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KENTUCKY YFA CELEBRATES 60!

By Cole Hamilton On March 16-17, 2018, the Kentucky Young Farmer Association will be hosting its 60th State Convention at the Lake Barkley State Resort Park! To celebrate 60 years of agricultural education, innovation, and leadership, we are inviting all former State Presidents, Member of the Year recipients, and past State Advisors to be honored on the Saturday evening session with a presentation depicting 60 years of Kentucky Young Farmers. If you are personally or know any former State Presidents, Member of the Year recipients, or State Advisors, please contact Mark Thomas so we can get your information for the presentation.

Thanks for 60 amazing years and we look forward to seeing everyone at Lake Barkley this March!



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President's Letter

Hello again everyone. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Hopefully this letter finds everyone in good health and looking forward to the new year.

We just returned from the National Institute in Savannah, Georgia. Georgia really welcomed us all with a great institute. We toured the JCB manufacturing facility, the Port of Georgia, the Eighth Air Force Museum, a local agri tourism farm, a peanut operation, cotton gin, and a nursery. There were river boat tours, ghost tours and lots of good food and a whole lot of southern history.

The time is once again drawing near for our annual convention. This will be our 60th convention. The officer team has been working really hard to reach out to our past presidents and our past members of the year to invite them to attend a recognition ceremony on Saturday evening. If you happen to know any of these people, please give them a reminder that we would really like to see them there. Convention this year is being held March 16th and 17th at the beautiful Lake Barkley State Park in Trigg County. Registration information is in the back of this newsletter or online at our website.

I would like to personally challenge each member to attend their local meetings and convention as well and bring someone new. Together we can continue to grow this organization.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention.

Robert Driskill



Welcome, Rachel Wilson, Our New State Advisor!

Happy New Year and Greetings!

I want to take a moment to introduce myself to the members of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association. I began my work with KCTCS on January 2, 2018, so things have been pretty exciting so far with regional banquet and convention planning. My background has always been rooted in agriculture. I was raised on a tobacco and hog farm in Hardin County. I became involved in FFA in high school and served in various roles of leadership through that program. However, my involvement with FFA also prompted me to major in Agriculture Education. After attending and graduating from Murray State University, I began teaching agriculture at North Hardin High School and was there for seven years. In 2012, my husband accepted a job in North Carolina and I stepped away from the classroom to become a stay at home mother. In 2016, we came back to Hardin County and I began seeking a job in agriculture. I was blessed to become the education coordinator of Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom in May 2016 and I still serve in that capacity. Now, I have the privilege of serving as state advisor for this wonderful organization. My husband and I have four children—Abby (11), Micah (9), Jude (5), and Phoebe (2)—and live in Rineyville, Kentucky. We own Mustard Seed Kennel and raise German Shorthaired Pointers.

Although I know a few of the members across the state, I look forward to meeting more through upcoming regional and state activities. I am excited to learn about individual chapters and the educational programs. I hope to see many of you at state convention and details are included in this newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with friends and to learn about Kentucky agriculture. This year's convention will be held at Lake Barkley State Resort in March. Please register and make plans to attend. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

Rachel Wilson

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KY YFA Contest List

(Items in red are entered at state convention)

Ag mechanics written	Dairy Production
Farm management written	Swine Wean to finish
Spokesperson	Swine Farrow to Finish
Alfalfa hay production	Swine Weaner Pig Production
Alfalfa Mixed hay production	Ag Mechanics Proficiency
Mixed grass Non alfalfa hay production	Ag Mechanics Proficiency
Straw Production	Farmstead
Yellow corn	Diversified Crop
White corn	Conservation and water quality
Wheat	Member of the Year
Soybeans-Upland	Rural leadership
Soybeans-bottomland	Chapter Contest
Soybeans- Double Crop	<u>CRAFT CONTEST</u>
Roundup Ready Soybeans- Upland	Stitched Items
Roundup ready Soybeans- Bottomland	Baked Goods
Roundup Ready Soybeans-Double Crop	Farm Photo
Burley Tobacco	Family Photo
Dark Tobacco-Air Cured	Wreaths
Dark Tobacco- Fire Cured	Paint
Diversified Farming	Holiday Item
Diversified Livestock	Decorative Shirts
Beef Production	Scrap Booking
Beef Feeder Production	Jams
	Floral

Proposed By-Law Change Presented by Jessamine County YFA

With the change in State YFA advisors that we experienced this past summer/fall, the Jessamine County YFA Chapter would like to propose a change to the by-laws. Background: The Position came absent on August 1st 2017 and was not filled until December 2017, this was a critical time for the state board to be making decisions about state convention.

The amendment is as follows:

By-Laws: Article 1, Section A, Number 8 State Advisor:

c. If the state YFA Advisor is unable to perform his/her duties, then the state organization and/or board, is allowed to reinstate any past president or any YFA advisor to the state board to temporarily fill the void, until the state YFA advisor is able to perform his/her duties.

Change will be presented to the membership body via the January newsletter.

Delegate session will be on March 17th at 12:00 central time at the Lake Barkley State Lodge Convention Center.

Article VIII Section E:

A quorum consists of delegates from a majority of the active chapters registered for the event. (For Example, if 10 chapters are pre-registered for the event, there is a possible 20 delegates, therefore, 11 delegates will need to be present to have a quorum.)

