



SUMMER AG INSTITUTE

Let’s give a HUGE shoutout to our EPIC Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Pam Chambers for organizing the largest SAI we have ever held! The success of our Summer Ag Institute is a direct reflection of the hard work that Pam has poured into the teachers and schools throughout the year! All the praise goes to her! This year we had 20 teachers participate from both DeWitt and Piatt County and what a blast we had!

We started the event centered around all things sourdough! The teachers gained access to lessons and skills that they can use both in the classroom and home! Pam shared a variety of lessons all rooted in wheat, chemical reactions, temperatures, ratios, and so much more! When you begin to dive into the world of sourdough there is so much that can be turned into a lesson with students at all age ranges! Aside from the classroom opportunities, each teacher left the day with a loaf of their very own sourdough ready to be baked, instructions, and sourdough starter to care for at home!

We enjoyed a lunch at Kay Bee Community Café and then traveled to our tour at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamy. The teachers had the chance to hang out with some adorable goats we all threatened to take home with us! Lastly, we went on a tour of a bake house in Champaign where we enjoyed the sights and smells of a working local bakery!

On our last day of SAI the teachers spent their morning with IFB AITC staff learning about the focus topics for AITC this year. They learned about coding and how technology is essential in the ag industry. Additionally, pairing the history of technology within agriculture and how we have

gotten to where the industry is today. Teachers were provided with a vast array of games, books, lessons, and more to bring to their classrooms for various grade levels and subjects.

We then ended our 2-day program at Corks and Canvas where we all painted a farm scene. For those of you who follow closely with AITC you know that Pam has increased her engagement with extracurricular subjects such as music, P.E., and art. Outside of her standard classroom visits, Pam has focused on introducing the importance of agriculture to musical instruments, art supplies, and the various sports activities. To end our event painting only seemed fitting!

We are so fortunate to have a coordinator such as Pam who truly pours so much time, care, and consideration to all things ag education! We can’t wait to see what she brings to the classroom this school year!



SUMMER EVENTS

As we dive into DCFB summer events, don’t forget to mark your calendars! Looking into the month of July we start off July 9th – 12th with the DeWitt, Macon, Piatt 4H Fair! Any fellow ice cream lovers out there looking for a fun volunteer opportunity, the ice cream stand is a great place to be! Time flies when you are blending up delicious milkshakes for the crowd to enjoy! Friday, July 31st is our DCFB Foundation Golf Outing, which is our largest fundraiser of the year! This year our golf outing will be at the Woodlawn Country Club in Farmer City. As we move into August, we have our DCFB Young Leader Foundation Tractor Drive! This year our event will be Saturday, August 29th. Our amazing group of Young Leaders works so hard on this event throughout the year. They truly do such a great job organizing this event to raise dollars for a scholarship.

Our summer season is a busy one, but it sure is fun and a great opportunity to catch up with great friends while creating good within our county! You are welcome to join us! If you are interested in signing up for any of these events, please stay updated with our Facebook and website. These are the platforms where our registration forms are located!



YOUNG LEADER PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Thank you to every member, business, volunteer, and community members who supported the DeWitt County Farm Bureau Young Leader’s Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. This event would not have been made possible without the hard work of the DCFB Young Leader group and to the Young Family for allowing us to take over your shop and open your home to the public for the morning! DCFB truly has the best membership there is. Thank you for supporting the Young Leaders as they fundraise for the DCFB Foundation and work to create a positive impact within our county!

Thanks to your support they were able to raise just shy of \$2,000 for the DeWitt County Farm Bureau Foundation! How amazing is that? The Young Leaders are always trying to think of ways to increase the amount of scholarships the DCFB Foundation is able to award each spring. It is such a wonderful thing to see past DCFB Foundation recipients give back to the giving pool they once received from! The DeWitt County Farm Bureau Board could not be prouder of the group and truly enjoy watching them work hard, but have fun in the process!

Thank you again for your support and we hope to bring this fundraiser back next year!





UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 9 – 12 – DEWITT, MACON, PIATT 4H FAIR

JULY 31 – DCFB FOUNDATION GOLF OUTINGT

AUGUST 29 – YOUNG LEADER TRACTOR DRIVE