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2024 Annual IL IFYE Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting of IL IFYE will be held April 27th in Southern IL hosted by Norm and Barb Bauer.

Friday, 26th: 3-4 PM Arrive at the **Bald Knob Cross of Peace** located on **Bald Knob Mountain**. This is the second highest point in Illinois. There is a museum. Just let **Norm or Barb know you are coming to the cross. 618-697-1046; nbauer36@gmail.com or bbauer35@gmail.com**

Enjoy the view of Southern Illinois and sunset in the hills. The evening meal will be at Alto Vineyards. It closes a 8 PM.
www.altovineyards.net

Sleep Accommodations: Norm & Barb have one hide-a-bed and daughter Beth has 2 bedrooms. Hotel 7: \$72.04 listed on line; Lincoln Motel between Anna & Jonesboro \$85.00 listed on line. Dave School In School B & B has rate of \$140. (Bauers children went to school there) Giant City Lodge near Makanda has space for \$120 to \$140 per night.

Check their web sites to make your reservation.

Saturday, 27th. Breakfast where you slept or the Dinner Bell Too in Anna. The Amish Farmstead Marketplace in Anna has cinnamon rolls and coffee.

9:00 AM. Trail of Tears Campground and Campground Historical Church & Cemetery. Former Japanese Host Family to tell stories of Campground.

11:00 AM. Cache River Natural Area—Barkhausen Visitor Center—Host Joh & Martha Schwegman area naturalists.

Box lunch prepared by Amish Farmstead Market. Pay the Market that day.

Visit from Civil War era Nurse Ann Stokes. (Interpretation)

Drive to visit Cairo or Metropolis (Superman) or Jonesboro Lincoln Park or visit the Heritage House Museum in Anna. Barb is very involved here and will be your guide.

6:00 PM. (or thereabouts) Dinner at the **Brick House** in Anna. www.brickhousegrillanna.com
Annual Meeting at the restaurant after dinner.

Sunday, 28th: Attend Church with Norm and Barb at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church at 9 am or church of your choice in Anna.

Any Questions contact Norm. **All should let him know when you will be arriving.**



No Conference/No Exchange

There will not be a National Conference this year as no state submitted a bid. Rumor has it that 2 states are working together on a bid for 2025. There is not an exchange this year due to the resignation of the National Program Leader

World IFYE Conference

The next World IFYE Conference will be held in New Zealand in 2028. The last time the World IFYE Conference was held in Christchurch in 1977.

2024 European IFYE Conference

The 64th European IFYE Conference will be held in Cloppenburg Germany July 27th to August 3rd. At this time registration is full, but there is a waiting list in case of cancellations. Go the IFYE website and go to the “Events and Conferences” section. www.moin2024.de

National President

Carolyn Hansen, Ohio IFYE to The Philippines and now living in IL has been elected President of the National IFYE Association of the USA. Congratulations Carolyn! Carolyn is also our State IFYE Coordinator.

75th National IFYE Anniversary

The National IFYE 75 Anniversary Celebration was held in Louisville KY October 6th to 8th Friday was individual activities. On Saturday there was a special Tour of thoroughbred Horse Farm owned by 1969 IFYE Steve Wilson and his wife, Laura Lee Brown. The Saturday night Banquet was the highlight and main event of the weekend. The Sunday morning Memorial Service was organized by Ray and Carol Ropp. Ray was an IFYE to India in 1964. A lot of time was spent in the Hospitality Room reminiscing with fellow IFYE's. Several IL IFYE's were in attendance.

Greetings from the President

Happy spring or welcomes to Illinois were you can experience all 4 seasons in a day. There have been several Facebook posts showing a typical IL 4 season day.

This is an election year for our group. Bev Hornickel will move into the president's role. We are looking of members interested in serving or continuing in their roles. I would like to thank everyone for your commitment to our organization and supporting me these last two years. The time has flown by quickly.

I hope you can join us for the annual spring meeting hosted by the Bauer's. We can all talk about our eclipse experiences and more while exploring southern Illinois.

Toni Frank



Geetings from Our National IFYE President

Fellow IFYE Family Members: The research we talked about in December as we look to the future of IFYE is underway and we do have results from our focus group. The most recent IFYE Update listed the new Business and Organizational Purposes, Values, and Vision. Four objectives around which we'll develop action plans were also outlined.

