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## Indiana FFA Update January- February 2017

### 2017 INFFA Dates:

#### January

- State Officers Unavailable for Requests December 22- January 3
- STN Reports Due January 13
- Read to Feed Registration Due January 16
- State Officers Unavailable for Requests January 16-19
- Fort Wayne Farm Show January 17-18
- Leadership Development Workshop Registration Due January 18
- IAAE Winter Workshop January 19
- INFFA Strategic Planning Committee Meetings January 19
- State Chapter Meeting CDE January 28
- State Officers Unavailable for Requests January 29-February 5
- District 3 Small Engines CDE January 31
- National FFA Inservice January 31- February 2

#### February

- NFFA Scholarship Due February 1
- Read to Feed Classroom List Due February 1
- Leadership Development Workshop #2 February 3-5
- Executive Committee Meeting February 5
- District 10 Proficiency Judging February 7
- District 6 Proficiency Judging February 8
- District 11 Proficiency Judging February 9
- State Officers Unavailable for Request February 11-12
- INFFA Alumni Annual Meeting February 11
- District 2 Proficiency Judging February 13
- NFFA New Century Farmer Applications Due February 15
- District 4, 7, 9 Proficiency Judging February 15
- District 1, 3, 5, 8 Proficiency Judging February 16
- Hoosier Degrees and Star Applications Due February 17
- NFFA Week February 18-25
- INFFA Page Day February 20
- Read to Feed Competition Begins February 22
- District 12 Proficiency Judging February 23
- District 9 Small Engines CDE February 25

#### March

- District Proficiency Winners List Due March 1
- District 5 Convention March 3
- District 4, 8, and 11 Convention March 4
- District 12 Convention March 7

- District 2, 9, and 10 Conventions March 10
- First Round State Proficiency Applications Due March 15
- Nominating Committee and State Officer Candidate Applications Due March 17
- District 3 and 6 Conventions March 17
- District 1 Conventions March 18
- Welding CDE Registration Due March 21
- Section Star Applications Due March 23
- WLC Bus Trip Seat Reservation Due March 24
- State Proficiency Grading Round 1 March 29
- Jr. High FFA Day Registration Due March 30

## **April**

- NFFA 212 and 360 Conference Staff Trainers Applications Due April 3
- Section Star Visits April 7-13
- Welding CDE April 4 and 5
- Spring CDE Registration Due April 7
- District 7 Convention April 8
- Jr. High FFA Day April 8
- Regional Wildlife Habitat CDE April 8
- District 6 Small Engines April 11
- State Officers Unavailable for Requests April 14-16
- Honorary, Distinguished Service, and VIP Award Applications due April 14
- INFFA Bylaw Amendments Due April 14
- WLC Bus Trip Registration Form Due April 14
- Read to Feed Competition Ends April 14
- Second Round State Proficiency Applications Due April 18
- National Chapter and Living to Serve Applications Due April 18
- District 8 Officer Interviews April 20
- Spring CDEs (Practical Forestry, Nursery/Landscape, Floriculture, Small Engines) April 22
- Executive Committee Meeting April 22
- State Officer Candidate Open House April 23
- District 1 Officer Interviews April 24
- District 2 Officer Interviews April 27
- State Proficiency Grading Round 2 April 27
- Read to Feed Final Reports Due April 28

## **May**

- Band, Chorus, and Talent Applications Due May 1
- State Star Visits May 1-5
- District 12 Officer Interviews May 4
- American Degrees and Star Applications Due May 5
- Agricultural Education CDE Lesson Plan Due May 5
- State Horse and Pony Evaluation CDE May 6
- State Convention Leadership CDE Materials Due May 10
- District 6 Officer Interviews May 11
- State Wildlife CDE May 13
- WLC Payment Due May 15
- Food Science, Ag. Mechanics, Ag. Sales, Vet. Science, Ag. Issues, Ag. Marketing, and Agriscience Fair Registration Due May 17
- State Convention Pre Registration Due May 17

- State Livestock, Dairy Cattle, and Poultry Evaluation CDE May 20
- State Officers Unavailable for Requests May 27- 29

## **June**

- Agricultural Issues Portfolio Due June 1
- Agriscience Fair Reports Due June 1
- State Officers Unavailable for Requests June 11- July 1
- NFFA Honorary American Degree, Distinguished Service, and VIP Applications Due June 15
- NFFA Living to Serve Year-Long Community Development Grant Due June 15
- Nominating Committee for State Officers June 16-18
- State FFA Convention June 19-22
- IAAE Summer Workshop/NAAE Region IV Conference June 26-29
- Indiana WLC Bus Trip June 26-July 1
- National Qualifying Agriscience, CDE, and National Chapter Award Certifications Due June 30
- National Qualifying Agriscience Applications and Reports, National Chapter Award Applications, and Proficiency Applications Due June 30

