

# Fall 2023

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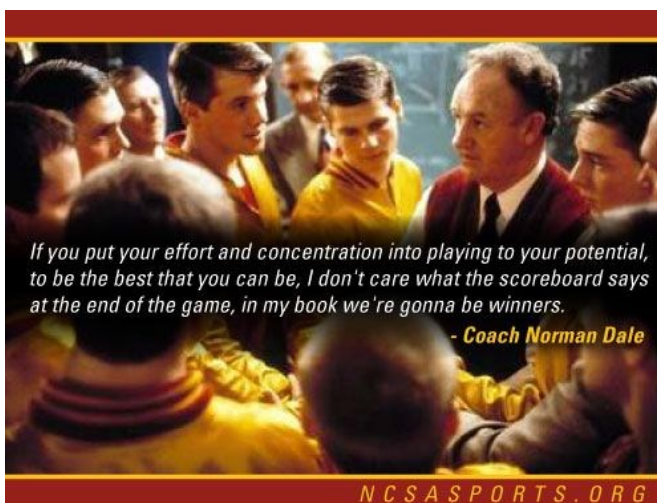
- **December 15**  
Newsletter Article Deadline
- **January 6**  
Officer Applications
- **January 20**  
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- **February 1**  
Membership Dues  
Expressions Essay  
Spokesperson Speeches
- **February 23**  
IYFA State Convention  
The Farmhouse Restaurant & Conv. Center, Fair Oaks, IN

## *Indiana State Fair 2023 The State That Grew The Game*

IYFA had a wonderful year at this year's Indiana State Fair. We had amazing people who came to help set up and great people to work the building during the fair. Thank you to all who were able to come and help make this year a success! The basketball goals were a huge hit this year!

Again this year, we only had pedal pulls on the last three Saturdays and the Champions Pull the last Sunday. The numbers were still fantastic for the pedal pulls this year. We had a great turn out each weekend. We also had a wonderful crowd who turned out for the Champion of Champions Pull. Thank you to all who helped with the pulls each weekend!

Thank you to the people who helped tear down the exhibit. We had a good number of people who stayed to help this year and who made tear down go much faster this year. Again, thank you to those who helped!



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Got Ideas?  
We're all ears!  
Contact an Exec Member and  
share it!

## *2024 Farm Business Management Contest*

This year's Farm Business Management Contest will be similar to previous years. You will have one hour to complete the exam. Chapter advisors will not be permitted to participate, but are encouraged to work with chapter members to help prepare them for the contest.

Please remember last year's winning team must sit out one (1) year before competing again. The contest will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

For more information please contact Amber Smith at [indianayoungfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:indianayoungfarmers@gmail.com).

## *2024 Spokesperson for Agriculture Contest*

2024 marks the 49th year for the Young Farmer Spokesperson for Agriculture Program.

The objectives for the program are as follows:

1. To provide an educational program that inspires participation from the majority of the chapter belonging to the IYFA.
2. To enhance public speaking skills of all young men and women by encouraging competition.
3. To further educate the general public about issues facing agriculture in this nation and world.
4. To provide a rewarding and fun-filled experience where contestants will be excited about participation.

### **Contestant Eligibility:**

Any active member of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association or any high school (9th-12th grade) FFA member may enter. Previous state winners must sit out two years.

### **Topic:**

Spokespersons competing in the contest must present a prepared five minute statement on a current topic that will provide a positive perspective of agricultural and renewable resources to an audience of consumers and producers. A ten minute questioning period by the judges will follow.

### **Criteria for Selection:**

In both the statement and the questioning period, evaluation will be based on how well the spokesperson considers a variety of view points, how accurate and convincing they are, and on the overall delivery of their presentation. Questions in the ten minute questioning period will be asked by the judges. Contestants are encouraged, but not required to use props, which may help get the point across in the five minute statement. Visual aids needing additional set up or equipment are not permitted.

Please email a copy of speeches by February 1, 2024 to Amber Smith at

[indianayoungfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:indianayoungfarmers@gmail.com).

*"Speak Up for Ag!"*



## *24th Annual Agriculture Expressions Essay Contest*

Members will have the opportunity to voice their pride and concerns for agriculture and also enhance their writing skills by competing in the IYFA essay contest.

The top three placing essays will be recognized.

