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2026 Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Meeting of IL IFYE Association will be held the weekend of April 24 to 26 in Anna IL be hosted by Norman and Barbara Bauer.

Overnight accommodation is at **Hotel 7; 100 Richview Drive; Anna IL. Phone: 618-833-1888.** Call and make your reservation. Use "IFYE" to get a discount.

Friday Night: Meet at 6:00 PM at **Pizza Villa; 169 East Vienna IL. Phone: 618-614-5211.** Check web site for menu.

Saturday Morning: Annual IL IFYE business meeting 9 am at Hotel 7. Lunch will be at hotel with sandwiches and drinks furnished.

Saturday afternoon: Visit Giant City Visitors Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Illinois history with emphasis on southern Illinois. They close at 3:30 pm.

Visit **Makanda IL** a unique town with interesting places to visit.

Saturday supper: Go to **Giant City Lodge: 460 Giant City Lodge Road; Makanda IL (618-457-4921)** for "all you can eat" chicken and all the trimmings. Return to **Hotel 7** for fellowship after supper.

Sunday: Norm & Barb's Lutheran church service is at 9 am. There are other dominations in Anna for you to choose from,

Registration: To register for the Annual IFYE meeting Email Norm at: nbauer36@gmail.com or text Norm at 618-697-1046 with information as to which events you plan to attend before **April 18th.** Also call Norm for any other information you need for the weekend.

Inbound 2026 IFYE's

We're thrilled to share that three inbound students from Taiwan, Austria, and Thailand are officially joining us and we are waiting applications from the remaining countries.

The states that have agreed to host this summer are Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska. We also have families available to host in Indiana and Pennsylvania. As we begin the search for potential host families, please reach out to friends, past families, and those you know in these areas.

Outreach continues to be a key priority. Increasing awareness of IFYE helps us find both potential host families and participants. If you have connections with local radio stations or newspapers that may be interested in sharing an inbound or outbound IFYE experience, we would greatly appreciate you sharing it with rpratt@ifyeusa.org.

Rebecca Pratt, National Program Director, IFYE Association of USA, Inc. 309-642-4710.

66th European 2026 IFYE Conference

The 2026 European IFYE Conference will be August 1-8, 2026, in Estonia at the Nelijärve Holiday Center. Go to European IFYE web site to register.



Election of Officers

At the Business Meeting there will be election of officers. The Office of President will be filled by the President Elect. New officers to be elected are President Elect, Secretary Treasurer and directors. Terms of office are from 2026 to 2028.

World IFYE Conference

The next World IFYE Conference will be in New Zealand in 2028 and probably in March. More information coming.

Editor's Note

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