Kentucky Young Farmers Association Spokesperson Contest

Objectives:

- To provide an education program that inspires participation from the majority of chapters belonging to the KYFFA.
- To enhance public speaking skills of young men and women from all parts of the world by encouraging competition.
- To further educate the general public about issues facing agriculture in this nation and world.
- To provide a rewarding and plundered field experience where contestants, advisors and sponsors will all be excited about participation.

Contest Eligibility:

Any member of the KYYFA Over 18 years old on the day of the state contest may enter. Past winners of the KYYFA Spokesperson Contest are not eligible.

Rules:

Each spokesperson must have a 3-5 minute presentation or speech on the topic that is provided.

Contestants may have visual aids. (No projector or screen will be provided)

The top 2 spokespeople will give their presentation again at the MOY Banquet where the State Winner will be chosen.

Prizes:

1st- \$300 2nd- \$200 3rd-\$100

Topic:

What newly developed technology will have the biggest impact on agriculture production in Kentucky over the next decade?

60th Annual Kentucky Young Farmer Association Convention
MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM
Lake Barkley State Resort Park
3500 State Park Rd
Cadiz, KY. 42211

March 16-17, 2018

**ALL PERSONS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION SHOULD RETURN THIS FORM
BY FEB 10th 2018**

Due to State Park Requirements, all rooms reservations must be made by Feb 1st 2018 to receive the convention rate. The Hotel wants to make it known they are on track to be fully booked on our convention weekend. Please make reservations as early as possible!

Advance Registration Fee will be **\$60.00** per person for members, spouses and guest. Do not include sponsors or supporting members unless they plan to stay for the entire convention. Late registration (postmarked after February 10th) will be \$85 per person. Registration for children (ages 5-12) is **\$40.00** per child (or \$60.00 if postmarked after February 10th). Children 0 to 4 are FREE. A different form must be used for student teachers and teacher educators. Individual meal fees are available upon request by emailing kyfatreasurer@gmail.com. **If you have any special meal need please note these on the registration form.** Refunds will only be made from this office if requested 72 hours prior to the beginning of the convention.

Room reservations can be made by calling the **Lake Barkley State Resort Park** and using the **group code 2018 Kentucky Young Farmers**. If you need help call Mark Thomas @ 270-723-6175 or by calling the hotel at 1-800-325-1708. Room rates are \$79.95 +tax/night. Cottages, cabins and suites are \$159.95 per night. Price depends on what kind of room is needed. **All room reservations must be made by February 1st to receive the convention rate.**

_____ Chapter

Please list all members on the back of this form.

_____ Adults @ \$60.00 early registration	= \$ _____
_____ Adults @ \$85.00 late registration	= \$ _____
_____ Children 5 thru 12 years old @ \$40.00	= \$ _____
_____ Children late registration @ \$60.00	= \$ _____
_____ Friday Only @ \$30.00 (\$20 for children)	= \$ _____
_____ Saturday Only @ \$50.00 (\$35 for children)	= \$ _____
_____ Children 4 & Under – FREE (but please register)	

Complete and mail to: Kentucky YFA
c/o Danielle Milbern
2009 Hannibal Court
Lexington KY 40514

**** PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION **
MEALS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED WITH
ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

**NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED
AT CONVENTION.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE MENUS
ON SEPARATE PAGE**

**SHOULD YOUR CHILD NOT WANT THE
KIDS MENU, YOU MUST REGISTER THAT
CHILD AS AN ADULT.**

CHAPTER

Name	Member X	Spouse X	Child X	Guest X	Child FREE X	Friday Dinner Please indicate Fish or Chicken (Please note any allergies here)
TOTAL ENCLOSED						

2018 State YFA Convention Schedule

Thursday March 15, 2018

8:00 PM	Gathering Room Opens	TBD
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Friday March 16, 2018

8:00 AM	Executive Committee Breakfast and Meeting	Barkley Lodge
9:30 AM	Officer Interviews	Sunrise Room
11:00AM	Enter Crafts	Convention Center
12:00 PM	Opening Luncheon	Convention Center
1:00PM	Silent Auction Opens	Convention Center
1:30-5:00PM	Afternoon Activity TBD	Convention Center
5:30 PM	Sponsors Reception	Convention Center
6:30 PM	Sponsors Dinner	Convention Center
9:00 PM	Gathering Room Opens	TBD

Saturday March 17, 2018

9:00 AM	Silent Auction Opens/ Enter Crafts	Convention Center
9:30 AM	Crop and Livestock Awards Brunch	Convention Center
12:00 PM	Business Session	Convention Center
1:30 PM	Ag Mechanics Written Contest	Convention Center
1:30 PM	Spokesperson Contest	Convention Center
2:30 PM	Farm Management Contest	Convention Center
3:00 PM	Judge Crafts	Convention Center
4:00 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Convention Center
5:00 PM	Member of the Year Reception	Convention Center
6:00 PM	Member of the Year Banquet	Convention Center
9:00 PM	Gathering Room Opens	TBD

Sunday March 5, 2017

8:30 AM	Officers Breakfast and Orientation	Lake Barkley Lodge
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sunrise Room

This is a new format for the 2018 convention we are trying in the effort to get more involvement. We are condensing all activities into 2 days. Friday morning will consist of officer interviews and setup for convention. Friday afternoon will be the same. We have moved all the written and spokesperson contests to Saturday afternoon in the effort to get more participation. Even though all the contests are happening at nearly the same time, all contests will remain open so everyone can have a chance to participate in any or all of them if they would like.

2017-2018 KENTUCKY YOUNG FARMER ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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