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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association is to educate and promote the agricultural industry.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hard to believe that the Winter Conference is just around the corner! This year, I have been busy attending different Agricultural events to get the Young Farmer organization's name out there. I had the pleasure of meeting some great people on my journey as President.

It seems that time keeps moving so fast and before you know it, we have made the trip of 365 days around the sun! Summer seemed to fly by so fast and fall

has made her presence known! Winter, well it will roar its head here at some point, but not too much all at once, wishful thinking I know!

In February, I will pass the Presidency on to my husband D. Anthony Dietrich and we will continue our effort to get more members to keep our organization and the history of agriculture alive for many years to come.

Thank you to all of you for being a part of the Young Farmers Organization here in Pennsylvania. Our Commonwealth leaders should be proud of all of you and everything that you do to keep our farming community growing!

Michelle Dietrich
PYFA President

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Berlin Brothersvalley Young Farmer's First Place Booth at the Berlin Community Fair held in September in the school gymnasium.



Take a chance!

Raffle tickets will be available at the PYFA Winter Conference. The winning ticket will be pulled at the Conference on Saturday, February 10, 2024. The raffle will benefit Mifflinburg Young Farmers Association.

For tickets contact Michelle Dietrich:
madietrich2014@gmail.com, 570-939-2888.



PYFA Membership Application Form • Join us today!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$15 annual fee • Make check out to: PYFA

Mail this form and payment to: Debbie Zug • 390 Peters Creek Rd. • Peach Bottom PA 17563

PAAE Summer Tours

BECKY NAS

Wonder Why Farms, operated by Marsha Snyder, her husband Paul, and her son, Evan hosted attendees on the Perry County tour. Visitors learned about raising turkeys under contract through an integrator, rearing pigs from weaning to about six weeks of age, and hearing the details of how they operate their beef stocker enterprise.

The farm is a working large scale livestock facility with a 4,400 head swine nursery barn,

15,000 organic turkeys, a beef stocker operation, and other livestock production. The tour at Wonder Why Farms in Loysville, Pennsylvania discussed current industry standards on livestock production and demonstrations of the cattle intake process. The tour also included a session on determining if an animal is properly finished and ready for market. The tour concluded with a buffet lunch at a local historic restaurant and hotel.



2023 NYFEA INSTITUTE

Bryan-College Station, Texas
December 6-9, 2023



NYFEA invites you to join us at the 57th Annual Institute in Bryan - College Station

Since 1966 the NYFEA has hosted Institutes from one corner of the United States to another. Young farmers from many different states have experienced the blessings of agriculture from livestock to row crops to horticulture to agribusiness. It has been a unique learning experience. Today's Institute allows for experiential learning and leadership training to occur under the same umbrella. To the many people that have made this a part of their regular routine, Thank You! To the people that are willing to try this for the first time, you are welcome!

NATIONAL YOUNG FARMER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Association for Educating Agricultural Leaders works to answer the question:

***"Where will
we find the
next generation
of agricultural
producers and
young ag
leaders?"***

NYFEA INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

The trip to Texas (December 6-9) will be a wonderful experience of agricultural learning and cultural enlightenment:

Wednesday will include optional tours featuring unique aspects of a Texas Christmas and the local area.

Thursday will be a day of local tours. Every Institute attendee will be provided access to an assortment of great museums, art galleries, cultural centers, etc.

Friday will be a day of agricultural experiences.

Saturday will feature the Agricultural Decision Makers College, Ag Communication and Ag Spokesperson Contests and a fun and enjoyable evening at the stadium of the Texas A&M Aggies - Kyle Field.

HOTEL & ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Hotel Reservation Information

Rooms and meetings are at the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center in Bryan-College Station.

\$119/night • phone: 979-260-2235.

Register now to be sure to get a room at the headquarters hotel!

If the rooms are identified as sold out, please know that we have a backup plan and do as follows:

1. Go ahead and secure your registration for the Institute at www.nyfea.org
2. Let NYFEA know that you need hotel rooms by texting guests' names, arrival date, departure date and number of rooms needed to 334-546-9951. We will secure a room for you at either the main property or one of the backup locations.



Scan this with
your phone
to register!

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Full Institute registration is \$375 per person for activities.

Daily registration is \$155 per day.

Student registration is \$450 inclusive of hotel rooms for shared rooming. Students must attend the Ag Communication Award Program and YALE Event.

2023 INSTITUTE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to nyfea.org/institute-2023 and click the "Buy Now" button to pay for your registration. You will receive confirmation of payment. Each person must also complete the email submission form.

If on-line is not available, email nyfea-main@nyfea.org and a pdf will be sent for mail submission.



