



## 2018 Leadership Camp



This year's leadership camp saw the Junior Farmers head to YLCC in Orillia for the second year in a row. After a long drive for some through the usual Barrie weekend traffic, we were ready to begin camp. This year, the theme for the camp was "culture days" and with much excitement, we began some ice breaker activities as campers started arriving and then went to a campfire for the rest of the evening.

The next morning dawned with an option for a sunrise "polar dip" with most of the campers partaking in this. After breakfast, and a brief "flagpole" session of song and dance to get all the campers energized and excited, we were broken into 4 groups for the weekend and started into the main activities. The groups rotated through rock climbing, high ropes, archery, and several team building exercises including blind ninja and blind trail.



Later in the afternoon after the 4 main activities, we started to practice for the next portion which was a group talent show with all 4 teams and even the camp counsellors' participation and putting on a great show. There was everything from singing to choreographed dance to plays. The evening closed off with a movie and then a late night campfire.



Sundays activities started off much the same as Saturdays with another polar dip, and then after a hearty breakfast, we started into a morning of canoeing and then general water time. Everyone had a blast on the water even when the waves picked up and the canoeing got a bit tough. From there the camp was just about over, after the group picture we all gathered one last time for lunch and a slide show from the camp detailing and highlighting our weekend there.



It was a sad good-bye for us all as we all went on our separate ways home with our new memories from camp and ice cream from Kawartha dairy. We are all looking forward to next year's camp and the new memories and friends it will bring.



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August 11, 2018
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- Autumn Profile 2018  
October 27, 2018
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- Provincial Board Meeting  
November 16, 2018
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- Sing Swing 2018  
November 17, 2018
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- Provincial Directors Meeting  
January 12, 2019
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- Roast and Toast for Matt Smith  
January 12, 2019
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- March Conference 2019  
March 22, 2019

# President's Message

The summer weather is finally here, and as always, JF members from all over the province are out and about doing great things.

Our outgoing exchanges are in full swing. At the 2018 March Conference JFAO awarded six outgoing exchanges to well deserving JF members. This year the exchanges that were awarded were:

**Nic Willemsma** - *Germany*

**Amanda Brodhagen** - *United Kingdom*

**Adrian Straathof** - *Republic of Ireland*

**Zach Lance** - *Wales*

**Danielle Teefy** - *Scotland*

**Kate Johnson** - *Austria*

You can follow all of our outgoing and incoming delegates by following @JFAOTraveller if you are on the Twitterverse or read their blogs at [www.jfao.on.ca/category/travel](http://www.jfao.on.ca/category/travel).

First of June JF members attended Leadership Camp which was held at the Youth Leadership Camps of Canada in Orillia. The camp councillors and the Leadership Camp committee members did a great job.

The OYFF committee members have been working hard to ensure the 2018 OYFF will be a huge success. This year OYFF will be held in conjunction with the OFA AGM which will be held in Hamilton. For OYFF updates, you can visit our website or follow @OYFF2018.

I want to thank you for reading this message and the summer version of the Bullhorn. If you wish to drop me a line you can email me at [president@jfao.on.ca](mailto:president@jfao.on.ca) or you can call my personal phone at 519-377-0301.

**Erich Weber**  
**JFAO President 2018**



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# Hello to All Fellow Junior Farmers from Germany!

Nic Willemsma

## 10 things I have noticed in Germany

I have been in a few different villages and cities Lower Saxony, Germany since May 25th and these are a few of the things I have noticed.

### 1. Bricks, bricks, and more bricks.

Everywhere you look there are bricks, the houses are made of bricks, the sidewalks are made of bricks, the parking lots are made of bricks, and even some roads are made of bricks.

### 2. Roads

The roads are narrower and in some sections are only wide enough for one car. There are very few stop signs. I have also noticed that many of the roads have large trees alongside them, and in some places this creates a canopy over the road. Most of the roads don't go in a straight line, and they are more spread out than in Canada, but there are many bike/tractor paths between fields.

### 3. Crops

The main crops I have seen so far are: sugar beets, corn, wheat, barley, and canola, as well as strawberries and asparagus.

### 4. Tractors

Driving a tractor in Germany requires a license and instead of a SMV (slow moving vehicle) sign, they have license plates and speed limit signs on the back of the tractors and wagons. Tractors can go on almost any road. As many farms are right in the village, it is common to see multiple tractors go through a village every day.

