



Meeting Registration

Below is the link for the registration online. You will not be charged until you put in credit card information.

<https://rcas.regfox.com/summer-meeting-2023-nashville-tn>

Hotel Accommodations:

You will need to make three separate hotel reservations as follows: Music City Sheraton (Parts 1 and 2) and Holiday Inn Clarksville. Each has a separate link for making reservations.

Music City Sheraton, Nashville - **Part 1** (Sept. 9 – Sept. 10, 2023)

There is an active link for room reservations at the Music City Sheraton (777 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN). Per night room cost is \$179.00 (also \$2.50 City Fee, 9.25% Room Tax, and 6% Occupancy Tax per night). That link for making reservations is:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50540918>

Holiday Inn Clarksville (Sept. 11, 2023)

Call directly or reserve a room online at [RCAS](#).

215 Cracker Barrel Drive

Clarksville, TN 37042

Contact Front Desk: 1-931-9197800 Book a Reservation: 1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329)

\$159 per night plus tax

Music City Sheraton, Nashville - **Part 2** (Sept. 12 – Sept. 13, 2023)

There is an active link for room reservations at the Music City Sheraton (777 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN). Per night room cost is \$179.00 (also \$2.50 City Fee, 9.25% Room Tax, and 6% Occupancy Tax per night). That link for making reservations is:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50540922>

Note: The cutoff date for reserving rooms is Friday, August 18, 2023 and it is recommended that you make your reservations as soon as possible. The room rate of \$179.00 can be honored up to three days before and three days after our official meeting.

Airports to Consider for Travel:

- Nashville International Airport (BNA)

Airport Shuttle – Complimentary round-trip transportation to Nashville International airport (BNA) is provided to our guests daily between 4AM – 11 PM. Please contact the hotel to request shuttle service during these hours. Ph. (615) 885-2200.

Things to Do in Nashville:

September 10-13th, 2023

- [Frist Art Museum](#)
- [Johnny Cash Museum](#)
- [Ryman & Country Music Hall of Fame Tour](#)
- [The Parthenon and Centennial Park](#)
- Historic Homes/Plantation Tours
 - [Lotz House](#)
 - [Carter House](#)
 - [Carnton Plantation](#)
- [Andrew Jackson's Hermitage](#)
- [State of TN Capital Tours](#)
- [Cheekwood Estate and Gardens](#)
- [Nashville Sounds](#)
- [Topgolf](#)

See a Show in Town (it's the Nashville Way):

- [Rudy's Jazz Room](#)
- [Ryman Auditorium](#)
- [Ascend Amphitheater](#)
- [Brooklyn Bowl](#)
- [The Basement East](#)
- [Marathon Music Works](#)
- [BlueBird Cafe](#)
- [The Grand Old Opry](#)
- [Bridgestone Arena](#)

Honky Tonks:

- [Broadway](#) - join the bachelorette woo-girls and boot-scoot boogie down Nashville's most famous street. Pro-tip: bring ear plugs and hand sanitizer
- [Printer's Alley](#) - Broadway's quieter, less-traveled cousin, located just steps away
- If going to Broadway, [Assembly Food Hall](#) has dozens of local options that are great for grabbing a quick dinner downtown
- Tootsies Orchid Lounge [Tootsies Orchid Lounge](#).
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Rooftops:

- [Rare Bird](#) - set atop the Noelle Hotel, Rare Bird is right beside the Batman Building and has the best rooftop view of Nashville
- [White Limozeen](#) - a Dolly Parton themed rooftop bar/restaurant, complete with a larger than life bright-pink bust of America's sweetheart herself

Bailey and Friends Personal Favorites (Food Edition):

- [Xiao Bao](#) - everything on the menu is phenomenal. Get one of each, share with the table, and if there are leftovers, take home and enjoy for breakfast the next day.
- [Husk](#) - a go-to recommendation when friends visit from out of town. Husk serves creative, southern dishes that change daily based on seasonal availability of ingredients.
- [Lou](#) - Parisian-inspired seasonal dishes, fresh ingredients, and great ambiance.
- [The Pharmacy](#) - burgers with a big outdoor garden dining area... a wonderful way to enjoy good weather
- [Sixty Vines](#) - good food, and is conveniently located at the top of the 5th and Broad complex in the heart of downtown
- [Butcher & Bee](#) - Southern meets Mediterranean and it is delicious. The whipped feta appetizer is a must.
- [Pinewood Social](#) - has good food, but perhaps more importantly, is located near downtown and has a free parking garage that is validated through the restaurant.
- [Barcelona Wine Bar](#) - a Spanish inspired menu of tapas that are meant to be shared with the table. Nashville insider tip: The unmarked speakeasy, [Old Glory](#) sits behind Barcelona Wine Bar and hosts a live jazz band on Monday nights.
- [Bourbon Steak](#) - definitely a splurge, but it is continually ranked as the best steakhouse in Nashville for a reason. Located at the top of the Marriott Hotel, Bourbon has some of the best views of Music City
- [Culture & Co.](#) - a charcuterie conveyor belt that is affordably priced, need I say more?
- [Yeast Bakery](#) - get the jalapeno cheddar kolache
- [Five Daughters Bakery](#) - the 100-layer donuts are delicious for breakfast and/or dessert

Helpful Tips:

- Restaurants in Nashville book-up fast. For best luck, I recommend making reservations at least two weeks in advance
- Parking is very limited in Nashville and is often expensive... when going out to dinner, don't assume that the restaurant will have free parking nearby. If you are going to be in downtown, I recommend parking in the [Music City Center Garage](#)

and then walking to your destination. If you are staying within a 10-15 minute drive of your destination, I would recommend utilizing Uber - it will likely be around the same price as a parking garage, but without the hassle of navigation.

Let any of us on the UT Summer Meeting planning team know if anyone has questions or needs more information – we look forward to welcoming you to Tennessee in September!

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