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Update from the President ... Allen Tyler

This year will be a year for the record books in a lot of states. I wish I could say that in a good way, but not here in Georgia and most likely not in your area either. Most years we are faced with hot dry summers. We are wondering when we will get rain on our crops but this year was like one I have never seen. This year we were gathering wheat as late as July, and still trying to get our spring crops in the ground. Due to unbelievable amounts of rainfall (not just every now and then but most every day), July proved to be a record month. We had more than twenty two inches on my farm. Here in my area there has never been a year on record with rainfall like we have had. Farming throws many challenges our way, but the best place to raise a family, plant the seed and watch your investment grow is on the family farm. Even thru the bad times, I'm glad to be an American Farmer.

Moultrie, Georgia recently hosted the 2013 Sunbelt Ag Expo (October 15th thru the 17th). The expo has been at the forefront of showcasing the future of agriculture. The event attracts upwards of 100,000 visitors from all over the country. Visitors come for three days to peruse 4,000 product lines from 1,200 commercial exhibitors, and capitalize on educational opportunities from university and college research specialists. Then, you can travel out to the 600 plus acres of farm to see the newest pieces of equipment in action side by side. This is an expo for the entire family.

I have truly enjoyed my year as your president of this great organization. This is the time of year to send in your nominations for officers in doing so please keep in mind the hard work and dedication needed by your officer team. We always look for ideas to make this organization better for you the members so bring them to us.

San Antonio will be the place to be December the 4th thru the 7th. With great tours, food and entertainment, I hope your calendars are marked and your paper work has been sent in. Don't miss what plans to be a great institute. From the time you arrive in the great state of Texas, there will be plenty to do for the entire family. One big highlight is the Ag Communications Award presented by John Deere with the winners receiving a free trip to our leadership experience in beautiful Washington DC. If you have never taken the time to be apart of this experience then you need to go and see what takes place in this great city.

I want to challenge our members to get our younger people involved in agriculture and the NYFEA. We all know the number of farmers in the US keeps getting fewer and fewer but we have to feed the world. There's no better way to be family oriented than the family farm.

Allen Tyler, NYFEA President 2013



2013 San Antonio .. NYFEA Institute Information

Hotel: **Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade**, 9821 Colonnade Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Phone: (210) 691-8888, Fax: (210) 691-1128. <http://www.omnihotels.com/SanAntonioColonnade> . **Note:** Let the hotel know you are with NYFEA Institute group. (\$99 /night) (Due November 8)

Schedule: **Complete Details @** <http://www.txyoungfarmers.org/default.aspx?ID=4394>

Wed., Dec. 4th – King Ranch Tour – Leaves Hotel @ 7:15am and returns @ 4:45pm. (includes lunch) (\$75.00 per person payable to Texas Young Farmers separate from the NYFEA Institute)

Thurs. Dec. 5th – Breakfast at Hotel, Morning - Mission San Jose and James Madison High School Tours, Lunch, Afternoon – Downtown San Antonio (Alamo, Mexican Market and The Riverwalk), "Taste of Texas" at the Hotel from 6:30pm – 9:30pm.

Friday, Dec. 6th – Breakfast at Hotel, All Day, Lunch included, Tours of the "Hill Country" (Wildseed Farm, LBJ Ranch and Johnson City). Followed by dinner at Luckenbach, TX with a dance.

Sat., Dec. 7th – NYFEA Institute Activities at the Hotel. (Ag Decision Makers College, YALE and Ag Communication Program, Salute to TX Young Farmer Leaders and Texas State Meeting)

Costs:

\$75 - King Ranch Tour (This is separate and sponsored by TYF.)

\$275 -Registration for NYFEA Members (\$239 student rate)

\$150 - Weekend Registration for TEXAS Young Farmer Members to attend Friday and Saturday Night activities, payable to Texas Young Farmers.

On Line Registration: <http://www.nyfea.org/institutebrochure.html>

Mail In Registration: (Box 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120) (Due Nov 8)

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

City/State: _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Attendee #2: _____

Attendee #3: _____

Attendee #4: _____

1. King Ranch - Wed. Dec. 4 # _____ @ \$75 = _____ (sep. event)
2. NYFEA - Attend all events: # _____ @ \$275 = _____ (except Wed.)
3. a. NYFEA Daily Rate (Thursday) # _____ @ \$100 = _____
3. b. NYFEA Daily Rate (Friday) # _____ @ \$100 = _____
3. c. NYFEA Daily Rate (Saturday) # _____ @ \$100 = _____
4. NYFEA Student Rate # _____ @ \$239 = _____ (Thurs., Fri., Sat. registr. & room. Must share rooms. Add \$150 if you are want individual room. Students must attend AG Comm & YALE Prgm)
5. Weekend or Texas Young Farmers : # _____ @ \$150 = _____ (Fri., Sat.)
6. Child Registration (Under age 10): # _____ @ \$50 = _____
7. Child registration (10-15) : # _____ @ \$137 = _____

