



2018 YOUNG FARMER SUMMER OUTING Bowling Green, Kentucky Holiday Inn University Plaza

July 13-14, 2018
Tentative Agenda

FRIDAY, JULY 13th

Young Farmer Activities & Events

- 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Registration – Holiday Inn University Plaza, Convention Center, Lobby**
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **KFB Discussion Meet Competitor Orientation –Holiday Inn University Plaza**
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **KFB Discussion Meet Judges Orientation Holiday Inn University Plaza**
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Preliminary Rounds of the Discussion Meet – Holiday Inn University Plaza**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Opening Luncheon – Holiday Inn University Plaza, Convention Center
Ballroom A & B**
- **Welcome**
John Pedigo, Chair
KFB State Young Farmer Advisory Committee
 - **Special Guest**

Afternoon Tours & Evening Activities

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Lost River Cave**

In 1986 the Cave entrance and the 25-acre wooded valley was donated to Western Kentucky University by its owners: WKU professor Dr. Raymond Cravens, WKU Physical Plant Administrator Owen Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Highbaugh. The donation served as the springboard for the restoration and preservation of Lost River Cave and the surrounding natural environment.

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, The Friends of the Lost River, Inc. (dba Lost River Cave) was incorporated in 1990 to facilitate the conservation and sustainability of the Cave and surrounding area. In the spring of 1999, visionary board member Dr. Nicholas Crawford, Director of WKU's Center for Cave and Karst Studies, convinced the board to build a dam inside the Cave with the aim of providing float tours of the interior. His idea was to generate funding for the conservation effort; his logic was along the lines of "if we build it they will come."

In 2001, the threat of commercial development on land directly adjacent to the Cave and valley compelled the Friends organization to pursue protection of that land as well. Drawing on support from the City Commission and the Greenways Commission of Bowling Green and Warren County, an additional 42 acres was purchased. Since then, acquisition of additional parcels has expanded the park to 70-acres that offers trails, wetlands, meadows and a restored prairie.

Today, the income from the underground boat tour, gift shop and event rentals sustain the ongoing work to preserve and maintain Lost River Cave as a cultural and natural landmark. Local visitors to the park may decide to purchase a park membership, make a donation or volunteer service hours to contribute to the Friends' mission.

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1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. **National Corvette Museum**

Anyone who wants to understand how the National Corvette Museum came about should take a lesson from the Mississippi River. This greatest of all U.S. rivers traverses the country north and south, travelling 2,339 miles from northwestern Minnesota south to the Gulf of Mexico. By combining with its two major tributaries, the Missouri and Ohio Rivers, it becomes the third largest river system in the world, able to carry massive watercraft. While not exactly seaworthy, the National Corvette Museum is also like a great vessel, massive not only in actual size and weight, but in the scope of its aspirations. No meandering creek could ever have set it afloat. Not even the tide of enthusiasm released by a dedicated group of Corvette hobbyists could raise it. But when that river of enthusiasts met up with a stream of supporters within Chevrolet and a groundswell of aid from the proposed host community, the Museum was launched. The building of the NCM, like a trip down the Mississippi itself, was a long, sometimes convoluted journey. This particular history does not pretend to know every mile of it. It is more like a small window on the past offering a view of the scenery as it slips by.

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Evening of Entertainment**

Families will enjoy a relaxing evening together with friends at the beautiful Highland Stables Barn and Event Venue, located just outside of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Everyone will enjoy a BBQ dinner and be able to relax and cut loose while everyone takes advantage of the many activities that will be available. There will be a bus looping from the hotel to Highland Stables through-out the evening.

Young Farmer Hospitality Area

10:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. / Holiday Inn University Plaza – Convention Center

SATURDAY, JULY 14th

Young Farmer Activities & Events

7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Registration – Holiday Inn University Plaza – Convention Center**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Eggs & Issues Breakfast – Holiday Inn University Plaza – Convention Center Ballroom A & B**

➤ **Opening Remarks**

John Pedigo, Chair

KFB State Young Farmer Advisory Committee

- *Top Three OYFF & Final Four Discussion Meet Announcement*
- *Recognition of Young Farmer Scholarship Recipients*

➤ **Current Legislative & Congressional Priorities**

Jeff Harper –Director,

KFB Public Affairs Division

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Annual Young Farmer Policy Development Session, Convention Center Ballroom A & B**

(Sit at your district's marked table.)

10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Agricultural and Industry Tours – Closed Toed Shoes Required**

***Each participant will receive a box lunch selected at time of registration**

(Busses begin departing from the Holiday Inn at 10:45 a.m.)

