

Kane County AITC Calendar of Events

January	Bookmark Contest
February	Teacher's Institutes Scholarship Apps Due
March	Ag Days Internship Apps Due
April	Touch a Tractor
June	Summer Ag Institute AgTech Tour for Teachers John Buck Golf Outing
July	IAITC Golf Outing IAITC Sporting Clays Kane County Fair Farm Zoo Quiz, Bucket Raffles, Hay Loft, Country Store, Jurassic Pork & more!
September	IAITC Bike Ride
October	IAITC Trail Ride
December	Silent Auction Trivia Night

Kane County Farm Bureau is actively seeking people with energy and enthusiasm to carry out Ag-in-the- Classroom activities and assist with educational events. If you are interested in participating in any AITC activity, from classroom visits to County Fair demonstrations to collating materials for teachers, please contact us at (630) 584-8660.

Classroom Resources

Free Loan:

Ag Literacy Library
Agri-Learning Kits
mAGic Kits
Videos

Free Distribution:

Ag Mags
Agri Newsletters

By Special Arrangement:

Classroom Visits
Teacher Workshops
Farm Tours

Resources are available year-round and may be obtained by contacting Kane County Farm Bureau (630) 584-8660.



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OUR AITC MISSION:

To promote agricultural awareness, education and understanding among students, teachers and the general public in order to ensure our continued access to a safe, abundant and affordable domestic food supply grown in a manner to protect human health and the quality of our environment.



Touch-a-Tractor

Trevor Lomperski of North Aurora aboard a 1939 IH model M at the Farm Bureau's first "Touch-a-Tractor", held on the organization's front lawn on Randall Road in St. Charles.



Kids just love farm machines, especially boys — of all ages! Featuring new and antique farm equipment, "Touch-a-Tractor" is a great place for kids to explore and provides an urban audience opportunity to learn about agriculture and the role farmers play in our community. Your presence, as well as your new or antique tractors or farm memorabilia, are welcome at the next "Touch-a-Tractor", March 30-31, 2007.

Summer Ag Institute



Learning about agriculture is more than child's play. The primary focus of Kane County Farm Bureau's agricultural literacy programs is on teachers. KCFB coordinates an annual graduate-credit course (AgTech Tour

for Teachers) that highlights the agricultural research and development, production, marketing and processing that make food and fiber production our nation's largest industry.

Teachers attending the AgTech Tour consistently rank it among the best educational experiences of their careers. Dozens of local farms, agribusinesses, research institutions and agencies cooperate to make this educational program possible, but additional assistance is always welcome.

Ag Days

Fourth grade students cozy up to a pony at Ag Days 2006, held on the Mooseheart campus. Over 2,200 students learned about the food and fiber system and how agriculture applies to their daily lives from scores of Kane County farmers at this 22nd annual KCFB Women's Committee program.



Since 1985, the Farm Bureau Women's Committee has issued "Ag Days" invites to all Kane County 4th grade classrooms. Each March over 2,000 students respond and receive up to 20 interactive presentations about agriculture and farm life from area farmers, commodity groups, and agribusiness leaders. Ag Days has a volunteer job for everyone. To offer assistance, call us at 630 584-8660.



Randy Pauli of Elburn explains the myriad of uses of corn to a group of students at Ag Days. Pauli is one of the over 100 volunteers who helps the Farm Bureau make agriculture come alive for Kane County students.

Bookmark Contest

Hundreds of entries are received each year for the Farm Bureau's Bookmark Contest. Helping students relate familiar items to their farm roots is the goal of the Women's Committee coordinated program. Winners receive a prize in keeping with the current year's theme and a classroom visit from the Kane County Farm Bureau Ag Literacy Coordinator, Suzi Myers.



KCFB Ag Literacy Coordinator Suzi Myers presents a Blue Ribbon Certificate to Maddie Kopacz of St. Mary's School, Elgin in recognition of her achievement in this year's Bookmark Contest. The theme for the 2006 contest, Baseball & Agriculture.

Kane County Fair

FFA students from local high schools are among the volunteers that help the Farm Bureau keep agricultural education a priority at the Fair. Our county fair activities include a hay loft, farm animal zoo and mock archaeological dig for kids and a Country Store for Mom and Dad.



Kids 12 and under line up to have their agri-I.Q. checked via the Young Farmers "Farm Zoo Quiz". Everyone is a winner and a free ice cream cone is the reward for playing the game!

