Day 1 Morning Tours, April 14, 2027
Pendleton 2027

Tour 1-Pendleton UAS Range — DRONETOWN, USA

8:00am-11:00am

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the **Pendleton UAS Range** and discover how Pendleton has become known as **DRONETOWN, USA**.

During this 90-minute guided tour, you'll visit key areas of the Range, including **PUR Headquarters, the Oregon UAS Accelerator, and the Pendleton Airfield/UAS Industrial Park**, while learning how this growing industry is creating jobs, attracting investment, and contributing to the region's economic future.

For CTE educators and administrators, the tour offers an opportunity to see an emerging industry in action and consider the connections to **career exploration, technical skills, work-based learning, entrepreneurship, and industry partnerships**. Whether you work with high school or college students, you'll leave with a broader view of careers and opportunities developing around unmanned aircraft systems—and ideas for connecting students to the industries shaping their future.

Rainmaker

Included in Tour 1 is a visit to a commercial use of drone technology. **Rainmaker** is a next generation cloud seeding company using advanced UAVs, radar algorithms, and modern validation technologies to enhance precipitation and end water scarcity. **Rainmaker** increases precipitation to support agriculture, maintain water supplies, stabilize hydroelectric power and end drought across the globe.

Photography and video recording are not permitted during the tour unless approved by City of Pendleton staff.

Pendleton UAS Range https://www.pendletonuasrange.com/

Rainmaker https://www.rainmaker.com/

Tour 2-The Maker's Tour

10am-12pm

Pendleton Woolen Mills

Step inside one of America's few remaining woolen mills and see how traditional craftsmanship meets modern manufacturing. Pendleton's Oregon mill is one of just four remaining woolen mills in the United States and continues to evolve through technology, innovation, and sustainable practices.

CTE educators will get an up-close look at the **manufacturing process**, including state-of-the-art, two-story Jacquard looms that **create intricate graphic and pictorial designs** and the wool-spinning process that transforms raw wool into yarn.

The tour offers a great opportunity to explore the intersection of advanced manufacturing, textiles, technology, design, skilled trades, and sustainability—and consider the range of skills and career pathways involved in bringing an iconic American product from raw material to finished textile.

Downtown Pendleton Makers

After seeing manufacturing on a larger scale at Pendleton Woolen Mills, the Maker's Tour heads downtown to explore another side of making in Pendleton.

CTE educators will visit several small artisan and craft-based businesses headquartered in downtown Pendleton, meeting the people who have turned specialized skills and creative ideas into locally based businesses. **Participants will get a closer look at how makers combine craftsmanship, design, production, entrepreneurship, marketing, and business skills to bring their products to market.**

Together, the two stops provide an interesting contrast—from the technology and production systems of an iconic American manufacturer to the ingenuity and hands-on skills of small independent makers—and offer educators ideas for connecting CTE, entrepreneurship, and real-world career pathways in their own programs.

Pendleton Woolen Mills https://www.pendleton-usa.com/

Downtown Pendleton Makers https://travelpendleton.com/category/the-makers-trail/

Tour 3-Tamastslikt Cultural Institute *"More than just a museum"*

10:00am-11:30am

As a premier cultural institution, **Tamástslikt Cultural Institute** stands out as the sole museum along the Oregon Trail dedicated to presenting the narrative of westward expansion through an Indigenous lens. Translating to "interpreter," Tamástslikt bridges this ancestral legacy with contemporary achievements—highlighting how the tribal nation leads regional efforts in **salmon habitat restoration**—while looking toward the future through its evocative "We Will Be" exhibition detailing ongoing community aspirations. Educators can preview these themes by viewing this **short video overview**.

Visitors are invited to explore over 16,000 years of heritage, traditions, and enduring hospitality. The Institute honors the living culture of the **Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes** using interactive exhibits and specialized educational programming. CTE educators will gain insight into how a resilient community continues to flourish today, overcoming historical hardships ranging from broken treaties and land loss to systemic boarding school policies.

Extending a tradition of hospitality that began centuries ago, the Institute welcomes today's visitors to experience this ongoing legacy.

Please ask prior to taking any photos. **https://www.tamastslikt.org/**

Tour 4-CTUIR: Culture, Education & Workforce

10am-11:30am

Orientation-15 minutes, 5 minutes (travel) Begin with a CTUIR orientation featuring an overview of Tribal history and governance, along with a brief introduction to the sites and programs participants will visit throughout the day.

School-30 minutes, 5 minutes (travel)-Visit the Nixyaawii Community School and learn about the culturally responsive programs, academic supports, career exploration, and other resources specifically designed to help Indigenous students thrive in school and prepare for their futures.

Workforce Development-30 minutes-Visit the CTUIR Workforce Development Center to learn how education, training, and community partnerships connect individuals to meaningful careers and local employment opportunities. Explore how CTUIR supports workforce preparation while responding to the evolving needs of employers and the regional economy.

Please ask prior to taking any photos. **https://ctuir.org/**

Tour 5-Construction & Engineering, (Coming soon).

Tour 6-Hospitality, Wildhorse Resort/Pendleton Underground

8:00-11:30am

Wildhorse Resort **https://www.wildhorseresort.com/resort/about-wildhorse/**

Get a back-of-house look at what it takes to run a full-service resort. Visit with culinary experts, sales and marketing staff, operations professionals as well as tour their recent addition. The new tower adds 400 guest rooms, expanded dining facilities and expanded convention space with a concert hall. The first Tribal Casino in the United States to feature the innovative Gala Flooring system

Pendleton Underground Tour **http://pendletonundergroundtours.org/**

Come join us for a lively look into Pendleton's infamous and entertaining past. No town has a more colorful history! Find out why Pendleton was known as the entertainment capital of Eastern Oregon. This is where the past becomes real.

Follow your guide Underground to the Shamrock Card Room Bar, Hop Sing's Laundry, the Empire Ice Cream Parlor, through passageways beneath the sidewalks, on to the Empire Meat Market. Stand under prism glass and go through a secret passageway to a Prohibition Card Room then end up in the Duck Pin Bowling Alley. After that you will head up to the street level then up the 31 stairs to one of Pendleton's 18 bordellos; the famous "Cozy Rooms." After learning about Madam Stella Darby and her working girls, the guide will take you to the most primitive area of the tour; where you will see a shooting range, vault, and opium den. Learn about Pendleton's Wild side!

Tour 7-Community Health

Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center **https://yellowhawk.org/**

10:00am-11:30am

Visit **Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center** for a brief presentation and guided tour highlighting its integrated approach to community health. Explore career pathways and services across **medical, dental, behavioral health, physical therapy, optometry and more** while learning how these areas work together to support the health and well-being of the Tribal community