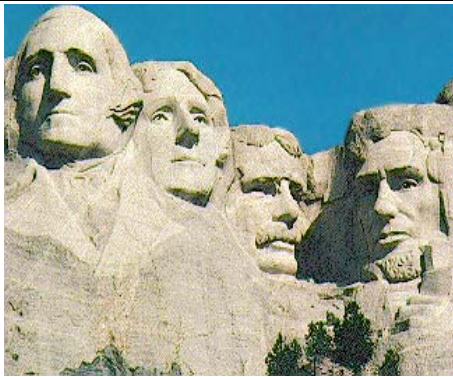


## 2005 North Central Volunteer Forum Tours Conference Tours

### Long Tour

We will be offering two types of tours during the Forum: The long tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end with your return to the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center at 5 p.m., both Friday and Saturday. The short tour which will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., both Friday and Saturday.

The Friday long tour (**FLT**) and the Saturday long tour (**SLT**) will include stops at the Mt. Rushmore Monument and at The Crazy Horse Memorial.



### *Creating Giants in the Black Hills*

It started as an idea to draw sightseers. In 1923 state historian, Doane Robinson, suggested carving giant statues in South Dakota's Black Hills. Chosen for the task was an unconventional sculptor named Gutzon Borglum, whose choice of Mt. Rushmore promised to elevate the memorial to a national cause "in commemoration of the foundation, preservation, and continental expansion of the United States".

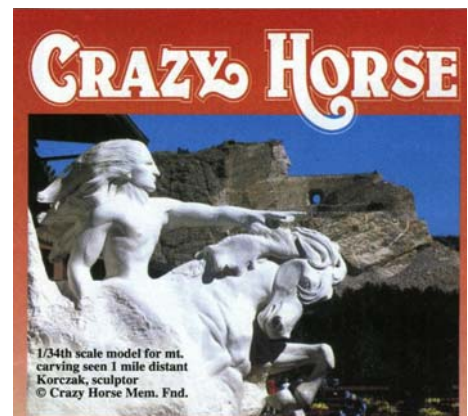
After being dedicated by President Calvin Coolidge in 1927, 14 years of work began, with only 6 years spent in the actual carving. The Washington head was dedicated in 1930, followed by Jefferson in 1936, Lincoln in 1937 and Roosevelt in 1939. Work stopped in October 1941 on the eve of the U.S entry into World War II. The final dedication did not take place until 50 years later under the supervision of Borglum's son, Lincoln.

Join us for this visit to the Mt. Rushmore monument, a testament to four great leaders! Architect Frank Lloyd Wright observed, "The noble countenances emerge from Rushmore as though the spirit of the mountain heard a human plan and itself became a human countenance".

### *Crazy Horse Memorial*

Open year round, Crazy Horse is the world's largest mountain carving now in progress. The Memorial is a tribute to the Native American; the Lakota leader Crazy Horse is being carved on the mountain as a heroic symbol for the nonprofit, educational and cultural memorial honoring all North American tribes. The visitor complex includes displays illustrating the mountain work and progress; Indian Museum of North America, one of the foremost collections in the Upper Midwest; Native American Educational & Cultural Center (2 levels); Orientation and Communications Center; sculptor's studio home and workshop; indoor and outdoor sculpture galleries and more.

For more information, go to [www.crazyhorsememorial.org](http://www.crazyhorsememorial.org).



## Short Tour

The Friday short tour (**FST**) and Saturday short tour (**SST**) will include stops at the Mt. Rushmore Jewelry Factory Outlet (Friday only), The Journey Museum and at the Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries.



### *Mt. Rushmore Jewelry Factory Outlet*

Over a span of 14 years, 360 miners-turned craftsmen carved a rough granite mountain into a polished Monument.

Today, in dozens of intricate steps, their descendants, our craftsmen, carry on this tradition of quality and excellence with every piece of Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold – South Dakota’s official state jewelry. One hundred and twenty years have passed since the first piece was made and some people still say that wearing the jewelry brings them “good luck”.

Unlike most jewelry, Black Hills Gold is uniquely created by many handcrafted steps. Each piece can go through up to 4 individual stages, including design, wax carving, casting, grinding and polishing, soldering, cleaning, wriggling, bright cutting and engraving.

Take time for the area’s **only** guided jewelry tour! See it made – Black Hills Gold, diamonds, gemstones and watches. Purchases made at factory direct prices!

For more information, go to [www.mtrushmorejewelry.com](http://www.mtrushmorejewelry.com).



### *The Journey Museum*

The Journey Museum takes you on an incredible trek through time, from the violent upheaval that formed the mystical Black Hills more than 2.5 billion years ago to the continuing saga of the Western frontier.

The Journey Museum brings together four major prehistoric and historic collections to tell the complete story of the Western Great Plains – from the perspective of the Lakota people and the pioneer who shaped its past, to the scientists who now study it.

For more information, go to [www.journeymuseum.org](http://www.journeymuseum.org).



### *Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries*

For more than two decades, Prairie Edge has set the standard in quality and authenticity for handmade Plains Indian art and crafts. South Dakota’s Historical Preservation Award was given to Prairie Edge’s exceptional half-city block building located in the heart of downtown Rapid City.

Within Prairie Edge you will find the most extensive collection of Plains Indian art, crafts and jewelry offered for sale anywhere.

Visit a Native American gallery, Fine Art Gallery, Book and Music Store, Italian Glass Bead Library, Sioux Trading Post—a unique crafts supply center—and a turn of the century Trading Company that sells gifts collectables, sportswear, old-fashioned toys and traditional mercantile wares.

For more information, go to [www.prairieedge.com](http://www.prairieedge.com).

# Pre-Conference Tour



## *About the Mammoth Site*

Dakota Bus Service will offer a bus tour to the Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, SD on Thursday, November 10. The Mammoth Site is a world-class museum showing a sinkhole and the in situ exhibit of mammoth bones, all enclosed and protected by the climate controlled building. More than 26,000 years ago, large Columbian and woolly mammoths were trapped and died in a spring-fed pond near what is now the southwest edge of Hot Springs, South Dakota. Discovered by chance in 1974 while excavating for a housing development, the Mammoth Site is the world's largest Columbian mammoth exhibit and research center for Pleistocene studies. The site provides the worldwide scientific community a comparative collection of mammoth remains, Ice Age vertebrates and invertebrates, geology and 26,000 years of environmental data.

The bus fee will be \$22.50 per person for 25-39 people, or \$17.50 per person for 40 or more people. Please contact the Dakota Bus Service at 1-800-499-2652 to make your reservations. Payment should be made by VISA or MASTERCARD before the trip. If less than 25 register, the trip will be cancelled and no charges will be processed. The bus will leave the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10 for the tour.