



Kansas IFYE News

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Programs*

A Time to Celebrate! Kansas Welcome Home/Send off Celebration

The annual spring Kansas IFYE get-together is to be held Saturday, March 11 in conjunction with the second orientation of the 2017 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 2016 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 to participate in the orientation of the 2017 delegates.

2017 States 4-H Delegates



2017 States 4-H Delegates: Grayson Pray, Rachel Fisher, Zia Gaines, Jamie Beck, Casandra Rodriguez, Josie Swinford, Alex Thompson. Absent: Oliver Schmitz

Headed for Finland in the summer of 2017 are **Oliver Schmitz**, Marshall County, **Jamie Beck**, Morris County, **Casandra Rodriguez**, Grant County, and **Alex Thompson**, Jefferson County. Headed for Japan for the 8-week language program are **Zia Gaines**, Cowley County and **Grayson Pray**, Sumner County. Also headed for Japan for the 4-week program are **Rachel Fisher**, Scott County and **Josie Swinford**, Leavenworth County.

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Maria Traskowsky, Herington, and daughter of IFYE Alum **Jeannie Traskowsky** (South Dakota to Poland 1978) and **Kelsey Crow**, Delia, have applied for the 6 month IFYE Exchange Program for 2017. They are awaiting country assignments.

Host Families Needed

States 4-H in Kansas is needing host families for teens from Costa Rica, Norway, South Korea and Japan. Applications are on the Kansas 4-H website: : <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html>. Kansas also expects to host several IFYE's between June 19 and September 8. At this point, we are expecting IFYE's from Austria, Estonia, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. More countries are likely to be added. Families should use the IFYE Host Family application on the same page as the above address. Applications should be sent to Mary Kay Munson by either snail mail or email. See the address list. She is also looking for host families for the year-long exchange for the 2017-2018 school year.

Report of the 2016 National IFYE Conference

The 2016 National IFYE Conference held in Manhattan, Kansas August 10-14 was a big success. Many Kansas IFYEs contributed their time and efforts to inform and entertain 180 IFYEs and their guests. The opening night reception at the Flint Hills Discovery Center impressed everyone with the wonderful exhibits and the excellent introductory film. Thursday's keynote speaker Jim Hoy told stories about the Flint Hills and its inhabitants. The workshops on bread, genealogy, social media, Flint Hills grasslands, and safe food were well received by everyone. Thursday night's program of the auction and Topeka Civic Theater's Radio Players provided entertainment and raised more than \$4000. for the IFYE program. Friday consisted of four all day tours to the Flint Hills, Abilene, Manhattan and Wamego, and Topeka. The weather cooled off so the tours were enjoyable for all. Friday night's program was a group of Filipino dancers from Junction City and Rick Dykstra, who showed beautiful photographs of the Flint Hills with commentary. Saturday morning was the annual business meeting conducted by President Victoria Warren of Missouri. The annual banquet on Saturday evening was delicious and everyone was impressed by a live presentation by the Peterson Farm Brothers from Assaria. The program concluded on Sunday with an ecumenical and remembrance service. The finances were kept below planned costs in most cases and almost \$8000. was returned to the Kansas IFYE Association to be used for scholarships and other needs. A great thank you goes to everyone who pitched in and did their part to make the conference a great success.

Congratulations to **Don DeWerff**. Don has joined the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. Board of Directors and will be serving as Associate Treasurer.

Dues

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

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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

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