There will be a change in some of the committees and I ask you to consider serving on a committee. I am hoping we will be able to share some of the action steps in the next few weeks, but to make things come alive, we need your help. I'm hoping we will be able to feature projects that will match some of your interests and may have a beginning and end date. I know most of us are tired of meetings and we may be overwhelmed with some of our volunteer duties, so we're trying to look at things in a different way. We are hoping to beef up our marketing and promotions and we need creative minds as we develop new promotional materials. We're also looking for creative minds as we look at our programs and see how w can make them more relevant for today's young adults.

For those of you who have wanted IFYE to change and may have not been previously heard, I ask you to call me. Let's talk. We MUST change how we do business while keeping true to our core values and purpose.

I am most excited that our "new" purposes, vision, and values really take us back to our emphasis on agriculture. There are IFYEs like me who never lived on a farm, nor was I an ag major in college, but I have a deep appreciation for all things agricultural and want us to see how we can better partner with land-grant universities such as the University of Illinois and agribusinesses.

Our biggest challenge is that we can't sustain our exchange program without the dollars to support us! We can't count on the Farm Bill or 2025 Appropriations. Even if we were to successfully compete for the dollars, they would only be matching funds. That's why we need your help in helping us identify people from our membership and agribusinesses that would be good contacts for our Development Committee.

We look to our younger IFYEs to help us with some of this work, as you are the ones who probably have the most ideas and suggestions that would appeal to our audience of young adults.

IFYE is the most trusted source of impactful learning experiences, fostering leadership development and creating enduring global partnerships in agriculture and food production. This is our new IFYE Vision. I believe it is attainable if we get your support.

If you want more info about how you can volunteer, please call me at 309-261-1705 or email me at carolynsh7480@gmail.com or chansen@ifyeusa.org.

In the IFYE spirit,

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1972-73 IFYE/YDP Ohio to the Philippines



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Illinois State Fair 2024 August 9, 10, and 11

IL IFYE has been invited back to host an intercultural booth for 3 days.

Deadline to commit to project is May 30, 2024. Deadline to submit volunteers to receive passes is July 1, 2024

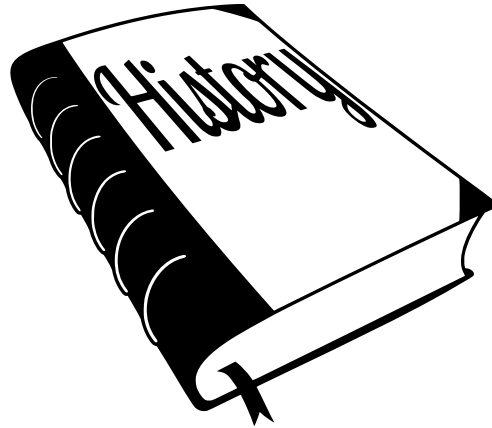
We will discuss at the spring meeting. Here is template to start us thinking.

Date	Shift	Volunteers	Activities
August 8		Toni Frank	Set up
August 9	Shift 8-11		Activities
Date August 9	Shift 11-3		
Date August 10	Shift 8-11	Volunteers	Activities
Date August 10	Shift 11-3		
Date August 11	Shift 8-11	Volunteers	Activities
Date August 11	Shift 11-3		Clean up

Email Address, Please!

If you have not provided me with your email address, please send it to me. My email address is: wachtell1945@gmail.com

This will allow us to get in touch with you for special notices concerning IL IFYE. IL IFYE does not share you email address with anyone else.



From the History of IL IFYE

From the Summer of 1957 IL IFYE Newsletter:

Here are the final 1957 IL IFYE assignments:

Barbara Sue Boyd	21	Union County	Turkey
Carole Sue Greathouse	21	Douglas County	Scotland
Andrew W. McDonald	22	Randolph Couty	Sweden
Bob Emil Weiss	20	St. Clair County	Iran
Earl H. Sonnemaker	20	Peoria County	India
Marillyn Widerman	21	Bond County	Australia

News of IL IFYE's:

Eldon "Bud" Aupperle is now stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army.

Notes from the First Annual Meeting

Attendance number 22 at the First Annual Meeting held at New Salem State Park July 13, 1957. Two exchanges from Australia and India were also in attendance.

Carl Birkner, treasurer, reported there was \$17.00 in the treasury. The group voted unanimously to continue the policy of dues at \$1.00 per year.

New Officers for the 1957-58 year are: Chairman: Peg Hoffman
Vice Chairman: Natalia Wiggers
Secretary/Treasurer: Phil Naffziger
Constitution Officer: Lauria Weier