

GYF SEPTEMBER NEWS

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Deb Kammerer will resume advising duties for the Gettysburg Young Farmers during the 2015-2016 school year. At their August 17th meeting the GASD school board approved a part time contract for the upcoming year at the request of Superintendent Larry Redding. Young Farmer advising will be shared by Kammerer with high school agricultural sciences teacher Bill Tindall. This addition of advising hours through the employment of Kammerer was made to address the limited hours available in Tindall's schedule due to his teaching responsibilities. Although the GASD board is always looking for budget savings and efficiencies, cutting the advisor hours to less than half was certainly going to have a negative effect on the Young Farmer Program. To maintain the activity level and program quality additional hours were needed.

The collaboration between Tindall and Kammerer is sure to benefit the YF program. Tindall brings with him a closer tie to the rest of the GASD ag education program. He is an experienced writer for ag journals and has many year experience in both the ag industry, having worked at American Cyanamid, and ag education. Bill is currently the lead teacher for the animal science portion of the high school ag program and an active FFA advisor. Kammerer's background includes a 27 year career with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, a degree in Environmental Biology and several years experience as the full time GYF advisor. This partnership is sure to bring new vitality to the GYF program.

A schedule of program activities is currently being prepared by the advisors to inform members and other interested parties of the classes, events, and service opportunities which will be available this year. The newsletter will resume monthly publication in its current format. Members are encouraged to contact Kammerer or Tindall with ideas and requests for winter class topics, spring tour destinations, and/or items for the newsletter.

Maintaining an active membership is a crucial part of having a healthy growing organization. A Young Farmer is "any farmer willing to learn." Having a membership composed of varying ages and years of farming experience brings greater vitality and stability to our educational association. Beginning farmers have much to learn from those with years of experience and seasoned vets need to hear the "old ways" challenged. So lets make an effort to invite some non-member friends to activities. We plan to have a hard copy pamphlet of the planned classes and events to distribute.

Here's to a banner year in ag education!!

DATES TO NOTE.

Oct 3-4 and 10-11

GYF and FFA volunteer at Apple Harvest Fest, pit beef stand to support scholarship. Volunteers needed for shifts 4-7 p.m. See schedule at right.

Oct 14

GYF Fall field day. See article. Reservation requested by 10/9.

Oct 28

Registration deadline for Quick Books webinar



Fall Field Day
SmithfieldFarm

October 14

4:30-8:00

Aspers, Pa

See info next page

QUICK BOOKS WEBINAR

This webinar series teaches agricultural accounting principles within QuickBooks software. Learn at home with simple, easy to follow learning modules and apply the theories with an example farm operation.

NOV 2,9,16,23,&30

11:00 A.M.-12:00

Online

Identify proper chart of accounts, how to use the class structure, the importance of bills, sales receipts, and invoices, and generating reports through five modules, and participate in five webinar help sessions to answer your specific questions.

Register by 10/28 at:

<https://www.cvent.com/events/using-quickbooks-to-manage-your-farm-business/registration>

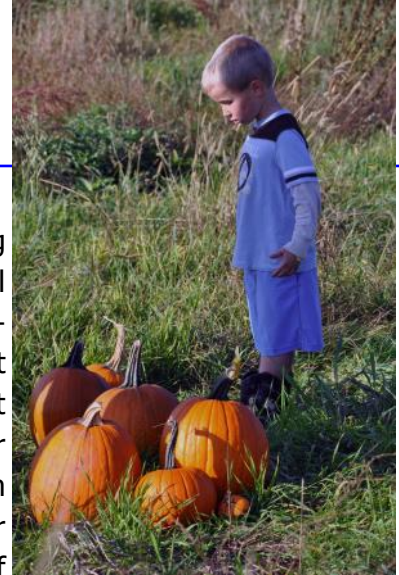
Volunteers needed! Please call Deb at 321-6217 or email dkammerer@gettysburg.k12.pa.us to fill in one of the highlighted shifts. Passes are provided for free entry and parking is often open across road from main gate. Our task is to help the Jaycees who run the Pit Beef Stand clean up and close up. Fringe benefit is a free Pit Beef sandwich!! Funds raised go to support our scholarship



At the South Mountain Fair Grounds in Arendtsville, Pa.

Day/Date/Time	Volunteer #1	Volunteer #2
Sat/10-3/4-7	Becky Nas	
Sun/10-4/4-7	Carl Keller	
Sat/10-10/4-7	Deb Kammerer	
Sun/10-11/4-7	Dan Wilkinson	Charlie Brown

Have you Considered Agri-Tourism? Come to the Fall Field Day to Learn More October 14 at 4:30 p.m. Smithfield Farm



Everyone has heard Walgreen's advertisement – at the corner of happy and healthy. Agri-tourism can be defined in much the same way – at the corner of agriculture and tourism. It's where farms and ranches invite the public onto their property to experience the out of doors, the leisure pace (I got that one out of a book), and the healthy and nutritious meat and produce that is only possible when it is produced on the farm or fresh picked at the peak of perfection.

Rather than our typical Twilight Tour of field test plots, we are taking a different approach this year. We are not only going to see agri-tourism in action, but experience it firsthand. We will touch it, smell it and, yes – we are going to taste it. This year Chris and Debbie Smith, along with their children, Delani, Courtney, Connor and Drew, have graciously offered to host a fall outing at Fields of Adventure in Aspers.

The biggest attraction is a giant corn maze, covering more than seven acres. At the October field day, learn about how the corn maze is constructed through the computerized help of Maize Quest Cornfield Adventures. This year's theme, "Wild West Adventure" takes tourists on a journey through the taming of the America West. While traversing the twists and turns of the maze, visitors explore outlaws, cowboys, Indians, the gold rush and the great railroad. Intertwined through the twisting pathways are educational games about the Wild West, complete with questions and answers. For Gettysburg Young Farmer members more accustomed to walking their fields to scout for weed pressure or insect damage, this "walk in the stalks" puts a different twist on the scouting trip.

The more daring can take a thrill ride on the 600-foot zipline that descends 70 feet from the tower and over the farm pond. Another feature at Fields of

Adventure tests your agility and speed as you run over a series of tires buried into the ground. Of course, there is pumpkin bowling, a giant box of shelled corn, catch and release fishing and a stack of hay bales, perfect for climbing, crawling and jumping.

We'll hop aboard the hay wagon for a trip across the farm to see where broilers and turkeys are raised, along with cattle that are sold for freezer beef. Once back at the main attraction, be prepared for a great meal prepared by Smithfield Farms with pulled beef sandwiches from their home-grown beef.

We look forward to sharing the agri-tourism experience, one of the fastest growing segments of the travel industry right here in Adams County. It is guaranteed to be fun, educational and you won't go home hungry. Be sure to reserve Wednesday, October 14 for an exciting evening that takes an alternative view of how to make farming profitable. Activities begin at 4:30, dinner at 6:00, followed by s'mores around the crackling campfire. Please make reservations with either Deb Kammerer dkammerer@gettysburg.k12.pa.us or Bill Tindall wtindall@gettysburg.k12.pa.us or call 334-6254 x6285 by Friday, October 9.

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SAVE THE DATE

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