On June 23, 128 attendees boarded three buses for the first Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association (CSTMA) Seminar on Wheels. The group rolled into Denver for up-close, behind the scenes tours of the city's three top sports facilities: Mile High Stadium, Coors Field, and the Denver Broncos Practice Facility.

Mile High Stadium Groundskeeper/Maintenance Technician Jose Palm presented attendees an unfamiliar view of the field, which was set up for soccer instead of football. Following the tour, Palm gave an informative and entertaining presentation on the hows and whys of the facility's maintenance program.

At Coors Field, the group found Head Groundskeeper Mark Razum and his crew in the middle of pre-game preparations. Razum had specifically requested that the tour be held on a game day, so participants could catch the action in progress.

As activity whirled around them, attendees learned the details of pre-game set-up as they watched the procedures unfold.

Following the tour and presentation, the group stopped for lunch at Dove Valley Park, just across the road from the Broncos Practice Facility. Keeping their tradition of raising scholarship funds, CSTMA closed the lunch session with a raffle.

At the Broncos Training Facility, Turf Manager Ross Kurcab and Assistant Sports Turf Manager Troy Smith split attendees into two groups for facility tours, browsing sessions in the trophy room, and educational classroom sessions. The fields were obviously set up for football.

The fields handle approximately 9,000 team plays between August and January each year. That's equal to about 60 games worth of play during the fall football season. The goal is to have the practice fields — and the team — in play through mid-January.

As attendees rode away from the Broncos practice facility, the group declared the first-ever CSTMA Seminar on Wheels a great success.