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NYFEA INSTITUTE

Rogers, Arkansas

2018 National Institute consisted of local farm tours in Arkansas and Missouri, and tours of the Tyson Food headquarters and the Walmart Museum. Unfortunately, none of the State Board was able to go to National Institute this year. Matt Crain and Brandon Winkler did a fanatic job of representing the State of Kentucky. The state board would like to say, “Thank you to Matt Crain and Brandon Winkler for representing us.”

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President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope that this letter finds everyone in good health and in good spirits. The holidays went very well in my household and I look forward to what 2019 has in store as I am sure that many of you do as well. In this addition of the Kentucky YFA newsletter you will find a recap of the National Institute in Rogers, Arkansas, as well as information about our annual state convention in Owensboro.

State Convention will be held March 8-9th at the River Center in Owensboro. We will start the weekend off Friday morning with a brief executive committee meeting followed by officer interviews. After that we will hold our opening luncheon. There will also be a few tours that afternoon as well. That evening we will have our Sponsorship Dinner. Saturday will begin with our crops and livestock awards brunch per usual. That evening we will be holding our Member of the Year banquet.

We also have decided to make a few minor changes to the convention schedule this year. In an effort to encourage more involvement in some of our contests we have moved our spokesperson and written contests to Saturday afternoon. We also have moved officer interviews to Friday morning as opposed to Thursday to try and encourage more to apply for the State Board.

As most of you know, we have been facing several budget constraints this past year. In an effort to cut some of the costs associated with our state convention we have made a few minor changes to some of our contests, namely reducing our alfalfa production contests into one contest (before there was alfalfa mixed and alfalfa) and reducing our soybean production contests into upland and lowland contests. This was all in an effort to save as much money as possible to make this the best convention it could possibly be with a significantly smaller budget than we are typically accustomed to.

All that being said, I look forward to seeing everyone in March!

Caleb Thomas



Wilson's Wisdom

Greetings and Happy New Year!! It is hard to believe that another year has quickly passed and a new one is beginning. It seems that time passes quicker with each year!! I hope that this upcoming year brings many blessings to you and your family.

The 61st YFA State Convention is right around the corner! This year, convention is being hosted by the Daviess County Chapter and will be held at the Riverpark Center in Owensboro on March 8-9. The Daviess County Chapter has been working diligently to plan a fun and informative convention for all members. I encourage as many members as possible to complete the production contest forms. The board has worked hard to secure sponsorships and it would be fantastic to have an entry in all the contests. Kentucky farmers are doing great things for agriculture all across the state. Convention is a great opportunity to highlight your farm. In addition to the production contests, there are also other contests including an agriculture mechanics and farm management written test and the spokesperson contest. There are also a variety of craft contests that can be entered as well. All the contest forms and information will be available on our website.

The NYFEA National Institute was recently held in Rogers, Arkansas. Due to the massive budget cut that the adult agriculture program had for the 2018-2019 year, I chose not to use the limited budget money to attend the event. However, Kentucky was still well represented. Matt Crain and Brandon Winkler served as delegates. Next year's convention will be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Make plans to attend!!

This past year brought many changes to the adult agriculture program. Dayle Windsor (Christian County), Dennis Perry (Eastern Kentucky), and Bob Middleton (Ballard, Carlisle, and West McCracken) all chose to retire after MANY years of service to the adult agriculture and Kentucky Young Farmer Association. I wish them all many happy years of retirement!

Unfortunately, due to our budget cut, those positions will remain unfilled for the foreseeable future. However, on a positive note, the adult agriculture program will be hiring a part time position in Marshall and Livingston Counties in January!!

Another change for 2019 is an electronic newsletter instead of a printed version. As with any major change, there may be some kinks in the system at the beginning. Please be patient as we transition into electronic newsletters. To help with the transition, please make sure that you provide an up-to-date email to your advisor or me. As always, the newsletter will also be available on our website.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the regional banquets in February after state judging and at convention! I look forward to seeing you all!!

Rachel Wilson

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2019 STATE YFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8, 2019

8:00 AM	Executive Committee Breakfast and Meeting	River Park Center
9:30 AM	Officer Interviews	River Park Center
11:00 AM	Enter Crafts	River Park Center
12:00 PM	Opening Luncheon	River Park Center
1:00 PM	Silent Auction Opens	River Park Center
1:30-5:00 PM	Afternoon Local Tours	River Park Center
5:30 PM	Sponsors Reception	River Park Center
6:30 PM	Sponsors Dinner	River Park Center
9:00 PM	Hospitality Room	Hampton Inn

Saturday, March 9, 2019

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

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:30 AM	Officers Breakfast and Orientation	River Park Center
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This is a new format we are trying for the 2019 convention. 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 an 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.

61st Annual Kentucky Young Farmer Association Convention

River Park Center
101 Daviess Street
Owensboro, KY 42303

March 8-9, 2019

EVERYONE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION SHOULD RETURN THIS FORM BY FEB 9th 2019

Hampton Inn & Suites in downtown Owensboro will be our hotel for Convention. All room reservations must be made by Feb 8th 2019 to receive the convention rate.
Please make reservations as early as possible!

Advance Registration Fee will be **\$75.00** 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 9th) will be \$95 per person. Registration for children (ages 5-12) is **\$50.00** per child (or \$60.00 if postmarked after February 9th). 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 Ashley.johnson@ky.gov. **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 **Hampton Inn & Suites in downtown Owensboro** and using the group code 2019 Kentucky Young Farmers. If you need help, call Cole Hamilton @ (618) 306-2635 or by calling the hotel at 270-685-2005. Room rates are \$109 +tax/night. Suites are \$209 per night + tax. Price depends on what kind of room is needed.

All room reservations must be made by February 1st to receive the convention rate.

This year is a little different than registration in year's past because we have to pay a sales tax on Registration. So, you will see a \$5.00 dollar (per person) fee at the end of registration form. If you have any questions or concerns about this, feel free to contact Ashley Johnson (270)-839-4400 or Danielle Milbern (859)-967-4311.

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Please list all members on the following page.

Adults @ \$75.00 early registration	
Tax: \$4.50 (per person)	Tax
Adults @ \$95.00 late registration	
Tax: \$5.70 (per person)	Tax
Children (5-12) @ \$50.00	
Tax: \$3.00 (per kid)	Tax
Children (4 and under) FREE	
	Total:

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

PLEASE NOTE THE MENUS ON SEPARATE PAGE.
SHOULD YOUR CHILD NOT WANT THE KIDS MENU, YOU MUST REGISTER THAT CHILD AS AN ADULT.

**** PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION****

MEALS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED WITH ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CONVENTION.

**2019 Kentucky Young Farmer Association Convention
MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM
March 8-9, 2019**

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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						

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