

Kane County AITC Calendar of Events

February	Teacher's Institutes Scholarship Apps Due
March	Ag Days Internship Apps Due
April	Touch-A-Tractor SPROUTS
June	Summer Ag Institute I John Buck Golf Outing
July	IAITC Golf Outing IAITC Sporting Clays Kane County Fair Scavenger Hunt, Raffles, Country Store, Farm Animal Zoo & more!
Summer	Summer Ag Institute II
September	IAITC Bike Ride
December	Silent Auction Trivia Night

Kane County Farm Bureau is 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 Books

Agri-Learning Kits

mAGic Kits

Videos & DVDs

Free Distribution:

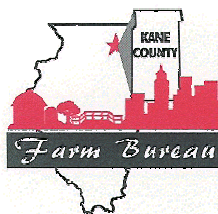
Ag Mags

Agri Newsletters

By Special Arrangement:

Classroom Visits

Resources are available year-round and may be obtained by contacting Kane County Farm Bureau at 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 an 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 this farm-city event in April.

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 two annual graduate-credit courses (Summer Ag

Institute I & II) that highlight the agricultural research and development, production, marketing and processing that make food and fiber production our nation's largest industry.

Teachers attending Summer Ag Institutes consistently rank them 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 held on the Mooseheart campus. Over 2,000 students learn about the food and fiber system and how agriculture applies to their daily lives from scores of Kane County farmers at this 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.

SPROUTS

In April an enthusiastic group of volunteers from the Kane County Farm Bureau brings insights into agriculture to hundreds of third graders in area classrooms through SPROUTS, or Spring Program of Reading and Outreach to Urban Teachers and Students. Volunteers read an agriculturally themed book and discuss the topics with students. They also leave behind a book and related activity for teachers to complete with their class.



AITC Volunteer Sandy Gould of Maple Park reads the book Heartland to third grade students at Coron Elementary in South Elgin during SPROUTS.

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 Scavenger Hunt, farm animal zoo, & farm-themed activities for kids and a Country Store & raffles for Mom and Dad.



Kids 10 and under roam the fairgrounds on the Farm Facts & Fun Scavenger Hunt. Kids learn about the livestock at the fair and return their passport cards for a free ice cream cone!