PYFA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

6:00 pm-9:00 pm: PYFA Executive Board Meeting Conference Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

7:00-8:00 Breakfast on your own (Various Restaurants)

8:00-5:00 Registration (In Front of Baylor Room)

8:00-5:00 Hospitality Room • Baylor Room - Vendor Area

TOURS

8:50 am Load the bus

9:00 - 4:30 Bright Farms, Weavers Archery, SUN-Tech w/ lunch and Old Mill Creamery

5:00 pm PYFA Media Blitz • Weis Markets

5:30 pm PYFA Spokesperson Contest • Baylor Room

6:30 pm Banquet: SilverMoon • Emcee: Michelle Dietrich • Invocation: Mark Dersham Dinner
Speaker: State Legislature • Spokesperson Presentation • Entertainment: Eighty6 • Announcements

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

7:00 am to 8:00 am Breakfast on own

8:00 am to 5:00 pm Registration

8:00 am to 5:00 pm Hospitality in Vendor Area

8:00 am to 9:30 am PYFA Past Officers & Advisors Meeting • Baylor Room

8:45 am Departure Spouse Events - Spring Painting & Shopping • William Cameron Engine Company

9:30 am to 11:30 am PYFA Delegates Meeting • Baylor Room

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Lunch in Baylor Room: Hospitality Area • Invocation: Mark Dersham

Largest Conference Registration Award: Anthony Dietrich

2024 NYFEA Institute Preview: Ken or Denise Sanner

WORKSHOPS

1:00 pm to 1:50 pm National Weather Service: Jonathan Guseman

2:00 pm to 2:50 pm Exotic Farms with a special Reindeer: David Hoover

3:00 pm to 3:50 pm Honey Bees: David Hackenberg

6:15 PM Awards Banquet and Auction: SilverMoon Banquet Hall • Emcee: Michelle Dietrich

Invocation: Mark Dersham • Pledge of Allegiance • Dinner

Introduction of Guests: Michelle Dietrich

Introduction of Tour Hosts and Sponsors: Anthony Dietrich

Speaker: Stephanie Borowicz, State Rep • Report on 2023 NYFEA Institute: Ken or Denise Sanner

FFA Greetings: State FFA Officer • Awards • Recognition of Past Presidents & Officers

Presentation of New Officers • Announcements • Door Prizes

Live Auction: Lori Hess-Lauver, Auctioneer



Spouse Event

Painting to put us in the mood for spring with Andrea Seebold from Farm Lane Crafts & Design.

Get your creative abilities flowing with your one-of-a-kind artwork. Then enjoy some shopping at the Street of Shops or the Roller Mills Marketplace (at your leisure).

Tours for the PYFA 2024 Winter Conference

BRIGHT FARMS



The largest greenhouse farm opened in Selinsgrove, PA. At 280,000 square feet, this farm supplies Pennsylvania and the New York City metro area with the freshest, tastiest, and most responsibly grown baby greens!

SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE



Career and technical education that gives students the tools they need to succeed in the competitive world of work. Including Adult programs. Nineteen different trade programs in this facility. We will have the pleasure of enjoying lunch at the Bistro prepared by the students in the Culinary Arts program.

OLD MILL CREAMERY



A historic 190-year-old mill turned into a charming old-fashioned ice cream sensation! Fresh dipped ice cream in many delicious flavors, homemade waffle cones are beyond words and the atmosphere

makes this a pretty cool place to visit. You will be able to purchase ice cream on your own when we visit. You will not be disappointed.

WEAVERS ARCHERY



A pro shop featuring over 2,800 sq ft of archery equipment.

Pennsylvania Young Farmers

2024 WINTER CONFERENCE

Hosted by Mifflinburg Young Farmers Association

February 8-10, 2024

Best Western, Lewisburg, PA

FULL CONFERENCE PACKAGE (without lodging)	NUMBER	TOTAL
Early Registration – Postmarked by Jan. 5, 2024	_____	_____
Regular Registration – Postmarked by Jan. 20, 2024	_____	_____
DAILY REGISTRATION		
Friday, February 9th registration	_____	_____
Saturday, February 10th registration	_____	_____
Spouse Event	_____	_____

AMOUNT DUE: (Payable to: "Mifflinburg Young Farmers ") \$ _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ Chapter _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail registration form and payment to:
Michelle Dietrich, 1000 Bowersox Rd, Middleburg, PA 17842

HOTEL INFORMATION:
For reservations, contact Best Western Inn 7701 West Branch Hwy, Lewisburg PA 17837 (570)524-5500
Rooms held under Mifflinburg Young Farmers Association • Rooms are \$99 per night, plus taxes

Reservations must be made by January 9, 2024.



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holiday season.*



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friends at PYFA



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