2015 Lebanon Tours

1. ENTEK – FRIDAY – June 19, 1:15 – 2:30 PM

ENTEK Manufacturing was established in 1986 here in Lebanon. It is a world-wide company that primarily produces battery separators with approximately 300 employees here in Oregon and approximately 165 in England. Lebanon produces battery separators and manufactures the extruding machinery to produce battery separators. At one time ENTEK produced all battery separators used in all General Motors cars and trucks. Currently ENTEK's England operation produces products for Europe while Lebanon's campus is setting up an Asian warehouse to meet the needs of car makers like Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Kia and Hyundai.

2. Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and Western Health Sciences University (Comp NW) – FRIDAY – 3:15 – 4:45 PM

Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) has a long history with the PNMC and the Mennonite Faith tradition. Mennonites began managing the Lebanon Community Hospital in 1948 and was the employment site for many people doing 1-W Service for their country. SLCH is a critical care access hospital facility providing care for East Linn County. SLCH continues to be affiliated with Mennonite Health Services and has won national awards for its critically acclaimed Japanese Healing Garden.

Comp NW is an Oregon satellite campus for Western Health Sciences University (Doctors of Osteopathic School) headquartered in Pomona, California. The Lebanon campus also features several gardens on a 50 acre site adjacent to the SLCH main campus. Classes began in 2011 and this year will graduate 100 doctors. Comp NW is only the 2nd medical school in Oregon in history and the first to open in over 100 years. The campus also features the Samaritan Event Center, Boulder Falls Best Western Hotel, SamFit, Urgent Care, Outpatient Pharmacy and numerous medical offices.

3. Pennington Seed – SATURDAY – 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Pennington Seed began in 1945 in Madison Georgia but branched out and established an Oregon operation in 1985 which cleans, blends and bags grass seed. Today Pennington Seed is a part of Central Garden and Pet Company with over 1000 employees in a family of companies, including Nexgen Turf Research near Albany, Oregon. Pennington Seed employees approximately 45 people in its Oregon operations. Pennington Seed provides the grass seed/turf for the Atlanta Braves baseball team and the Turf for five Super Bowls.

4. HIKE - SATURDAY - 1:30 - 5:00 PM

McDowell Creek Falls County Park is located approximately 16 miles east of Lebanon. The area has 3 miles of well-established trails, some along the side of a crystal clear stream (McDowell Creek) with views of majestic falls in a lush green forest. The main creek-side trail is approximately one mile in length and presents stellar views of four water falls.

Drive time: 20-25 minutes each way Hike Time: 30 minutes – 1 hour (1 mile) 1.5 – 3 hours (3 miles)