TOTAL Enclosed: _____

Credit Card: (Circle— Visa, MC, Discover, AmExp)

CC # _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature: _____

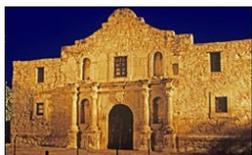
Checks: Make to NYFEA and sent to Box 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120.

Riverwalk



The 2013
Institute,
P. O. Box 20326,
Montgomery, AL
36120

From the Alamo to the hill country see the sights and sounds of San Antonio!



The Alamo



San Antonio Riverwalk



San Antonio Shopping



Music and Culture

HIGHLIGHTING: INSTITUTE TOURS

Thursday

THIS IS A SCHOOL WORTH VISITING BECAUSE ... What was once a small struggling program geared towards the traditional ag courses has become a model for school districts throughout the country. Located just a couple of miles inside Loop 1604 is an oasis and one of the best examples of adapting to a changing environment that can be found in the region. It is the Agriscience Magnet Program (AMP) at Madison High School. The AMP, home to the James Madison Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) serves as a cornerstone of the surrounding community. It celebrates the community's agriculture heritage through acknowledgement of local resources such as animal farming, food product harvesting, education with regard to area's resources and lack thereof (water, solar, animal, plant). It also provides students opportunity to contribute to the community through hands on practice while also learning the economic impact of agriculture industry.

RIVERWALK - Spending the afternoon in beautiful Downtown San Antonio you will see the historic "Alamo", famous "Riverwalk" and the classic "Mercado" (Mexican Market). You will be dropped off to spend the afternoon seeing what interests you most. The [San Antonio River Walk](#) is a public park, open 365 days a year. It is a network of walkways along the banks of the San Antonio River, one story beneath approximately 5 miles of downtown San Antonio. Lined by bars, shops and restaurants, the River Walk is an important part of the city's urban fabric and a tourist attraction in its own right. The River Walk winds and loops under bridges as two parallel sidewalks, lined with restaurants, shops, hotels and more.

Friday

JOHNSON CITY, mainly a ranch trade center, had a steady tourist business from its origins. Though the number of businesses dropped from twenty in 1914 to seven in 1933, it rose to forty-two in the mid-1950s, when the town was incorporated. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, when Johnson was president of the United States, the major income in Johnson City came from the tourist industry, and the num-

ber of businesses rose to fifty-two. By 1986 the number had dropped to twenty-six. The town's newspaper, the Record-Courier, was established in 1883. The population fluctuated from 400 in 1925 to 950 in the late 1940s, and from 660 to 800 between the late 1960s and the mid-1980s. Johnson City continues to be mainly a tourist center. In 1990 the population was 932.

"All the World is Welcome Here" ---Lyndon Baines Johnson- LYNDON B. JOHNSON NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK tells the story of our 36th President beginning with his ancestors until his final resting place on his beloved LBJ Ranch. This entire "circle of life" gives the visitor a unique perspective into one of America's most noteworthy citizens by providing the most complete picture of any American president. <http://www.nps.gov/lvjo/index.htm> President Johnson had a deep attachment for place and heritage. The LBJ Ranch was where he was born, lived, died, and was buried. After the President's death in 1973, Mrs. Johnson continued to live at the Ranch part time until her death in 2007. Visitors are now able to tour the Ranch at their own pace in their private vehicle with the ability to stop at sites along the way such as the President's birthplace, Johnson family cemetery, and the Johnson's ranch house known as the Texas White House.

The mission of the Lady Bird Johnson WILDFLOWER CENTER is to increase the sustainable use and conservation of native wildflowers, plants and landscapes. <http://www.wildflower.org/about/>. Decades ago, Mrs. Johnson recognized that our country was losing its natural landscapes and its natural beauty. As much as 30 percent of the world's native flora is at risk of extinction. The Wildflower Center was intended to help preserve and restore that beauty and the biological richness of North America. Since then, the Center has become one of the country's most credible research institutions and effective advocates for native plants. The **Center's** gardens display the native plants of the Central Texas Hill Country, South and West Texas, while the Plant Conservation Program protects the ecological heritage of Texas.