



Kansas IFYE News

Kansas IFYE Association
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International Exchange Programs*

Spring Kansas IFYE Get-Together

The annual spring Kansas IFYE get-together is to be held Saturday, February 28 in conjunction with the second orientation of the 2015 outbounds. We will meet at Southeast of Saline Schools District Office Building, 5056 Kansas Hwy. 4, Gypsum, Kansas at 4:00 PM for registration, displays and visiting with new and old IFYEs. The business meeting will be at 5:00 P.M. Dinner will be pulled pork catered by Jennifer Pfortmiller and served at 6:00 PM. The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 per person with outbound delegates as our guests. The program presented by the 2014 delegates will follow. Checks will be accepted that evening made to Kansas IFYE Association. Please make reservations by emailing Jennifer at dunn_jennifer@hotmail.com or by calling her at 620-786-5845. Please let Jennifer know if you have special diets or food allergies. Adjournment should be no later than 8:00 PM. You are also welcome to come earlier in the day to participate in the orientation of the 2015 delegates.

Directions to Southeast of Saline School, District Office Building, 5056 Kansas Hwy 4, Gypsum, KS 6744

Northbound on I-135 (Coming from the South/Wichita)

Take exit **81** for **Falun Rd/KS-4** toward **Assaria Rd**
Turn right onto **KS-4 E/W Falun Rd**
Take the 1st left onto **KS-4 E/S Old Hwy 81**
Turn right onto **KS-4 E**, continue approximately 6 miles.
Destination is on the right.

From I-70 (Coming from the East or West)

Take exit **250A** to merge onto **I-135 S/US-81 S** toward **Wichita**.
Follow directions above for Southbound on I-135

Southbound on I-135 (Coming from the North/ Salina)

Take exit **86** toward **KS-104 E/S Old Hwy 81**.
Turn left onto **KS-104 E/S Old Hwy 81**.
Take the 1st right to stay on **KS-104 E/S Old Hwy 81**
Turn left onto **KS-4 E** and continue about 6 miles. Destination will be on the right.

You can also just use Google maps or use your GPS.

2015 Kansas 4-H International Exchange Program Delegates

- Amy Keas, Plainville, KS, has completed three semesters at Kansas State University and is enrolled at Fort Hays State University this spring. She will be an IFYE delegate to Germany.
- Michelle Barb, Ulysses;
- Heather Chaney, Erie;
- Hannah Horinek, Sublette; and
- Dylan Smith, Leavenworth will be participating in the 8-week States' 4-H International Exchange Program (States' 4-H) to Japan.
- Mikey Hughes, Ellinwood, will participate in the States' 4-H Exchange to Finland.
- Mardi Traskowsky, Woodbine, will participate in the States' 4-H Exchange to Costa Rica.

They are all Kansas 4-H members and high school students.

Meeting at the Kansas State Fair

The IFYE food sale netted about \$1,300 this year. 4-H Food entries were down a bit at the 2014 Kansas State Fair, so there were fewer items to sell.

The reception for inbound/outbound IFYEs was very successful. Honored were the three IFYEs from other countries still in Kansas: Michele Wyler from Switzerland, Max Steig from Germany and Han-Yu (Cindy) Yen from Taiwan. Also honored were the five returning States' 4-H International participants: Mikayla Jellison and Zach McVey who went to Japan and Kolbyn Allen, Jason Klamm, and Zoe Rice who went to Norway.

Important items were discussed at the business meeting. After discussion of the issues involved, it was decided to authorize the executive committee to finalize and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. Because of that action, it was decided that we needed to write bylaws for our own association. Members are asked to volunteer to serve on such a committee. Another important decision was to submit a bid to the National IFYE Association to host the 2016 IFYE Conference in Kansas.

National IFYE Conference 2015

The 2015 National IFYE Conference will be held June 17-21 in Atlanta, GA. Registration information is available on the ifyeusa.org website.

2016 National IFYE Conference to Be in Manhattan, KS

Kansas has been selected to host the 2016 National IFYE Conference in Manhattan on August 10-14, 2016. Here is a tentative schedule and possible committee assignments. Please notify Marj Loyd (mloyd1@cox.net) if you are willing to help and which committee would suit you. I already have volunteers for the Tours Committee.