Tour #1 – Kid Friendly – Closed Toed Shoes Required

- **Chaney's Dairy Farm**

Just a short distance from the Hotel is one of Kentucky's most unique family attractions throughout the state. Chaney's Dairy Farm was started in 1888 when the land was first purchased by the Chaney family. In 1940 it officially became a dairy farm when Mr. James Chaney Sr. purchased two registered jersey cows. The family loved the dairy industry and wanted to keep the farm going and with low milk prices, they knew something had to change. So, the family took a chance and opened Chaney's Dairy Barn. From day one the Dairy Barn was a huge success. Today they have expanded and offer tours of the milking facility, which showcases their new robotic milker. This promises to be an excellent for not only children but adults too.

Tour #2 – Animal Nutrition and Cheese – Closed Toed Shoes Required

- **CPC Headquarters**

CPC Commodities is rooted in a family farm in Fountain Run, Kentucky. Their cattle farm spurred the purchase of a small feed mill with an important job – supply cattle and others with great feed. Their mill has had a bit of a face-lift; but over 40 years later it is still perfecting feed for CPC cattle. Along the way, they decided to share CPC's idea of great cattle nutrition with you!

Today, CPC Commodities is helping other producers realize larger profits by providing high quality products and services they stand behind – because they were “Proven on Our Farm!” Based on their extensive trial work, diverse ingredient inventory, and accomplished nutrition specialists, CPC has developed an array of products suited for any type of operation. The experienced sales representatives have the resources to develop a total nutrition program that is made for your farm!

- **Kentucky Cheese**

Located in South Central Kentucky is a small traditional Kentucky farm that you may not expect to be doing some unique things. Mr. has expanded his operation and is now processing cheese. This is truly a story we can all benefit from and maybe take some ideas back to our operations.

Tour #3 – Industry in Kentucky – Closed Toed Shoes Required

- **Logan Aluminum**

Logan Aluminum is a Delaware registered corporation. They are a joint venture with 2 shareholders; Novelis Corporation and Tri-Arrows Aluminum Corporation. Physically located near Russellville, Kentucky, Logan Aluminum is a leading manufacturer of flat rolled aluminum sheet, primarily for use in the beverage can market. At Logan Aluminum, they use the latest technology, but it is the commitment of ‘every individual, every team, every day’ to improve and advance in concert with their unique team-based work system that has propelled them to a leadership position in the industry.

Tour #4 – Western Kentucky University Farm and Arboretum – Closed Toed Shoes Required

- **Western Kentucky University Farm**

Western Kentucky University purchased the farm in 1934. The 780 acre farm is utilized by students for classes, labs, and a place to gain experience in their area of interest by working for one of the farms many operations. Livestock enterprises consist of dairy, beef, swine, equine, goats and back grounding cattle, each of which provide a solid background for both Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary careers. Additionally, a variety of crops are produced including corn, soybeans, wheat, grass hay, and alfalfa. This portion of the farm provides hands on experience for Agronomy, Plant Science, Horticulture and Turf Management careers as well as those interested in the various aspects of Soil Science, such as soil testing and soil judging.

The farm is also used for USDA research, faculty trials, and corn and soybean trials. The farm is a tool used by a wide variety of students pursuing careers in all aspects of agriculture such as Agribusiness, Ag Education, Ag Mechanics, and composting. The farm is located about 15 minutes from campus. We encourage you to explore the website and learn more about the wonderful opportunities in Agriculture at WKU!

- **The Historic Rail Park and Train Museum**

Located on a major north-south corridor between two major cities, Bowling Green has a long history tied to the evolution of transportation in Kentucky; from steamboats traveling the Barren River to the railroad and eventually the current interstate systems. The current L&N Depot was built in 1925 to replace an older station. At one time, over 20 trains per day departed the current site, providing a hub for Bowling Green's economic foundation and exposure to travelers between Louisville, KY and Nashville, TN.

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Tour #5 – Feeding the Stars – Closed Toed Shoes Required

- **Champion Petfoods**

Champion Petfoods serves Pet Lovers who want the best for their dogs and cats, insist on the freshest and most nourishing ingredients, and hold them to the highest standards. As Pet Lovers, Champion knows peace of mind is paramount, and they strive to earn your trust with every food made. All of their ingredients are sustainably raised and harvested from nearby farmers, ranchers and fishermen, Fresh Regional Ingredients supply nutrients in their freshest, most natural and nourishing form.

- **Western Kentucky University Planetarium**

Hardin Planetarium's mission is to inspire lifelong learning through interactive experiences that are both inspiring and factually accurate. The audience will be encouraged to engage with exhibits and live presentations that further the public understanding and enjoyment of science.

Grand Finale - 5:30 p.m.

The Young Farmer Summer Outing will conclude Saturday evening with a “**Night at the Ball Park,**” at the Bowling Green Hot Rods Game. Attendees will have the chance to see future Tampa Bay Rays in action and enjoy food and fellowship.

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