



## 2019 Leadership Camp

The weekend of June the 8th, Junior Farmers held their 2019 Leadership Camp, which took place at Eagle Crest Outdoor Center in the Almaguin Highlands region. The camp was organized very well by the committee and it was a great weekend! There were 31 people in attendance, including our 5 International Delegates.

Our adventure started on Friday afternoon with the road trip up to Sunridge. Once we arrived at the camp, we were first attacked by lots of mosquitos, before unloading the car and settling into our cabins. Afterwards, we hung out in the rec room and played games while we waited for the rest of the campers to arrive.

Saturday morning started with a polar bear dip in the lake, which was a very cold, but cool experience. Our weekend at camp was the first weekend that the water had been cleared for swimming due to the cold spring we've been having, so not many people came out for a swim.

After the dip, we had breakfast and started our morning program. The first activity was a True Colours Personality Workshop. We completed personality tests which were very interesting and super accurate. We got put into groups with people that had the same personality group as us and got to talk to them about how we think about things, which was awesome.

Next, we did a brief course on emergency first aid and how to help people with only things you might find in a tractor cab.

Then we heard from our speaker Michelle Emson, who is a transgender woman. She spoke about leadership and inclusion in a way that is different than how it is usually talked about. She was a very interesting speaker and had a unique perspective and theories I had never heard of before relating to gender and sex. Once Michelle was finished with her presentation we had some free time, in which we explored the camp a bit more and then we had lunch.

After lunch, we got split into groups and did a rotation of low ropes, mountain biking, paddle boarding and archery. The activities were a lot of fun and a great way to get to know members from other clubs (and countries) better! After this, we had dinner and got to go rock climbing, which was really cool. Then to end the day off we had a campfire.

Sunday morning, we once again started the day off with a polar dip. Today we had a much better turn out, as those of us that went Saturday morning spent the rest of the day convincing everybody else they should come the next morning! Following the polar dip, we had breakfast. To end camp off we did an amazing race challenge that took us all over the camp and had us doing all kinds of challenged and activities. Then we said our goodbyes and started to road trip back home.

*By Melissa Sinnige*



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Golf Tournament  
Elmira Golf Club  
Elmira, Ontario  
July 26, 2019  
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75th Anniversary Celebrations  
Brampton Fairgrounds  
Caledon, Ontario  
July 27, 2019  
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Provincial Directors Meeting  
July 28, 2019  
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Autumn Profile  
October 19/20, 2019  
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OYFF  
November 17/18, 2019  
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Sing Swing 2019  
November 23, 2019  
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Provincial Directors Meeting  
November 22, 2019



# 2019



## Friday August 2nd and Saturday August 3rd, 2019



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### Saturday August 3rd, 2019

3:00 pm Gates Open  
4:00 pm Modified Trucks & Tractors



# President's Message

Hello all! Hoping the summer weather is finding you all well. For those of you involved in agriculture, I hope that you have made it through this challenging spring season. With the rise of the temperatures and crops, it is time to look forward to our summer JF events.

We kicked off the summer season with another great Leadership Camp at Eagles Crest Outdoor Centre in Sundridge. It was a great time and got to meet this year's new group of international exchange delegates.

Further ahead on our summer event radar is the fast approaching Golf Tournament on July 26th in Elmira, shortly followed by the 75th Anniversary celebrations on July 27th at the Peel Fairgrounds. I am looking forward to what is sure to be one of the most memorable events of the summer. Tickets are selling fast so get yours today!

Provincial task forces and committees are brainstorming possible new and exciting events to engage JF members and continue to focus on bringing you the best programs to our current ones such as OYFF and March Conference.

And as always if you have any questions or comments or concerns please feel free to let me know. My door is always open.

Yours in JF spirit,

**Nicholas Weber**  
**JFAO President 2019**



# Spring PD and Training

The new board of directors and executive descended upon the small village of Keene at the end of April for our first meeting as newly elected members of the JFAO board. We were very graciously hosted by Peterborough JF! A huge shout out to the club for a fantastic job hosting!

