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# IAAE-Purdue Incoming Member Events Guide

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## What is IAAE-Purdue?

IAAE stands for Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators. Purdue just means we are the Purdue chapter. We are an exclusive club for Agricultural Education majors. Our purpose is to promote the teaching of Agricultural Science and Business in public schools and to provide a unifying element for students enrolled in agricultural education. Our hope is to teach our members how to run an FFA chapter.

## Awards, Membership, and Finance Committee

Each IAAE-Purdue member will desire to achieve more for the organization and himself/herself. Members that chose this committee will become aware of various money-making projects for organizations and understand the importance of adequate funding for a club.

## Campus and Community Committee

Each IAAE-Purdue member will gain a willingness to cooperate with the community and become familiar with many facets of the Purdue campus. Members are asked to organize events and brainstorm ideas for community service opportunities.

## Program and Career Development Events Committee

Each IAAE-Purdue member will benefit from well-planned, interesting, and educational meetings. They also will become more familiar with the career development events and will use them in their agricultural science and business program. Members of this committee are required to host and assist in planning the banquet held each year and secure student workers for CDEs.

## Publicity Committee

Each IAAE-Purdue member will be informed of all activities and are required to publish and distribute the IAAE-Purdue newsletter appropriately. Members are asked to attend and write about an IAAE-Purdue activity or event and take pictures at said event. These events are submitted to the reporter who creates a newsletter that promotes IAAE-Purdue.

## January

### College of Agriculture Hot Chocolate Social

Students, professors, staff, and club representatives gather for the College of Agriculture Hot Chocolate Social hosted by Ag Council. This event is for students to explore the many organizations available in the College of Agriculture. The lawn is packed with students, organization representatives and of course a ton of hot chocolate. Students can get a cup of hot chocolate and then travel to each organization booth to receive toppings while learning more about the many opportunities available. This is a great way to get information for joining these clubs if students didn't have a chance to join them last semester and mark their calendar for upcoming callouts. IAAE-Purdue has a booth where we set up our display board and sometimes run our banquet slideshow.

## February

### Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry

Food, friends, networking, and a love for agriculture are presented at one of the most popular events in the College of Agriculture. Current students and hundreds of distinguished Purdue Ag Alumni mingle at one of Purdue's largest gatherings of alumni every year to listen to speakers. IAAE-Purdue has a booth where we showcase our club and the AGED major. Members assist the event by setting tables, serving food, and cleaning off tables after the meal all while practicing their networking skills.

## **March**

### **Purdue Ag Ed Recruitment Day (Trafalgar)**

Every year, IAAE-Purdue travels to Trafalgar, Indiana to the Indiana FFA Leadership Center to showcase Agricultural Education to interested students. Students are able to learn more about what it means to be an agricultural education student at Purdue University. IAAE-Purdue members work under the leadership of the Awards, Membership, and Finance Committee to host a student room where they have displays depicting a “day in the life” and the happenings of a Purdue (AGED) student. We set up booths to inform the students about housing, finances, majors and minors, clubs, Greek life, and more.

### **District IV FFA Convention: Leadership Development Event judges**

Members have the chance to serve as judges at District IV FFA LDEs and learn the behind scenes work it takes to pull off this contest because it is hosted at the Lafayette Ivy Tech. Here they can practice their skills by judging any area of expertise or something they are interested in learning more about. IAAE-Purdue students are encouraged to volunteer and aid other districts in their conventions.

## **April**

### **IAAE-Purdue Awards Banquet**

IAAE-Purdue members gather to celebrate the past year. It is usually held at the Beck’s Agricultural Center and members and families are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to network and enjoy time with fellow peers and hear a guest speaker talk about agricultural education. Scholarships, class superlatives, outstanding member awards, and distinguished service awards are presented to deserving individuals. Program and CDE Committee works very hard throughout the year to have a successful and fun banquet.

### **Purdue Ag Week**

Ag Week is a student-organized event that aims to show the campus of Purdue what agriculture provides to the public. Ag Week is an event where the various facets of local, national, and international agriculture are understood and celebrated. The members of IAAE-Purdue host a booth where we have had our spin the IAAE-Purdue wheel, where attendees have to answer agricultural-related questions, and they get a prize ranging from past years of a t-shirt, sunglasses, to koozies.

### **Spring Fest**

Spring Fest offers a wide array of opportunities for learners of all ages to actively learn about animals, art, astronomy, and much more. Traditionally, IAAE-Purdue has a booth of information for people who are interested in agricultural education. However, we are looking at grouping up with the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow to work with the information tent.

### **Spring Fling**

Spring Fling is a night where members from IAAE-Purdue are able to have fun and eat food together and welcome in the spring. It is a great night members to hang out, play volleyball, and have a break from the stress of classes.

## **May**

### **Lunch making fundraiser for 4H/FFA Livestock and Dairy Judging**

IAAE-Purdue is responsible for making and packing lunches for the State Livestock and Dairy Judging contests. Members get together to pack cold meat sandwich lunches a few days before the contest. These lunches are a fundraiser to help with costs of the upcoming year.

