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Welcome International Delegates!



Anja Fehlhaber
Country: Germany

Anja has been a member of her Young Farmers club in Soltendieck, Germany for seven years. Her entire family works on their farm that produces a variety of products including potatoes, onions, corn, sugar beets and pork. Anja is currently finishing her bachelor's degree in business administration before moving on to a Masters program this fall. In her spare time Anja enjoys riding and yoga. While in Canada Anja would like to meet many Junior Farmers and learn how Junior Farmers' operates.

She is on the activities committee for her county of Bedfordshire and participates in tug of war. Anna enjoys all types of art and is a leader at Brownies. While in Canada, Anna hopes to see as many beautiful landscapes as possible.

Sion Morgan
Country: Wales

Sion is a trained electrician and has had a wide array of work experience. In the past he has worked shearing sheep, assisting a plumber and on a pipeline. Sion lives with his

parents and younger sister on their family's farm.

Eva Lechner
Country: Austria

Eva has been a leader of her Young Farmers club since 2009. Eva's entire family is involved in the agriculture business with most of them working on her family farm. On their farm they produce barley, wheat and corn. They also

have over 60 cattle. Her main farming interests are sows, market pigs, dairy and sheep. In her spare time Eva is a volunteer firefighter and enjoys sports such as skiing and hiking.



Our three delegates that arrived May 28th!
From Left: Hilary Cameron, Anna Taylor & Anja Fehlhaber

Hilary Cameron
Country: Ireland

Hilary has been a member of the Coleraine Young Farmers club for the past six years. She is currently serving her second term as the county's treasurer. Hilary has represented her club in competition finals such as group debating, public speaking and stock judging. In her spare time Hilary works with the Girl Guides and has represented them in Denmark and Mexico. Hilary's family owns a dairy farm with 130 cows plus followers.

Anna Taylor
Country: England

Anna is a joint social secretary for her Young Farmers club, Leighton Buzzard. Although Anna has only been a member of her club for one year, she is very ac-

On Your Calendar

Bruce County Mud Volleyball Tournament
July 23, 2011
Paisley, Ontario

Oxford County presents the Embro Truck and Tractor Pull
July 29th, 2011
Embro, Ontario

JFAO Golf Tournament & Ambassadors' Banquet
August 5, 2011
Guelph, Ontario

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President's Message



What an exciting few months for Junior Farmers! Like that saying goes "time flies when you're having fun!" And I must say we have done exactly that. We have been working very hard but we have also been able to have some fun, too! It feels just like yesterday I was taking on my new role as President and here I am now, four months later, learning everyday and proudly representing the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario.

I would like to first congratulate the executive on doing a tremendous job with each of their positions. The executive has been working very hard to offer the best for JFAO, through sponsorship, marketing, finances, exchange programs, membership and last but not least, Shannon Kelly our Past President with her "super fantastic" enthusiasm, as she continues to offer her expertise.

On May 7th I had the opportunity to attend the Kawartha Junior Farmer's 95th Anniversary. While in attendance there were several guest speakers who took us back in time as they shared with us the many memories they had as a Junior Farmer member. One guest speaker, Carm Hamilton, shared with us a chant that was used during the time he was a member. When hearing the chant at the anniversary dinner I thought to myself - "Wow! What a great chant that we need to bring back!" It goes a little something like this "act enthusiastic, be enthusiastic..." Stay tuned as I ensure you we will be doing this chant at the next provincial event.

During the month of May JFAO welcomed our 2011 exchange delegates from Germany, England, and Ireland. In July two more joined us from Austria and Wales! Over the course of the summer the delegates will be travelling across this beautiful province learning first hand about the Canadian Culture. This year's delegates certainly do have a busy schedule as they take part in several outings with all of our clubs. I would encourage all of you to get to know our delegates when they are visiting your county.

Every year during the month of June JFAO runs our annual Leadership Camp. Claire Bunnik, along with the rest of the committee did a fabulous job. Although I was unable to attend, I was informed that members had a great time and left feeling very enthused and with lots of helpful information to take back to their clubs.

I would like to recognize our Director of Membership, Matt English. We are very excited to report that he has accepted a full time job that will keep him busy, as he will be travelling across the province as a Classifier for Holstein Canada. On behalf of the executive, I would like to wish him much success with his new employment opportunity!