### 5. Meals

The largest meal of the day is lunch. Germans tend to have a small breakfast, and dinner is normally leftovers from lunch and/or bread. If the weather is nice, lunch and dinner are eaten outside.

### 6. Restaurants

Many of the restaurants I have walked past have an outside patio area; they also have big doors or windows that let the entire front of the restaurant open.

### 7. Bikes

Germany is very bike friendly and Germans like to bike everywhere. In some spots, there are more bikes than cars.

### 8. Vehicles

The majority of vehicles in Germany are manual transmission. I have seen a few cars I recognize, but there are a lot of cars I have never heard of or seen. In the few weeks I have been here, I have seen less than 25 pickup trucks. Instead everyone drives a car, van or SUV.

### 9. Villages

In Germany everyone (including farmers) live in a village or city, some villages are really small and some are only a few kilometers apart.

### 10. I'm not in Canada anymore.

This is pretty obvious; as soon as I got off the plane I could tell I was no longer in Canada.

If you would like to learn more about JFAO or the exchange opportunities they offer check out [www.jfao.on.ca](http://www.jfao.on.ca)

I am posting daily highlights on Twitter (@sirnic16 and @JFAOtraveler) and Instagram(@sirnic16), if you want to follow along, make sure to follow me.



# “Growing with the Times”

Ontario Young Farmers’ Forum will be held November 18 & 19, 2018 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

The Ontario Young Farmers’ Forum Conference unites young farmers between the ages of 18-40 from across the province and industry experts.

The Ontario Young Farmers’ Forum allows attendees to learn and build stronger connections with others within the agriculture industry. Conference programming centers on professional and personal growth and addresses issues relevant to this generation, including leadership training, management skills and business-family relationships

Interested in attending the 2018 Ontario Young Farmers’ Forum? Watch for upcoming details as the 2018 committee finalizes plans for a fun-filled, informative conference involving engaging speakers relating to current issues within agriculture!



**JF WANTS TO HELP YOU.....**

Keep in touch with old JF friends, share stories & life moments. We are always looking for Alumni feedback and inspirations. Please share your special moments (Births, Anniversaries, Announcements) with us. All information received will be shared.

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# Club Reports

## Renfrew County

With the long awaited warm weather here in Renfrew County, our JF members have been busy out in the fields with cropping and now haying. However, despite the rush of the spring season we still manage to get off the tractor once in a while to come out to the JF events and socials.

We ended off April with our monthly social by taking a Sunday afternoon to go bowling and then out to a Chinese buffet for dinner. We were happy to have our university/college student members home from school for the summer and excited to hear that a couple would even be graduating!

May brought yet another Learn to 2-Step night around. We also took a Saturday evening to help out one of our fellow members to clean up the farmhouse he bought. After shovelling a trailer load of lath and plaster out of the upstairs window and collecting what seemed like endless amounts of boards, we were treated with a pizza supper.

In June, we hosted a mental health presentation with a focus in agriculture. We had a local mental health clinic counsellor who grew up on a farm come and speak. She talked about the signs and symptoms of mental health disorders, how the mental health of farmers can be impacted by their occupation, and how to cope with a mental health illness as a farmer.

The club is looking forward to hosting this year's delegates. The planning is well underway, and we are excited for their arrival in Renfrew County in the next few weeks. As well as hosting the delegates, our county will also be hosting the summer PD meeting and Ambassadors Banquet on August 11.



Written by Johanna Dwyer,  
Renfrew JF President

## Durham West

### Durham West Junior Farmers team up with Durham West 4H to help a local fair

This spring, the Durham West Junior Farmers (DWJF) initiated a community project to revamp the aging cattle ties at Elgin Park, home of the Uxbridge Fall Fair. The Uxbridge Fall Fair is a marquee event for the Township of Uxbridge and like most local fairs; it's organized by the local Agricultural Society.

Over the last several years, the DWJF have held many events in the Township of Uxbridge to raise funds for community betterment initiatives. After recognizing a need to update the cattle ties used for the Uxbridge Fall Fair, the DWJF felt it would be an excellent opportunity to support a local agricultural fair while also ensuring that some of the funds raised over the last couple of years could be put back into the community.