For those who have yet to attend a spring meeting, typically we have board training on Saturday (open to all club contacts-presidents, provincial directors, treasurers, secretaries etc), with the PD meeting to follow on Sunday. While staying true to this model, we did shake things up a bit this year. Past President Brad Found dropped by Saturday afternoon to review board governance and the responsibilities of the role of PD's and the exec to organizations like JFAO. We also had a fantastic round table session brainstorming the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to JF moving forward. From these discussions, several committees and task forces were struck at the PD meeting the following day.

Following a long day of training and brainstorming, it was time for dinner. Upon the recommendation of several Peterborough JF members, most attendees went to a barbeque joint called Muddy's Pit in Keene. It is a local hotspot, and the disbelief that it was so popular a helicopter once landed was very quickly put aside. It was an excellent meal and if you're near Keene this summer, I recommend checking it out! After our delicious meals,

we returned to the church for an evening social of board games, card games, and Chris MacFarlane trivia. It was a fun end to a good day.

The following morning found us once again at the church bright and early. Some of the highlights of the PD meeting included several policy changes to coincide with the constitutional changes voted in this past March, striking of task forces and committees, and realizing that an uncomfortable amount of members joined JF through parent-sanctioned kidnapping. Several committees, such as OYFF, March Conference, and Policies were struck, along with task forces regarding the identity of JFAO, and programming. If you wish to learn more or join a committee, please reach out to your PD, Zone Director, or any other member of the executive.

The PD meeting was concluded with personal and club announcements than a rousing rendition of the JF song. Shortly after, members once again dispersed across the province. We will once again come together on July 28th at the Peel Fairgrounds. If you wish to see how your organization is run at the provincial level, you are welcome to attend!



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# Award Winners - March Conference



**Travel Award - Switzerland - Emily Kyle**



**Travel Award - Republic of Ireland - Karen De Bruyn**



**Travel Award - Scotland - Philip English**



**Communication Award - Best Joint Youth Event - Middlesex**



**Travel Award - Germany - Alex Wytenburg**



**Travel Award - Wales - Taylor Dane**



**Travel Award - United Kingdom -  
Celie Diebold**

# Club Reports

## Essex-Kent

It is finally summer down here in the sunny south of Essex Kent! Members have been busy with many on-going projects! In May, we held our 2nd annual Mother's Day Brunch with great success. We had nearly double the attendance compared to last year.

The club welcomed several new and enthusiastic members. The several of these new members plan on attending the golf tournament this July.

Members are all set and excited to meet the summer exchange delegates and show them around our two counties. It promises to be a fun packed week as always!

*By Meaghan McLean*

## Wellington

It has been a busy few months for the Wellington County JF Club.

In April, we held our 12th annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in support of food banks in our communities. Thanks to the support of the community, generous donations by local businesses and our silent auction we were able to donate \$400 to each of the following food banks: Drayton, Palmerston, Orangeville, Harriston, and Center Wellington.

On April 25th, 3 members volunteered at Minto Clifford Public School with the Breakfast Program along with making a donation towards their food costs.

We hosted the international delegates at the beginning of June for 1 week. Some of our activities included various farm and business tours, club BBQs, and a visit to the Elora Brewing Company for a club dinner.

March marked our new member recruitment night which was a board game cafe held at the Drayton Fair Grounds.

The club was also able to volunteer at some local events including the Grand River Agricultural Society's Pizza Perfect Event where we helped to teach Grade 3 students about how agriculture plays

a key role in all of the ingredients of a pizza. We also attended the Fergus Agriculture Society's Breakfast on the Farm event where we parked cars. Finally, we were able to volunteer at the Farm Safety Breakfast in Alma where numerous families attended and learned some farm safety tips while enjoying a pancake breakfast!



## Renfrew

Have you ever ridden in a bathtub on wheels going full-speed? After one long winter, summer is finally in full swing here in Renfrew County!

The club took the opportunity in May to partner with M&R Feeds, Micksburg and the Micksburg t-ball league, to complete a roadside clean up. We spent a Saturday afternoon clearing garbage and debris from about 10 km of ditches. With the work done, we also took an evening to relax with another "Learn to Two Step" night.

June brought another annual Leadership Camp. A couple of our members made it out for the weekend, taking the opportunity to see good friends from all over the province while building

teamwork skills. They even got to meet our incoming 2019 delegates prior to their arrival here in Renfrew County! We also sent a team to participate in Carleton County's annual Redneck Games, the day was filled with many laughs and ended with a dance held by



the local fair board.

