# Rural Tourism in the North Central Region: Efforts from the University of Minnesota Tourism Center

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Empowers, prepares and supports the tourism industry and communities engaging in tourism for success and sustainability

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Recent profile of the Tourism Center in an Extension Foundation <u>publication</u> (p.22-25)

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### How we work









Education and training

Applied research

Engagement and Outreach

Support undergraduate & graduate students

# **Priority Areas**

Workforce education

Consumer intelligence

**Outdoor recreation** 

Agritourism

Mobility

## Workforce Education



At Your Service



Festival and Event Management online course



Plans for the future

### Consumer Intelligence







Tourism
Assessment
Program (more than consumer intelligence)



Mobile analytics



JUNE 18

10-6 PM







#### Relationship building

# **Outdoor Recreation**



Collaborative proposal writing & project building



Workshops & conferences

### Agritourism

- Statewide workgroup
- Agritourism <u>fact sheet</u>
- Dedicated <u>webpage</u>
- Tailored on-farm event management online course
- Future potentials

### **Mobility**

#### Recently completed projects:

- Post-COVID safety perceptions & preferences of transit and shared mobility users in Greater Minnesota (<u>link</u>)
- Telecommuting during COVID-19: How does it shape the future workplace & workforce? (link)





### **How We Communicate**

**Newsletters** 

LinkedIn

**Facebook** 

**Twitter** 

Annual report (digital & visual)

**Presentations** 

Quarterly Meeting our Mission Highlights (2 pages!)

Conferences & other public gatherings

# Questions & Feedback



# Thank you!

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