

Kauffman Museum Bus Tours

Knowing Naismith

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Tour overview: Although James Naismith invented basketball while living in Massachusetts, Kansas claimed him as one of its own when he became the first basketball coach at the University of Kansas in 1898. He coached basketball icon Phog Allen, served on the faculty at KU for almost 40 years, lived to see basketball become an Olympic sport and helped form what would become the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. All stops are in Lawrence unless noted.

Pre-tour lecture: Prior to the trip (date to be determined), local historian and author Brian Stucky will present a program at Kauffman Museum for our group on the history of basketball, focusing on both Naismith and the ways in which the game has changed since Naismith hung that first peach basket on the wall. Stucky is the author of *Hallowed Hardwoods: Vintage Basketball Gyms of Kansas*.

Allen Field House, Booth Hall of Athletics and the DeBruce Center at the University of Kansas. We'll have a guided tour of Allen Field House and the Booth Hall of Athletics that honors KU's historic athletic programs, its coaches and student-athletes, past and present. The DeBruce Center displays the original, hand written notes by Naismith outlining the rules of the game of "basket ball." There is a possibility that we'll get to see the KU basketball home locker rooms.....depending on the team's meeting and practice schedule. Keep your fingers crossed!

Lunch, Free State Brewery. Who can pass up lunch at this quintessential college town restaurant (but with a bit of class) on Lawrence's well know Massachusetts Street. Noontime brew purchases are on your own!

Watkins Museum of History. In addition to information about Naismith, you'll see exhibits covering all of Lawrence's history with extensive detail about the Civil War.

James Naismith (a.k.a. historical interpreter Bill Nicks). Dr. Naismith will join us on the bus. He'll give us a tour of Lawrence and stop at a memorial in his honor and at his grave. We'll also drive by his homes and hear interesting stories about his life from the father of basketball himself!

Supper on the way home. Stay tuned. We know it will be yummy because we are having a hard time choosing between a few very good options.

Cost includes all meals, all admissions, travel by modern motor coach with a restroom, and gratuities. Fee is refundable (minus \$25 processing fee) prior to April 13. After the deadline, refunds depend on site policies and waiting lists. No refunds given 48 hours or less prior to departure.

- \$ 125 per museum member
- \$ 140 per non-member (yearly museum membership not included in this price)

Reservations are first-come, first-served. To reserve your seat, complete and return this form with payment to **Kauffman Museum, Bethel College, 300 E 27th, North Newton, Kansas 67117**. Phone reservations will only be accepted with credit card payment.

Questions? Contact Andi at asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

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