The project was a team effort; the Durham West Junior Farmers worked with the Durham West 4-H Dairy Club on the project and also made a \$2,500 donation to assist with purchasing supplies. The reconstruction of the cattle ties took place on May 26, many volunteers from both DWJF and 4-H were on hand to assist with the project. It was a very hot but productive day with the new cattle ties completed in plenty of time for the fair in September.



A thank you should be extended to the Uxbridge Scott Agricultural Society, Durham West 4-H and the many local companies who also participated by providing either donations or supplies for the project.

For more information on the project or to contact Durham West Junior Farmers, email [durhamwestjf@gmail.com](mailto:durhamwestjf@gmail.com)

# Wellington

## 11th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

We hosted our 11th annual spaghetti dinner supper in April and thanks to the good weather people gathered for lots of food, socializing and lots of competitiveness surrounding the silent auction. Despite attendance numbers being slightly down, we were able to raise \$2000 which is being split among 5 food banks across Wellington county! We would like to thank all of our sponsors and attendees for another successful event!!

This summer is bound to be a busy one for our club as we have a bunch of events lined up throughout the county. Some events include breakfast on the farm, fall fairs and private events to name a few! To keep in touch with what our club is doing, you can check out our facebook page! We are also gearing up for our club's 100th anniversary which will be held in Arthur, ON in early November, so



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## Announcements

### Engagements



Stormont-Glengarry Junior Farmers would like to congratulate both members Thomas Kuipers & Ashlie Hardy on their new engagement!

# Media Release - Ontario Soil and Crops Association



## Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

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### The Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program is back for 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Guelph ON – The Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP) is back for 2018! SARFIP supports Ontario producers who are enhancing on-farm habitat for species at risk across the province. The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), with support from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, is pleased to continue to offer this impactful program.

“SARFIP has a great legacy of supporting producers who are looking to make improvements on their farms while also enriching farm habitat for species at risk,” said Peter McLaren, President of OSCIA. “Through cost-share funding, SARFIP supports projects that benefit both farmers and species at risk.”

Producers in Ontario can access cost-share dollars for on-farm projects that implement a variety of Best Management Practices (BMPs). With a diversity of project opportunities, eligible BMPs encompass activities around croplands, grasslands, shorelines, stream banks, wetlands and woodlands. Many opportunities are available to support critical habitat through SARFIP, including cross fencing for rotational grazing, watering systems for livestock, native tree planting, improved stream crossings, native grassland plantings, invasive species removal and erosion control structures, among others.

SARFIP 2018 is open to all agricultural landowners in the province. Projects that provide indirect benefits to species at risk are eligible for 50% cost-share, and projects that directly benefit species at risk are eligible for 65%. An additional bonus of 10% cost-share is available for direct benefit projects if the producer is interested in enrolling in SAR-Watch, a monitoring program that measures the impact of SARFIP projects on the ground for species at risk. A farm business can access up to \$20,000 in 2018.

“Farmers are in a unique position to implement farm management practices that benefit species at risk while improving their farm’s productivity,” expressed Andréa Dubé-Goss, Environmental Programs Manager at OSCIA. “We’re working hard to carry on the legacy and continue to deliver programs like SARFIP that have tremendous value for both species at risk and Ontario farmers.”

To find out if SARFIP is a good fit with your farm, consult the program brochure for complete and detailed program information. All program materials, including the brochure and application forms can be found on the OSCIA website. To be eligible to participate in SARFIP, Ontario farms must have a completed 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) workbook and Action Plan that has been verified and completed within the last five years.

Applications are now being accepted, and funding will be allocated to eligible projects in the order in which they are received. Funding for this program is limited; if you have a project idea that fits, submit your application as soon as possible. Projects must be initiated on or after April 1, 2018.

For more information on eligibility criteria, the application process, and program deadlines, or to sign up to an upcoming EFP workshop in your area, visit the SARFIP page on the OSCIA website at [www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/sarfip/](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/sarfip/) or contact OSCIA directly at 519-826-3035 or [SARFIP@ontariosoilcrop.org](mailto:SARFIP@ontariosoilcrop.org).