Since June 24th, the club has been touring our 2019 delegates all over Renfrew County for our two weeks of hosting. We have visited many local attractions and farms all over the county including the Bonnechere Caves, Hugli's Blueberry Ranch, Algonquin Park and many, many others. Our club is so grateful to all the farms and businesses who allow us to tour year after year and help us share what makes Renfrew County so special to us! With the delegates time here drawing to a close they are looking forward to spending their last day with us on the Ottawa river whitewater rafting!

*By Johanna Dwyer*





## ANNUAL JFAO GOLF TOURNAMENT

### WHERE?

Elmira Golf Club  
40 Eldale Rd,  
Elmira, ON

**\$120**

### WHEN?

**JULY 26TH 2019**



11:00am | REGISTRATION  
1:00pm | TOURNAMENT START  
6:00pm | BANQUET

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## 75TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

### WHERE?

Brampton Fairgrounds  
12942 Heart Lake Rd.  
Caledon, ON L7C 2J3

### WHEN?

**JULY 27TH 2019**

2:00pm | Family  
friendly activities | FREE!  
6:00pm | Banquet | \$35  
9:00pm | Dance | \$10

## Save the date

## ONTARIO YOUNG FARMERS FORUM

### WHERE?

Hamilton Convention Centre

### WHEN?

**NOVEMBER 17TH & 18TH 2019**





# Announcements

## Marriages



Congratulations to Chris Budd (Oxford) and Rachel (Benschop) Budd on their nuptials on May 25th.

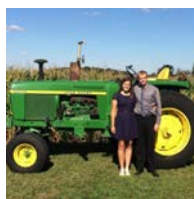


Congratulations to Chris Budd (Oxford) and Rachel (Benschop) Budd on their nuptials on May 25th.



Congratulations to Ashlie Hardy (Stormont Glengarry) and Thomas Kuipers on their recent nuptials on June 22nd.

## Engagements



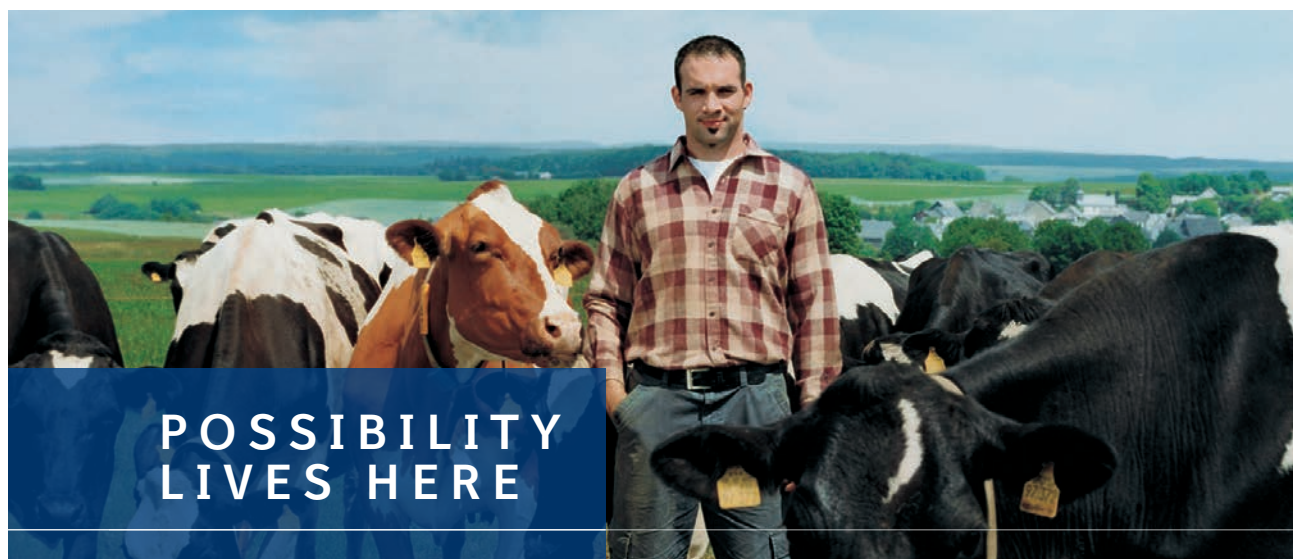
Oxford JF is pleased to announce the engagement of Drew De Bruyn (Oxford) and Andrea Smith.