Please submit essays postmarked by February 1, 2024 to:

IYFA

P.O. Box 136

Brownstown, IN 47220

Or email to: indianayoungfarmers@gmail.com

### **Objectives:**

1. Provide an opportunity for both consumers and agriculturalists to better understand each other.
2. Promote agriculture and encourage more appreciation for the quality of food available in the United States.
3. Provide an opportunity for communication and interaction between consumers and agriculturalists.
4. Promote IYFA as a dynamic organization in the agricultural field.
5. Provide an educational opportunity for IFYA members to voice their pride and concerns for agriculture.
6. Enhance writing skills of participants while providing them an opportunity to voice their opinions on issues facing agriculture today.

### **Contestant eligibility:**

Any member or high school (9th-12th grade) FFA member who has not won the past two years of the IYFA Essay Contest will be eligible to participate.

### **Topic: Any agriculture topic**

Writers competing in the contest must submit a 500-1,000 word statement (essay), letter-to-the-editor of a local newspaper, or letter to an opinion setter (politician, chamber leader, etc.) on the above topic.

### **Scoring Criteria for Essay:**

**Content:** Consideration of other's viewpoints (15), Accuracy and convincing (20), Readability (15), **Subtotal (50)**

**Research:** Evidence to support statement (10), Bibliography and footnotes (10), **Subtotal (20)**

**Composition:** Grammar (10), Format and originality (10), Writing skills (10), **Subtotal (30)**

**Grand Total (100)**

**Penalty:** Five (5) points will be deducted from the total score for each 25 words under 400 or over 500 in essay itself.

## *2024 Photo Contest*

**Contestant Eligibility:** Any active member of the IYFA or high school (9th-12th grade) FFA member can enter. Past state winners of the Photo Contest are not eligible the year after they win. Individuals submitting photographs release copyright to the IYFA.

### **RULES:**

1. Each member or advisor may submit one photo in each of the following categories:
  - Ag
  - Non-Ag
2. Entries are to be 5x7 mounted color print(s) (no frames).
3. All pictures must have title, which may be located on the front or back.
4. Turn in photos at convention registration by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2024.
5. All entries must be identified on the back of the picture with name, chapter, home address, title of picture and category.
6. Must be original photographs taken by the person that has submitted the photo(s).
7. Entries may be picked up on Saturday evening, February 24, at headquarters.

**TOPICS:** Photographs competing in the contest must present a photograph of an agricultural, environmental, agribusiness, or rural life-style topic that will provide a positive perspective of agriculture/renewable resources to an audience of consumers and producers.

**WINNERS:** You may only win in one category; a winner will be selected for each of the two categories and one selected for Best Overall Photo.

## *2024 Kid's Photo Contest*

### **Kids' Photo Contest (8th grade & younger; 9th & older compete as adults)**

- Photos need to fall under Ag or Non Ag themes. All photos will be judged as one category for all ages.
- Entries are to be 5x7 mounted color prints (no frames).
- All photos must have a title on either the front or back.
- Turn in photos at convention registration by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 25.
- All entries must have name, parents' names, title and chapter on the back.
- Photos must be originals taken by the child.
- Entries may be picked up on Saturday evening, February 25, at headquarters.



# Registration Form

## Indiana Young Farmers' Association State Convention

THE FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT & CONFERENCE CENTER, Fair Oaks, IN

February 23-25, 2024

*Postmark Date for Pre-Registration is February 1, 2024*



**Please print and fill in all information: use only one registration form per couple.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Young Farmer Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if you are a Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

	Pre Reg	Number Attending	Total	Late Reg	Number Attending	Total
Total Convention: (includes registration and meals)	\$130.00 X	_____ =	\$_____	\$160.00 X	_____ =	\$_____
Total Convention Child not attending Daycare:	\$130.00 X	_____ =	\$_____	\$160.00 X	_____ =	\$_____
Saturday Daycare (includes dinner)	\$50.00 X	_____ =	\$_____	\$60.00 X	_____ =	\$_____
<b>Grand Total</b>			\$_____			\$_____

Names/ages of children in daycare program:

**\*\*You must register for convention to participate in any convention activity.\*\***

\*\*All pre-registration must be postmarked and paid in full by February 1, 2024.  
Hotel reservations should be made by January 24, 2024 to get the guaranteed \$129 room rate.\*\*

Make checks payable to **IYFA**

Mail to:  
Indiana Young Farmers' Association  
P.O. BOX 136  
BROWNSTOWN, IN 47220

For reservations call:

The Farmhouse Restaurant & Conference Center  
754 N 600 E, Fair Oaks, IN 47943  
Phone 1-219-394-2100

Be sure to mention you are with IYFA to get the \$129 room rate.

OR

Go to [iyfa.us](http://iyfa.us) and click the reservation link on the State Convention page.