2016 National IFYE Conference Tentative Schedule

Wed., Aug. 10	Thurs. Aug. 11	Fri., Aug. 12	Sat., Aug 13	Sun., Aug. 14
Board meeting	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
PM Registration	AM—Welcome Keynote speaker Workshop Lunch	All day tours	AM—annual meeting Lunch	Ecumenical service Departure
Eve: Dinner Opening reception at Flint Hills Discovery Museum	PM-Workshops Regional Mtgs. Eve—dinner ???	Box lunch Eve: Fundraising activity	PM—free time Eve: International Banquet Peterson Bros.?	

Volunteer Opportunities for the 2016 National IFYE Conference

- **Registration**—in charge of meal count, name tags
- **Meals**—plan the menus for all meals except banquet, including opening reception
- **Workshops**—plan 4-5 workshops for Thursday, presenting twice each
- **Tours**—plan 3-4 Friday tours, including box lunches
- **International Banquet**—plan all events for banquet, including menu, entertainment, official activities, decorations, conference gift
- **Ecumenical Service**—plan a short service on Sunday (could include memorial for deceased IFYEs)
- **Program**—choose a keynote speaker, arrange for welcome speakers
- **Fundraiser**—plan a fund-raising activity for Friday evening

Application Date Approaching for States' 4-H Hosting

Families wishing to host a teen between 14 and 18 from Costa Rica or Norway June 24 to July 19 should apply now in order to meet the national deadline. Kansas families need to **apply by February 15**, so there is time for collecting references, background checks and In Home Interviews. To host one of these young people, a family must have a member who is the same gender and within two years of the exchange they host. Hosts are also needed for chaperones with no youth in the home requirements. The exchanges stay with one family who will include them in their daily activities. There are no group activities planned. An on-line application for States' 4-H Inbound Exchanges on the Kansas 4-H website can be used by following this link: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=586>. Contact State Exchange Coordinator Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net for more information.

It is also time to apply for Academic Year Hosting of a student from Japan or Korea in the 2015-16 school year. These students are 15-18 and stay with one family from August to June while attending the local public high school. Student biographical information will be available around February 1 and requests are being taken now. Contact Mary Kay Munson for information and application for the Academic Year Exchange.

Other exchanges conducted by Kansas 4-H, including those for young people coming as a group from Japan, are accepting applications now. Rose Scott coordinates the Japan Summer Inbound Exchange for youth 12-16 and chaperones. The Japanese will be in Kansas July 21-August 19, with all but a day or two at the beginning and end spent with host families. Contact Rose at 785-565-31d97 or sixtykid2@gmail.com.

We expect young adults through IFYE from up to eight countries who will need several hosts each between June 22 and the Kansas State Fair. Two will be young professionals in 4-H (Taiwan) and agriculture (Germany), who wish to enhance their skills in those specialties during their host family experiences. If you know families who would like to share their 4-H and/or farm experiences with these young adults, please contact Mary Kay Munson, who conducts programs under the Kansas 4-H exchanges from a variety of countries. We expect younger inbounds from Greece and Estonia. Families can apply now for any exchange using forms at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=586>. Specific details on this year's exchangees will be available in next few weeks.

News from Kansas IFYEs

Marilyn Galle, wife of Nelson Galle (McPherson Co. to Turkey 1956) was elected to the National 4-H Hall of Fame for her work as a 4-H volunteer and president of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Rod Buchele, husband of Mary Buchele (Wisconsin to Switzerland) has cancer. Rod recently retired as Southeast Kansas Area 4-H Specialist. They have hosted in the year-long Japanese program. Both of their children—Steven and Mary Lynn have participated in the States' 4-H program to Japan. Mary is Kansas IFYE secretary and Rod has helped with orientation many times. Best wishes to Rod.

In Memory

Linda Ahlstedt Carr (Saline County to Spain, 1962) passed away October 1, 2014.
Gilbert Hobrock (Osborne County to Norway, 1956) passed away Sept. 13, 2014.

Dues

Dues, state fair food sale profits, and contributions provide scholarships for outbounds and this newsletter.

Name _____ Program, country, and year _____
Address _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Kansas & National Dues	\$34.00
Kansas dues only	\$4.00
Kansas dues for national life members	\$3.00
Kansas family membership	\$5.00
Kansas family with national dues—couple	\$45.00
Kansas lifetime dues	\$75.00

Contributions in any amount are always welcome.

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