Essex Kent JF is pleased to announce the engagement of Alex Richardson (Essex Kent) and Stephanie Campbell.



Wellington JF is pleased to announce the engagement of Jackie Shaw (Wellington) and Taylor Dane (Wellington).



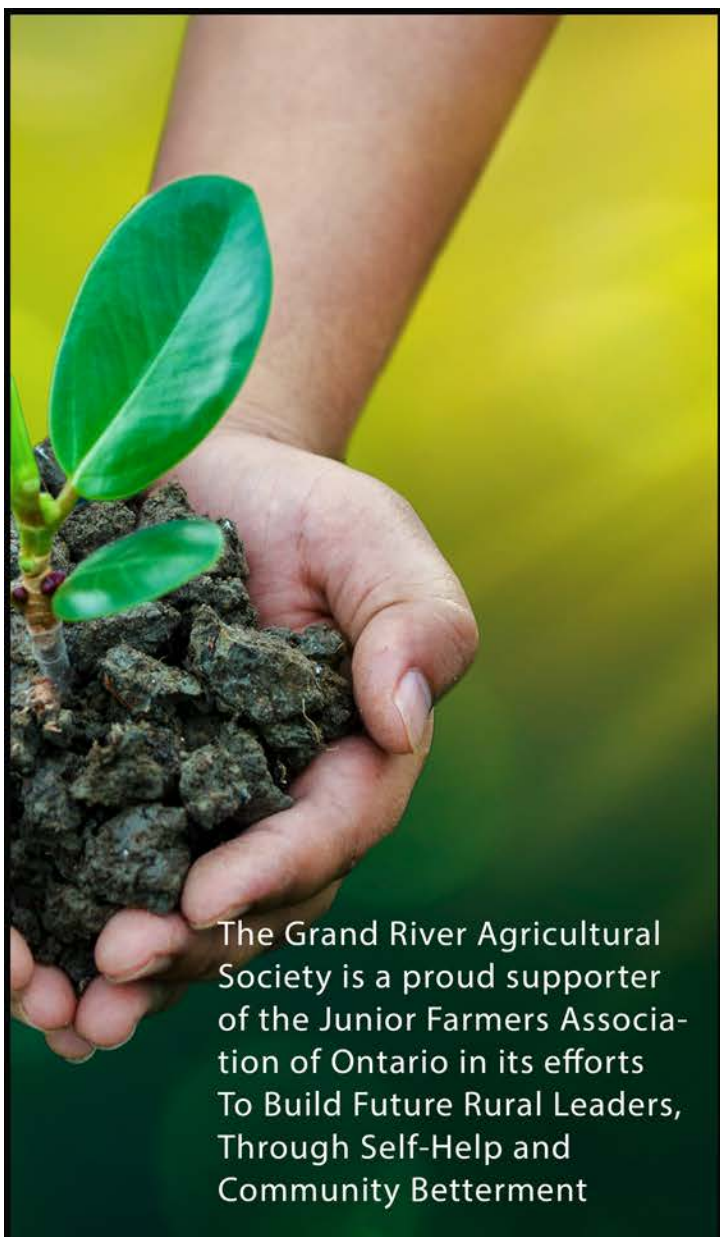
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## Cheers to Ontario's young farmers

A diverse and sustainable agri-food industry relies on the next generation of young farm families. OFA is committed to ensuring a bright future for new farmers across Ontario. We advocate for policies and programs that strengthen our industry and rural communities today, and lay the groundwork for new opportunities for generations of farmers to come.

OFA proudly supports the work of the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario with our current partnership. We actively invest in leadership programs to develop young leaders who will continue to drive sound public policy for Ontario's agri-food sector and rural communities.

Congratulations on another successful year, JFAO, and cheers to developing young farm leaders.

**OFA: Supporting the next generation of Ontario farmers.**



Coming up in the next edition of the Bullhorn...  
Autumn Profile  
Club News  
75th Anniversary News  
...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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## 75th Anniversary Celebration Peel Fairgrounds, Brampton, Ontario July 27, 2019

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