

Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee

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October 2-4, 2025 – HOSTED TOUR UNION COUNTRY U.S.A.

The Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee

invites you to apply to become part of the

VIP Tour

of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Growing Region

Once you submit the application form, you will be notified by September 2, 2025, if you have been selected for the expense-paid trip. The tour includes airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation, and entertainment. Incidentals are not covered. (See application form for VIP travel cancellation policy)

DETAILS:

On behalf of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Promotion Committee you are cordially invited to apply to be part of a select group of onion buyers that will participate in the VIP Onion Buyers Tour to the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion growing region.

The **expense-paid** tour will include stops at onion packing operations, harvest in the fields, meetings with the area sales people, and meal functions to network with many of the area's shippers and their staff. There will be considerable walking; **VIPs who apply for the tour will need to be able to walk for 30 minutes on uneven ground without assistance.** There are a variety of temperatures this time of year, cool mornings, cool evenings, and hot days. Be prepared to dress accordingly.

The VIP Tour is scheduled for October 2-4, 2025 (Thursday, Friday, with a Saturday departure, or stay at the Committee's expense until Sunday) If you choose to arrive early or stay after the tour to conduct additional business, we will be happy to assist you in making those arrangements, but this early arrival or additional stay will be at your own expense. We hope that your schedule will allow you to apply for this tour.

If you are interested, please complete the application form below and submit to the Promotion Committee Office by email candifitch@outlook.com, or access the online form at www.USAOnions.com Applicants will be accepted through **August 20, 2025. All qualified applicants will be considered. Applicants who are chosen to participate will be notified no later than September 2, 2025. By receipt of this invite, there is no guarantee of a secured spot on the tour.**

If you are not able to apply, please forward this information to an onion buyer you feel would benefit from visiting our growing area. **ONE VIP TOUR PARTICIPANT PER COMPANY/DIVISION.**

You may contact Candi Fitch, Executive Director, at (208) 722-7917 or email her candifitch@outlook.com with any questions or concerns. **We look forward to meeting you this fall!**

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, October 2nd

Arrive in Boise and Travel to an area hotel Nampa, Idaho Area (TBD)
(Shuttle bus service will be provided)
Industry Dinner

Friday, October 3rd

Meet with Shippers, Tour Area Sheds and Growing Fields including a hosted Industry Luncheon and Dinner. *Tours will be arranged for you to see onions being harvested in the fields, to visit onion packing operations, and to meet with area shippers during your visit. All VIPs must participate in all segments of these tours as a group and no separate shipper meetings will be permitted.* **VIPs who apply for the tour will need to be able to walk for 30 minutes on uneven ground without assistance.** There are a variety of temperatures this time of year, cool mornings, cool evenings, and hot days. Be prepared to dress accordingly.

Saturday, October 4th

Travel to Boise for airport departure home, or make arrangements for a continued stay, VIPs who stay over will have the opportunity to take a Jet Boat Tour in Hells Canyon (Hells Canyon is North America's Deepest Gorge running deeper than the Grand Canyon).

2025 Idaho-E. Oregon Onion VIP Tour Application Form

You may email this form to candifitch@outlook.com, or apply on-line at: www.usaonions.com

*After submitting the tour application, you will be notified if you have been chosen for the tour.
Once notified, we will proceed with your travel arrangements.*

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Note: If VIPs who are chosen for the tour cancel after travel arrangements are made, the participant will be billed for the expenses accrued by the Committee, at the time of cancellation.

Full Name _____ Company Name _____

Title _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Are you an onion buyer or do you have influencing authority over onion purchases? _____

Do you currently purchase onions from the Idaho-E. Oregon Onion Region? _____

If yes, approximately how many loads per week? _____

If no, would you consider purchasing onions from the Idaho-E. Oregon Onion Region in the future? _____

Have you ever toured the Idaho-E. Oregon Onion Region? _____

If yes, please list what year? _____

Please complete the following, so we have it on file if you are selected for the tour:

• Airport you will depart from: _____

• Special Diet or Travel Requests _____

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Executive Director, Candi Fitch, (208) 722-7917, candifitch@outlook.com