

Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association

Hosted By: Bedford County Young Farmers

Winter Conference Registration Form

February 7-9 2012

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Choose either the complete package (A, B, or C) or individual events per person.

_____ A. Early Full Registration (Postmarked by Jan. 13, 2012) \$100.00

_____ B. Full Registration (Postmarked by Jan. 23, 2012) \$110.00

_____ C. Late Full Registration (Received before Jan 30, 2012) \$130.00

Registration by Event:

_____ Tuesday Lunch & Tour \$25.00 (BCTC, BC Stone, and Blue Triangle)

_____ Tuesday Banquet \$30.00

_____ Wednesday Day & Lunch \$30.00

_____ Wednesday Spouses Tour \$35.00 (Bedford Spring Hotel and downtown Bedford)

_____ Wednesday Banquet \$35.00

_____ Thursday Tour & Lunch \$25.00 (REI, and Singing Brook Farm)

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Make room registrations:

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PA Young Farmer Winter Convention Workshops

Marcellus Shale 101

The Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC) is an organization committed to the responsible development of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale geological formation and the enhancement of the region's economy that can be realized by this clean-burning energy source. This Marcellus 101 presentation will include science based facts and information regarding the future of the natural gas industry.

Presenter: Eric Cowden, Community Outreach Manager

Local, National and Global Markets: What to do?, What to do?

As farm production and prices are increasingly impacted by events around the world it can be difficult to keep our heads in the game. During this session we will review and discuss our understanding of where instability can come from and how to apply tools available to us for managing the many risks we face as food producers. The objective is for us to enhance our capacity as effective business managers and farm marketers.

Presenter: John Berry, Penn State Cooperative Extension

Impacts of Soil Fertility on Corn Production

This presentation will focus on the impacts of soil fertility on corn production. New and innovative ways to reduce inputs and maximize outputs.

Presenter: Jim Shade, General Manager of Bedford Farm Bureau Cooperative

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BC Stone

High-tech skills blended with old-world craftsmanship are what you'll find at both BC Stone facilities. Working with beautiful natural and manmade stone gathered around the world, we create breathtaking one-of-a-kind pieces for residential and commercial customers alike.

What makes BC Stone different? Any fabricator can buy a slab of stone and cut it on a piece of equipment. But we understand stone. We were buying and shaping stone long before computerized equipment came into the mix. We understand its intricacies and characteristics – which means we know how to evaluate and maximize its potential on every project.

You might be able to find someone to do the job more cheaply, but you won't find anyone more committed to the craft or more capable of delivering quality pieces than BC Stone.

Blue Triangle

Blue Triangle Hardwoods offers customers the ease and comfort of “one-stop shopping”. With a wide range of products and a fully integrated production facility, we can ship mixed loads of virtually every species and thickness: from veneer logs to bark mulch, shipping dry to kiln dried, random width/ripped to width products – few sawmills can deliver the same consistency and quality.

Located on 107 acres in Everett, Pennsylvania, the mill was founded in 1970. We pride ourselves in utilizing computer assisted technology in every aspect of our operation. All our managers and many of our staff have worked for the company for over 15 years and we believe it is this mix of dedication and innovation which sets us apart.

We also pride ourselves on the long-term relationships we have developed with both domestic and international clients, permitting us to export to over 40 countries worldwide. Our dedicated sales team invites you to contact us with your inquiries.

REI Distribution Center

Our 500,000+-square-foot Distribution Center located Bedford, Pennsylvania, receive products from vendors and distribute them to REI stores across the country. These state-of-the-art facilities also process and ship directly to customers who have placed online and phone orders. The Distribution Center boasts a combined 13 miles of automated conveyor systems, laser scanners and real-time, hands-free, portable radio frequency terminals. Additionally, energy-saving systems and recycling programs reflect REI's strong commitment to sustainable operating practices.

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Bedford County Technical Center, Everett PA

The Bedford County Technical Center is a shared time career and technical school that serves the Bedford and Everett school districts. Three other districts including Tussey Mountain, Northern Bedford, and Chestnut Ridge send students on a paid tuition basis.

The governing body of the school is a Joint Operating Committee (JOC) consisting of nine representatives, five from Bedford and four from Everett. In addition to the JOC, a General Advisory Council, composed of representatives from education, industry, business, and students, advise the administration and JOC on matters pertaining to philosophy, objectives, and program needs. Also, each program area has an Occupational Advisory Committee that provides current information and support as it relates to their field.

Bedford County Technical Center delivers educational services to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 during three sessions. The seven occupational areas and the capstone cooperative education program comply with Chapter 4, and Chapter 339 of the Pennsylvania School Code. Student outcomes are measured in terms of competencies found in Chapter 4; therefore, programs of study offered at BCTC reflect the state mandates for vocational education.

The participating districts have also entered into an agreement with Allegany College of Maryland to operate a Technical College in partnership with the Technical Center. High school students may apply for early college credit work while at the Technical Center. Applications from adults who wish to pursue a technical credential will also have the availability of taking course work through this partnership.

Singing Brook Farms

The Snider Family has been farming in Bedford County since 1785. In 1950 Obie bought a farm directly across the mountain from the Snider Homestead and with his bride, Mary Ann, established Singing Brook along with four children, one of which came with them and three more which were born after. Son, Bruce and grandson, Ross, and their families continue on with the family tradition.

Originally the farm consisted of 400 acres and now includes 1400 acres. The registered Holstein herd numbers 600 head with 230 cows milked utilizing a double 16 herringbone twice a day. The herd is housed in a free stall barn and a packed bedding barn. The calves are housed in a solar barn.

Crops consist of approximately 1000 acres of corn, 500 acres of soybeans and 300 acres of alfalfa and grass hay. Storage facilities located behind the facilities have the capacity for 70,000 bushels of corn and include continuous flow driers powered by propane.

PA Young Farmer Winter Spouses Tour

Bedford Spring Resort

Few properties can boast the historic significance of Bedford Springs Resort, located in the Allegheny Mountains of south-central Pennsylvania. For more than 200 years, the eight mineral springs located on the resort's property served as an important gathering place. Eventually, the resort would be the site of many significant moments in American history, hosting a long list of celebrities, wealthy clientele, corporate magnates and dignitaries from around the world. To date, the resort has hosted 10 US Presidents, seven of whom visited during their presidency.

The Role of Bedford Spring Resort during WWII

For a brief period during WWII, the Bedford Springs Hotel became the most unusual enemy detention camp in the world. When the Nazis surrendered in May 1945, 180 Japanese diplomats were captured in Germany. The US State Department interred those captured diplomats here at the hotel.

This presentation will focus on U.S. effort to conquer Japan during World War Two, and the significance of the Bedford Springs Hotel during that era.

Downtown Bedford

During the afternoon, you will be given the opportunity to visit the many unique retailers, cafés and local attractions. Here is a sample...

A Touch of Serendipity, The Bedford County Arts Center Cove Creek Outfitters, Elaine's Wearable Art, Founders Crossing, Keystone Candies and Gifts, The Green Harvest Company, LIFeSTYLE, Hebrews, and the Greek Café.