## **July**

- NFFA Living to Serve Day of Service Mini-Grant Due July 3
- NFFA Convention student and teacher workshop and arena crew applications Due July 3
- NFFA Alumni Council Applications Due July 3
- NFFA Alumni Award Applications Due July 3
- NFFA Band, Chorus, and Talent Applications and Recorded Auditions Due July 7
- Executive Committee Training July 11-12
- NFFA Convention Newsroom Applications Due July 15
- State Fair Set Up Days (District 8 and 2) July 27
- State Fair Set Up Days (District 12 and 4) July 28
- State Fair Set Up Days (District 1, 10, and 11) July 31
- State Fair Set Up Days (District 3, 6, and 7) August 1
- State Fair Set Up Days (District 5 and 9) August 2

## **August**

- NFFA Officer Applications Due August 1
- NFFA Nominating Committee Representative Applications Due August 1
- NFFA Living to Serve Day of Service Mini Grant Due August 1
- Indiana State Fair August 4-20
- State Fair Work Days (District 5) August 4
- State Fair Work Days (District 11) August 5
- State Fair Work Days (District 12) August 6
- State Fair Work Days (District 8) August 8
- State Fair Work Days (District 7) August 9
- Premier Leadership Training Conference Registration Due August 9
- State Fair Work Days (District 6) August 10
- State Fair Work Days (District 9- Rush, Fayette, Wayne, and Union Counties) August 11
- State Fair Work Days (District 9- Henry, Delaware, and Randolph Counties) August 12
- State Fair Work Days (District 10) August 13
- State Fair Work Days (District 4) August 15
- NFFA Notifies Members and Advisors via email of applicants being accepted for Band, Chorus, and Talent August 15
- NFFA Convention Special Needs Request-Student Participation in Competitive Events Due August 15
- State Fair Work Days (District 1) August 16

- State Fair Work Days (District 2) August 17
- State Fair Work Days (District 3- LaGrange, Steuben, and Noble Counties) August 18
- State Fair Work Days (Executive Committee and Chapters that Couldn't Make Earlier) August 19
- State Fair Work Days (District 3- DeKalb, Allen, and Whitley Counties) August 20
- Fall Leadership Development Workshop Registration Due August 23
- Premier Leadership Training Conference August 26-27

## September

- Membership Year Begins September 1
- NFFA Dual Participation Notifications Deadline September 1
- NFFA Agricultural Communications, Marketing, and Ag Issues CDE Portfolio Due September 1
- NFFA Prepared Public Speaking and Job Interview CDE Materials Due September 1
- NFFA Living To Serve Day of Service Mini Grant Due September 1
- NFFA National Chapter Award Request Due (tickets, plaque/spur, dietary) September 1
- Fall Leadership Development Workshop September 8-10
- NFFA CDE Waivers Due September 15
- NFFA Agriscience Fair Deadline (Waiver and Dietary) September 15
- NFFA Proficiency International Travel Experience Applications Due September 15
- Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results Conference #1 Registration Due September 20
- IACTE Conference (New Teacher Program) September 20
- IACTE Conference September 21-22

## October

- NFFA Officer Visit Requests Due October 2
- NFFA Living to Serve Day of Service Mini Grant Due October 2
- Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results Conference #2 Registration Due October 4
- Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results Conference #1 October 6-8
- INFFA Affiliated Membership Declaration Due October 13
- Seeking Opportunities and Achieving Results Conference #2 October 20-22
- NFFA CDE add/delete Deadline October 24
- Foundations in Reaching Excellence Conference #1 Registration Due October 25
- NFFA Convention October 24-27

## November

- INFFA Membership Initial Rosters Due November 1
- NFFA Living to Serve Day of Service Mini Grant Due November 1
- Foundations in Reaching Excellence Conference #2 Registration Due November 1
- Chapter Presidents Chapter Meeting Judges Due November 3
- Foundations in Reaching Excellence Conference #1 November 10-12
- Section Directors Chapter Meeting Judges Due November 13
- NFFA SAE Grant Applications Due November 15
- NFFA WLC Staff Applications Due November 15
- Foundations in Reaching Excellence Conference #2 November 17-19