## **June**

### **Indiana FFA State Convention**

Indiana FFA State Convention is a great opportunity to get high school students interested in Agricultural Education! We host a Teach Ag booth and ask members to answer any questions that attendees have at Monday Fun Night. Convention has many contests throughout the week and IAAE-Purdue members can serve as judges for these contests.

## **August**

### **Non-Chicken, Chicken BBQ**

Non-Chicken Chicken BBQ is a night of free food, icebreaker games, class volleyball, and group photos. Since this is the first IAAE-Purdue event for the freshmen, it is highly suggested that everyone attends so connections can be made, and class pictures are taken. After dinner, IAAE-Purdue Members gather around the volleyball court for our annual class versus class sand volleyball tournament. Overall, the event is always a success because it is great opportunity for all four classes to get to know each other more.

### **College of Agriculture Ice Cream Social**

Students, professors, staff, and club representatives gather on the lawn of Agriculture Administration on for the College of Agriculture Ice Cream Social. This event is for students to explore the many organizations available in the College of Agriculture. The lawn is packed with students, organization representatives and of course a ton of ice cream. Students can get a bowl of ice cream and then travel to each organization booth to receive toppings while learning more about the many opportunities available. Students are able to explore their interests and mark their calendar for upcoming callouts. IAAE-Purdue has a booth where we set up our display board and sometimes run our banquet slideshow.

### **Mentor/Mentee night**

To kick off the year, IAAE Purdue works on our beneficial mentor-mentee program. This is a program where we match freshman with our current students to help them acclimate to college life. The hope is that this program fosters new friendships and helps freshman find their feet. Some events we have planned for this semester is a volleyball game at the corec where we will pick teams and play a few matches just for fun and a trip to exploration acres to do the corn maze.

## **September**

### **Purdue Invitational Soils Judging Contest**

IAAE-Purdue and the Purdue Agronomy Club host the Purdue Soils Invitational during September for chapters around the state to practice their judging skills. The Agronomy Club and IAAE-Purdue volunteers to run the event and are in charge of all aspects of the competition: watching the pits, overseeing the teams, parking, and registration. This activity allows member to understand what the soils CDE consists of.

### **State FFA CDE Judging Mega Day**

Mega day is termed such because State Meats, State Horticulture, State Livestock Skill-a-thon, and State Dairy Food is hosted all at once. These CDEs is a great way to get points for YDAE 240! Members are asked to help with these contests to grade or monitor rooms. This provides an

opportunity for members who haven't participated in these contests before to learn how it works behind the scenes.

### National Teach Ag Day

This past year, we had Leah Jacobs as a National Teach Ag Ambassador! She assembled a committee and held an Instagram contest where high school student could show appreciation for their ag teachers. IAAE-Purdue held a watching party on National Teach Ag Day and supplied food for members that attended.

## **October**

### Fall Frolic

Members of IAAE-Purdue join on a night for fun, fellowship, and food. The night is started with a welcome and food. After members eat, games and activities are initiated, and members get to show their sports skills. Fall Frolic is a way for members to continue to build relationships with upperclassmen and new members.

### College of Agriculture Hog Roast

To kick off the start of fall, Ag Council hosts an annual hog roast for students in the College of Agriculture. The hog roast is held on the lawn on the Agricultural Mall right in front of the Horticulture Building. The evening consists of free BBQ, fun, fellowship, and the Farmer Olympics. The Farmer Olympics gives clubs a chance to compete against each other in physical contests such as a wheelbarrow race, while entertaining the audience. This event is fun for everyone, and students are very thankful for a free meal.

### National FFA Convention

Blue jackets flood downtown Indianapolis during the National FFA Convention and Expo. Indiana is well represented by members competing in contests and by College of Agriculture students and faculty talking to perspective students in the Expo Center. Additionally, junior and senior AGED students have the chance to explain Career Development Events through CDE Tours. Others volunteer to help coordinate the national contests or work other booths in the expo hall.

## **November**

### Purdue Invitational Crops Judging Contest

IAAE-Purdue and the Purdue Agronomy Club host the Purdue Crops Invitational during November for chapters around the state to practice their judging skills. The Agronomy Club and IAAE-Purdue volunteers to run the event and are in charge of all aspects of the competition: setting up mounts, overseeing the teams, grading, and registration. This activity allows member to understand what the crops CDE consists of.

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## **December**

### Holiday Party

Members of IAAE-Purdue are able to celebrate the holidays with our annual Holiday Party. It is a chance for the seniors that are student teaching the next semester to celebrate their time in our club and gather together with this being their last IAAE-Purdue Holiday Party. Everyone is suggested to be dressed in ugly a Christmas sweater in hopes of winning the contest later in the meeting. The party is catered, and the members get to eat another free meal. For the remainder of the event, all that brought a white elephant gift participates in the gift exchange game where people are able to receive and steal gifts from one another.

#### State Forestry/Crops/Entomology Contests

Members are asked to be room monitors and to help grade. Since three contests happen on one day, any help from our members is greatly appreciated. It would be in the best interest for members to assist in a contest that they have never participated in to gain a wide range of experience!