August is quickly approaching and I can't wait to see everyone at the 5th annual Junior Farmer Golf Tournament taking place on August 5th in Guelph. Following the golf tournament I encourage you to attend JFAO's annual Ambassadors' Banquet. Remember to check out our website throughout the summer to get full details of all upcoming events. Also, "act enthusiastic, be enthusiastic..."

Camille Black, 2011 JFAO Provincial President



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JFAO Leadership Camp 2011



It was another exciting annual JFAO event that took place on the weekend of June 17-19th, 2011. It is open to all Junior Farmer and Senior 4-H members. This year, Leadership Camp was held in Baysville, Muskoka, located on the shores of Echo Lake in North-eastern Ontario. The beautiful Camp Cairn has lake front property, comfortable cabins for us to reside in, a large main lodge for dining and activities, as well as acres of outdoor space for team challenges, leadership training, and much more!

“Mission: Possible” was the theme of our camp this year, with the slogan: “your mission if you choose to accept it.” Delegates were encouraged to take charge in leading, marketing their clubs, planning events, and getting stuff done!

Delegates of Leadership Camp arrived on site Friday evening in various spurts. After everyone arrived, cabins were assigned and the games began. We started with various name games and ice breaking activities, and then settled down around a bonfire to enjoy roasted marshmallows, hotdogs, and smores.

Saturday morning began in the main lodge where we gathered for our first meal. Following breakfast, delegates enjoyed a presentation by JFAO alumna Anne Arksey. Anne shared her knowledge of event planning with the group and the importance of learning how to run events. To continue the morning, we started our team work challenges. Everyone was split up into three groups and rotated to various stations around the camp’s 200 acres of property. Each station, run by the camp staff, was different and required members to use leadership skills to work as a group and complete a task or learn something new. Delegates took turns doing archery, low ropes, and group initiatives. All members’ ideas were included and groups had to keep safety a priority. Communication and cooperation are two key qualities when doing team building activities.

After group debriefing, a small break, and a great lunch, we moved on to rock wall climbing and the zip line. Again, staff split us into two larger groups and took us to these stations. With considerable concentration and friendly competition, members raced up the climbing wall, down the zip line, and many conquered their fear of heights. All activities were well liked by

the Junior Farmer and 4H members that attended camp. To conclude our day of group and personal challenges, everyone benefitted from the free time, where individuals were able to spend time getting to know one another in an unorganized fashion down at the beach, as well as better acquaint ourselves with the 2011 international delegates visiting Canada for the Spring and Summer. At the beach, LC delegates were able to canoe, swim, lie on the beach, bounce on the aqua jump water trampoline and simply relax together, which is important for team cohesion.

Camp dance! Members and staff joined together in the main lodge to enjoy friendly conversation, share line dancing steps, learn how to square dance, and take part in two steppin’ around the dance floor. Well into the night people continued to dance, socialize and learn new moves!

Sunday morning came too fast. After our last breakfast at Camp Cairn, we all sat in the main lodge, coffee and tea in hand, anxiously awaiting our final guest speaker, John Drummond from 4-H Ontario. John is a Past President of 4-H Ontario and a current 4-H volunteer. He spoke to our group about personal communication styles within groups. John put together a fine presentation and included interaction and discussion throughout the hour.

With a few more concluding group challenges and a fantastic slideshow prepared by the Camp Cairn director Chantal Jackson, our Leadership Camp weekend came to an end. Tired members packed their bags, tidied their cabins, and said final goodbyes – until the next event...

All in all, Leadership Camp was a success! It helped individuals to expand on leadership and team building skills that they will continue to use in Junior Farmers, 4-H and outside these organizations, in whatever comes across their life path! A big thank you goes out to the committee for another great Leadership Camp!

By: *Claire Bunnik, LC Chair*
(LC Photos Continued on Pg. 5)



To follow dinner, JFAO’s Executive Director of Marketing, Claire Bunnik, did a presentation on “Marketing for your Club.” Knowledge was shared regarding newsletters, newspaper articles, presentation of booths and displays, pamphlets, and online promotion.

There sure was a lot of kickin’ of boots on Saturday night during the Leadership

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Club News!



Bruce County Junior Farmers

Bruce County JF has been busy!

May 14 brought about the second time the BCJF Alumni held a dance with the Good Brothers providing live entertainment. Once again, it was a HUGE success! The dance floor was full all night with alumni, current members, new members, and everyone else dancing to favourites like "Fox On The Run" and many more.

BCJF would like to thank our alumni for being so supportive and once again donating the proceeds from the Good Brothers dance to our club! The \$2,300 from our alumni has helped us to fix up our food booth in Teeswater and get new square dancing outfits.

