
IAAE-Purdue Incoming Member Events Guide



What is IAAE-Purdue?

IAAE stands for Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators. Purdue just means we are here at Purdue University. 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

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

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

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

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

Ag Council hosts another event similar to the Ice Cream Social. Hot chocolate is served, and clubs provide candy or treats for you to add to your hot chocolate. Since it is second semester, students are encouraged to learn more about different clubs and consider getting involved. The Hot Chocolate Social is a great way to get information for joining these clubs if students didn't have a chance to join them last semester.

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 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. Members assist the event by setting tables, serving food, and cleaning off tables after the meal.

Proficiency Grading and Teacher In-Service

Members are asked to help grade proficiencies from across the state. Proficiencies can be a long application that future students will have questions on. Proficiency grading is a great opportunity that you can learn from and help future students!

March

Purdue Ag Ed Recruitment Day (Trafalgar)

Every year, IAAE-Purdue travels to Trafalgar, Indiana 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. We hope to see these faces in upcoming years at Purdue to study Agricultural Education!

Serve as judges for District IV Leadership CDEs

Members have the chance to serve as judges at District IV Leadership CDEs and learn the behind scenes work it takes to pull off this contest.

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. 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 our spin the IAAE-Purdue wheel, where attendees have to answer agricultural-related questions.

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 open to new possibilities and ideas!

Spring Fling

Spring Fling is a night where members from IAAE-Purdue are able to have fun and eat food. This resembles the Fall Frolic that happens in first semester. It is a great night for younger members to network with older members and older members to enjoy their last few moments within the club.

May

Lunches for 4H/FFA Livestock and Dairy Judging

IAAE-Purdue is responsible for making and packing lunches for the State Livestock and Dairy Judging contest. These lunches are a fundraiser to help with costs of the upcoming year.

June

Indiana FFA State Convention

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. State Convention has many contests throughout the week and IAAE-Purdue can serve as judges for these contests.

August

Non-Chicken, Chicken BBQ

Non-Chicken Chicken BBQ seems like a confusing title for a fun filled event. Non-Chicken Chicken BBQ simply means a night of free food that is supplied by members, which usually means hot dogs. The night starts off with an icebreaker where members are required to interact by meeting new people and getting to know one another. 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 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.

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. We do this by surveying the interest of our students and trying to match students with similar interests. 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. We hope that this program is successful and has improved from former years!

September

Purdue Invitational Soils Judging Contest

Purdue University holds 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 how a soils contest is ran because some members might not come from an FFA background.

State Horticulture Judging Contest

This CDE is a great way to get points for YDAE 240! Members are asked to help with this contest to grade or monitor rooms. This provides an opportunity for members who haven't participated in this contest 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 join on a night for fun, fellowship, and food. The night is started with a welcome and members are advised to start getting 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 Ag. The hog roast is held on the lawn in front of the horticulture building. The evening consists of free BBQ, fun, fellowship, and Farmer Olympics. Farmer Olympics gives clubs in the college of ag 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. The College of Ag Hog roast was created to create a sense of unity in the College of Ag.

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 Ag Ed students have the chance to explain Career Development Events through CDE Tours. Many Purdue students, even Agricultural Education students, take the next step in their FFA Career by receiving their American FFA Degree. We are proud to have YDAE students who received the honor, especially as many prepare for their future career working with the organization day-to-day.

November

Purdue Invitational Crops Judging Contest

The Crops Invitational allows students across the state to test their knowledge and for IAAE-Purdue members to learn how this contest works! Since our goal is to prepare you for an FFA chapter, this is a chance to monitor rooms of the contest and grade.

Purdue Ag Ed Recruitment Day (Purdue)

Every year, IAAE-Purdue hosts an Agricultural Education Recruitment Day in November. This consists of Agricultural Education students gathering in Stewart Center and learning more about what it means to be an agricultural education student here at Purdue University. The day consists of hearing speakers from the college, the department, and most importantly Ag Ed Students themselves. We set up booths to inform the students about housing, finances, majors and minors, clubs, Greek life, and more. Our goal is to give the students a glimpse into what it is like to be a college student. Hopefully we reap the benefits of this event next year by having a large freshman class excited to study Agricultural Education!

Officer Applications Due

As the semester winds down, the term of your current officers comes to an end. IAAE-Purdue gives you the chance to have leadership within this club and at Purdue. If you are hesitant, please do not be afraid to ask around!

Officer Interviews

If you attend officer interviews, that means you applied and thank you for stepping up and being a leader! IAAE-Purdue selects individuals to

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. Slate of the new officer team is presented and voted on by the members. 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

Again, 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!