## December

- NFFA Living to Serve Day of Service Mini Grant Due December 1
- NFFA Living to Serve State Day of Service Grant Due December 1
- Section 1 and 3 Chapter Meeting CDE December 5
- Section 2 and 4 Chapter Meeting CDE December 6
- INFFA Dues Payment Deadline December 8

**A full calendar of events with details can be found on our website: [inffa.org](http://inffa.org)**

### INFFA Strategic Planning:

- The Indiana FFA Association is currently in the process of developing a strategic plan related to all programming for the next 5 years. In the spring of 2016, the association and its stakeholders generated a high level plan identifying some key goals to support a growing and diverse membership of students and advisors.
  - Find the Strategic Plan at:
    - [http://inffa.org/docs/sidemodules/73204\\_IN%20FFA%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf](http://inffa.org/docs/sidemodules/73204_IN%20FFA%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf).
- Throughout the course of this year, 12 committees are being formed to help create plans for **evaluation and improvement of all programs related to the Association**. These committees are being charged to reviewed certain types of programs and **develop an action plan to be completed within the next 5 years**. Each committee is composed of members, advisors, outside stakeholders, and an Indiana FFA state staff member.
- These committees will meet via conference calls/web conferencing and utilize an online platform to conduct their work. **Committees will meet in person at IAAE Winter Workshop on January 19**. Their plan of action will be completed by May of 2017. Hopefully between now and then, some tangible improvements, products, and/or evaluation is able to occur as well.

### Membership Policy:

- Roster input/submission occurs on [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org) through your portal login. Management of student accounts/application still occurs on [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org).
- National FFA has made some changes to their data reporting for this year and we will see extensive changes in required information next year. We will keep you informed of these changes as necessary.
- If you have any questions – please initially refer to the documents on our website at <http://inffa.org/page.aspx?ID=310>. If you need further assistance, **please contact Rob Hays**.
- Key Dates Summary
  - a. Main/Initial Rosters: Nov 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5 pm.
  - b. Initial Roster Payment: Dec 9th
  - c. Roster Additions: As Needed
  - d. Affiliate Declarations: Oct 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm.
  - e. **STN Reports: Jan 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm.**

### Account Balances:

- All invoices and receipts can be found on [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org) under account balance. Outstanding balances for calendar year 2016 on **Feb 1<sup>st</sup> will lock your chapter account**. Please remember to pay invoices as close the event as possible.

### Page Day:

- Click the google form link: <https://goo.gl/forms/6JJ2kYz8CIJRGj112> to registrar for this year's **Indiana FFA Page Day Event on February 20, 2017** at the Indiana State House and Government Center.
- Please encourage your students to participate in Page Day this year. It is a great way for members to learn about the state legislature and is also a key promotional event to show case the great works of Indiana FFA to our Senators and Representatives.
- Thank you to **Indiana Soybean Alliance for sponsoring lunch** for our members at the Page Day Event this year!
- We have **40 House of Representative and 35 Senate page spots**. This is a first come first serve situation so please get your registration in as soon as possible. To have as many Senators and Representatives as possible getting the opportunity to meet with members from their areas, we ask you limit the number of students for each legislative district who attend as well.

- On the registration form the student will need to but their **State Legislators** please make sure they are not putting their National Legislator.
  - To help students find their state legislators use the following webpage:  
<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>
- **Registration is due by February 1, 2017**

### Indiana FFA Alumni Association:

- **Annual Meeting -Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ Franklin Community High School**
- This annual meeting is **open to all members of the alumni association.**
- Program to include:
  - Session on **how to charter and establish a local alumni chapter.**
  - Session on how to make your local **alumni chapter stronger.**
  - **Updates** on both the Indiana and National FFA Alumni Associations.
  - Official business session including **voting on bylaw amendments and installing the 2017-18 Alumni Council.**
  - **Dinner to be provided.**
- Look for **more information about registration soon!**

### Applications:

- **National Chapter and Agriscience Fair**
  - NFFA has **updated the National Chapter and Agriscience Fair Applications.** The updated applications found through AET **will be the forms used by the Indiana FFA Association this year.**
  - If modifications need to be made by our Association next year to better meet our needs that can still take place for the 2017-2018 school year.
- **National FFA Scholarships**
  - Applications are due **February 1, 2017** they can be found through the students MyFFA account.
  - We encourage all members to work on them early encase they run into technology issues
- **Proficiency**
  - **District Proficiency** deadline will **VARY** per district, set by the district.
    - Graded within the district and the BOT representative is to submit the names of winners by **March 1st**
  - **State Proficiency's Round 1** due postmarked **March 15**
  - **State Proficiency's Round 2** due postmarked **April 18**
    - **All** state proficiencies will need to include electronic pictures
- **State (Hoosier) Degree**
  - Hoosier Degree and Star applications are **all** due postmarked to the state office by **February 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Suggests to improve Online Applications
- **American Degree**
  - Online applications due **May 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Living to Serve**
  - Due postmarked **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Electronic pictures also due on this date.