On June 25, BCJF held its first Agricultural Awareness and Farm Safety Day. With 25 youth in attendance, the day started off with some games to get everyone loosened up and ready for a day of fun and learning!

Everyone was split into 6 groups that rotated through stations. The stations included beef, dairy, sheep, goats, pigs, and crops and weeds. A pizza lunch was provided for all those in attendance and we played lots of games again while we awaited the arrival of our first presenter for the afternoon, Terry Sillick, to discuss fire safety.



The afternoon consisted of some more rotating stations as well as some central demonstrations. The stations included machinery safety, chemical safety, and hearing safety.

Helmet safety and some equipment demonstrations were presented to all those in attendance. The helmet safety demonstration really drew the kids in and made the point – helmets save lives! A jello "brain" was placed inside of a helmet and dropped from approximately 10 feet high. It suffered no damage. That same "brain" was taken out of the helmet and dropped from 10 feet high again, but this time it split apart in three or four places!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came out for the day to help run this event and to all that participated! We would also like to thank our sponsors: Rolling Acres, Dave Millen Plumbing, Peter Inglis Contracting, Gay Lea Foods, Armtec, Wingham Vet Clinic, Teeswater Agro Parts, Hays Electrical, Rob Moffat Farms, and the Teeswater Agricultural Society. Your help made our day a success! **By Shannon Kelly, BCJF**

Kawartha Junior Farmers

Kawartha JF Foodgrains Project

This year Kawartha JF is trying something new! We are planting and harvesting a crop with the proceeds from its sale being donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The members from Kawartha JF thought that this would be a great way to take our hands on experience within the agricultural industry and put it to use in helping to end world hunger! Our project also fit nicely into the theme of JFAO for 2011 which is "Around the World ~ Imagine the Possibilities".

In 2010 there were 925 million people that went hungry and Kawartha JF would like to help reduce that number, even if only by a little. Since we have had the pleasure of growing up in a farming community with all the tools to help with this problem we think this project will be a great experience!

For our project we are growing 10 acres of conventional corn with as few expenses as possible, hoping to maximize the return for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. With help and support from our local community we have been able to get donations for seed, chemical and fertilizer. We also received generous funding from the Victoria Haliburton Federation of Agriculture to help with purchasing signs for our plot. Our biggest thanks goes out to Joe Hickson at Midnight Acres for providing us with the land and labour for our project! This would not be possible without his contribution!

If this is something that you would be interested in helping with or would like to make a contribution to, please contact us at kawarthajf@gmail.com. **By Sarah McLaren, KJF**

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Members contact marketing@jfao.on.ca to volunteer your time at one or both of our JFAO booths at these events. There is a \$30 honourarium and free admission. **Come on out!**

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







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	<u>Dates</u>		<u>Zone</u>				
	May 28—June 11		Zone 3				
	June 12—June 25		Zone 2				
	June 26—July 9		Zone 1				
	July 10—July 16		Break Week				
	July 17—July 30		Zone 5				
	July 31—August 13		Zone 7				
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Alumni Corner

Saturday March 26 was not only the date of JFAO's Annual Banquet - it was also the date of the first Alumni Forum. Alumni were contacted through email, social media, and phone to spread the word about the forum. An open discussion was held for past Junior Farmers to talk about the current state of JF and JFAO. Discussions focused around the challenges faced by JFAO since the support of OMAF was discontinued. From the meeting, it was noted that because of the role the Ag Reps played in the past, there was not a need for retired members to stay involved, therefore a culture of Alumni participating with JF did not develop. It was also noted that current members do not know who their local Alumni are. Several points that came out of the forum included: having an Alumni forum every year in conjunction with March Conference; show current members the Alumni that have gone on to bigger things after their JF experience; continue building the Alumni database and local contacts; form Alumni groups at the local level in order to build an Alumni Association provincially.

An Alumni database has been created through the hard work of Barclay Nap that includes almost all past Provincial Directors, Leadership Camp delegates, and Exchange Trip winners found through memorabilia collections. Unfortunately lists including past County Presidents and Secretaries have been harder to locate.

Another gathering is being evaluated for the summer. If you'd like to participate in a future forum, help in building the Alumni database or learn about forming a local Alumni group, please contact Brad Found at bfound@alumni.jfao.on.ca or Barclay Nap or bnap@alumni.jfao.on.ca or phone the JFAO office at 519-780-5326.

Submitted by: Barclay Nap



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