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# Junior Farmer Delegate Hosting - Charlotte Huitema

## Haldimand/Norfolk

Hi there! My name is Charlotte Huitema and I am a member of the Haldimand/Norfolk Junior Farmers Club. From May 27th to June 2nd, I had the opportunity of hosting a delegate from Northern Ireland and got the chance to meet and get to know a total of 7 delegates from across the world. It all started on the Saturday evening when my cousin, Andrew Huitema, and I travelled to Matt Smith's house to pick up our delegates. Once we arrived, Ethan from Australia and Hazel from Scotland greeted us. While we waited for our billeted delegates to arrive from the airport, we got to know Ethan and Hazel. Once Laura from Northern Ireland and Severin from Switzerland got to the house, we left for our individual homes so that they could get some rest.

The day trips began **Sunday**, with Oxford County touring the seven delegates around to a dairy farm in Tavistock, Leaping Deer Adventure Farm, and a tour of the De Bruyn's sow barn. The Sunday was concluded with a BBQ at the De Bruyn's farm and getting back to host families. Four households hosted delegates during this week: Andrew Huitema, myself, Becky Mat-tice, and Matt Smith. Monday morning began with a tour of Bonnieheath Winery and Lavender Farm in Waterford. Next was a tour of St. Williams Nursery and Forestry, and then a walk of Backus Woods Forest and Turkey Point beach.

On Tuesday I had the opportunity to drive some of the delegates to Niagara Falls. We all received an Adventure Pass which consisted of a trip on the Whirlpool Aero Car, White Water walk, Hornblower, and the Niagara Fury. For lunch, the delegates got to experience the Rain Forest Café. Once everything was completed on the adventure pass, a couple of the delegates showed interest in ziplining across the Falls and afterwards they toured Clifton Hill! The day ended with dinner at Boston Pizza and then back to the Falls to see the lights.

Later Wednesday morning, the delegates had a tour of Charlotte's family's egg barn between Dunnville and Cayuga. The delegates got a better understanding of the kind of housing the Huitema's installed in their new barn--enriched colony housing. They also saw how an egg packer machine works. After the tour, the delegates grabbed lunch at the crepe house in Port Dover, and took the rest of the day to run errands, go swimming, and ended the day off with a dairy goat farm tour in Wentworth.

Thursday, the delegates ventured further into the Wentworth-Niagara region visiting distillery's such as Dillons, and Forty Creek! Here our delegates learned more about what goes into Canadian whisky, and got to try a selection of samples. The evening finished with experiencing the Starlite drive in where many watched movies and slipped in some naps too!

Friday, the delegates got to sleep in a wee bit and then ventured off to The Apple Place in Simcoe. They arrived just in time to see the apples being packed and got to see everything that goes into the processing right down to how the boxes are put together. After the tour, they were all treated to the Norfolk county's official donut "apple cider donut". From there, they all enjoyed lunch at the Simcoe Arms and then made their way to Sarah Judd's garden which is able to feed just over 70 fami-lies. Here they also learned about strawberries, different types of varieties, and the different vegetables she grows. The busy Friday concluded at Van der Steege dairy farm for a BBQ, dance, and bonfire social.

Saturday was their last adventure day of the week with Haldimand-Norfolk & Wentworth-Niagara JF crews. Delegates were able to attend the Wentworth-Niagara Ag tour for the day going to many different places, and seeing all the diversity of farms and much more. Delegates packed their things, and ended the day with a BBQ, fire, and of course dancing. There was a great Junior Farmer turn out, designated drivers for each day that we are very grateful for, and a big shout out to our host families. We wish our 2018 delegates all the best as they make their way across the province, and that all have safe travels.

# **Junior Farmers Association of Ontario - 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

Coming up in the next edition of the Bullhorn...  
Club News  
75th Anniversary Details!!  
...and so much more!

## Gate Signs

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) is pleased to offer gate signs. Gate signs can be proudly displayed at the end of your driveway or as part of your farm gate display. There are two sign options including, "Alumni Lives Here" and "Member Lives Here".



The initiative was launched at the 2016 International Plowing Match held in Wellington County. Due to the popularity of the gate signs, JFAO has extended the availability through an online store.

This is your chance to show your support and pride of JFAO!

Once you have your sign installed, share a photo with us on social media using the #ProudJFer hashtag or email [marketing@jfao.on.ca](mailto:marketing@jfao.on.ca). Select photos may be chosen to be featured on the JFAO website or marketing materials.



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