## Read to Feed:

- We are excited to share the news that we are **continuing the Indiana FFA Read to Feed Program this year through Heifer International.**
- **What is Heifer International?**
  - Heifer International is a **nonprofit organization that raises money to send livestock and livestock training to communities globally to fight the issues of hunger and poverty.** The communities who receive the livestock are also educated on the practices of caring for livestock in order to have long-term supply.
- **What is Read to Feed?**
  - This program works with Heifer International to encourage reading, while engaging elementary school students in actions that make a difference in the lives of others. **FFA members will take on the role of "Read to Feed Leader"** of their chapter and teach agriculture lessons to the 3rd and 4th grade classes in their school district. Part of these lessons will include the **3rd and 4th grade students** keeping track of the amount of minutes they read for a 7 week time period to fight illiteracy. In addition to teaching lessons, FFA members are also responsible for finding donations from sponsors for Heifer International. These donations can be from community members, businesses, organizations, families, etc. **Elanco Animal Health has agreed to match a total of \$20,000 raised by Indiana FFA.**
- **Our Vision:**
  - The Heifer International Read to Feed Program serves to **solve hunger and poverty in impoverished communities and fight illiteracy in local classrooms.** To encourage FFA members to set higher goals, this program also serves as competition between FFA chapters with a cash prize given at State Convention. **Cash awards, sponsored by Cargill,** will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place FFA chapter who raises the most amount of money and has the most amount of minutes read per student.
- **How to Register:**
  - The **registration form** that is due to [nrvp@inffa.org](mailto:nrvp@inffa.org) or [tneighbors@isda.in.gov](mailto:tneighbors@isda.in.gov) by **January 16th** if your chapter is interested in completing the program can be found at the following link <http://inffa.org/page.aspx?ID=335>
- **More information** with specifics about the program will come soon. If you have any questions, please contact [nrvp@inffa.org](mailto:nrvp@inffa.org) or Tamara Neighbors at [tneighbors@isda.in.gov](mailto:tneighbors@isda.in.gov).

## Career Development Events:

- **Chapter Meeting CDE**
  - **State Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at Lebanon High School**
  - **Schedules** were emailed to advisors and can be located on our website at <http://inffa.org/page.aspx?ID=299>
  - Coordinator: **Jack Simmerman**
- **LDE Materials**
  - Leadership Development Event materials are being updated to catch errors in rubrics and guidelines. The rules are not being altered at this time.
  - **District Advisors** need to hold on printing materials for convention until the errors are corrected.
  - We will **email the listserv when the materials are updated and posted.**

## Conferences:

- **Winter LDW**
  - Conference will be held on **February 3-5, 2017** at the Indiana FFA Leadership Center.
  - **Chapter Leadership teams** are encouraged to attend this action packed weekend of leadership training, chapter development, and FUN!
  - The cost of the conference will be \$90 per participant.
  - **Registration for LDW is due by Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**
  - This year, due to bed restrictions in the cabins, all conferences will be **limited** to 180 participants. Participants will be selected on a first come first serve basis.

## Foundation Report:

- **Past State Officer Telethon**
  - The state officer team did a great job contacting Past State Officers and other individuals to pledge to the Indiana FFA Foundation during the 3rd annual PSO Telethon. **The team was able to receive over \$24,000 in pledges to the Indiana FFA Foundation!**
- **Pay It Forward Campaign**
  - At the 87th Indiana FFA State Convention the Indiana FFA Foundation launched a **two year Pay It Forward campaign** with the goal of raising enough money to secure the future of the center by **paying off the \$180,000 mortgage** on the Indiana FFA Leadership Center and adding **\$320,000 to the Give Hope Annuity** which is the fund created to help with future capital projects.
  - **Are Pay It Forward donations on top of regular foundation donations?**
    - **Yes, we still need to maintain our support of other programs of the Indiana FFA,** however a majority of the dollars donated from local FFA chapters will go into the Pay It Forward Campaign.
  - **How can people contribute?**
    - **Go to Indiana FFA's website at [www.inffa.org](http://www.inffa.org)** and under support **click on Give Today** and in the comments portion put Pay It Forward or **send a check** to Indiana FFA Foundation, P.O. Box 9, Trafalgar, IN 46181 and in the **memo put Pay It Forward.**