

TENNESSEE YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

**Sponsored by: Tennessee Young Farmers &
Ranchers
Tennessee Council of Cooperatives**

**Cooperatives Building a Better
Tennessee**

February 21-22, 2014

**Drury Plaza Hotel
1874 West McEwen Drive
Franklin, Tennessee 37067**

Phone: (615) 771-6778

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 21, 2014

- 12:00 pm CST Registration (Pre-function Lobby)
- 1:00 pm Tour begins 1:30PM at [TN Titans Stadium, Titans Way - Nashville](#)
All are welcome to arrive at stadium by 1:15PM without going to hotel first.
- 3:30-5:00 Visit with Sponsors (Lobby)
Auction Items – Franklin Ballroom
Refreshments in Food Court
- 4:00 pm YF&R Band & Choir Practice/Sound check – Franklin Ballroom
- 4:00-9:00 pm Photo Shoot (Hotel Lobby) – TECA, Robin
(All Cooperative Delegates, Young Farmers & County Groups)
- 4:30–5:00 Orientation & Door Prizes - (1st Floor – Leipers Fork Ballroom)
Keith Harrison & Dan Strasser
- 4:30 –6:30 Drury Plaza Kickback Buffet (Food Court)
- 6:30 pm Welcome Tennessee Young Leaders Conference
Charles Curtis, President, Tennessee Council Cooperatives
- Joseph Smith, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Chairman
Conference Master of Ceremonies
- Invocation - Don Doran, Tennessee Council of Cooperatives
- Introductions
- Sponsor Comments – Keith Harrison, Marketing Manager,
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
- Cooperative Video
- 7:00 Tennessee Agriculture Literacy Day – Chris Fleming, AITC
- 7:15 Entertainment: TN Young Farmers Band & Choir
Sponsor Comments:
Jacob Sparkman, Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers
- 8:30 pm Ice Cream Social
Sponsored by Dairy Farmers of America, Maryland and Virginia
Milk Producers & Southeastern Select Sires

SATURDAY MORNING – FEBRUARY 22, 2014

5:30-7:45 am Breakfast - Drury Plaza Hotel Buffet - (Franklin Ballroom)

7:45 am Joe Smith, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Chairman

Invocation –AJ Teal, Tennessee YF&R Vice Chair

Pledge – Alice Ann Yeargin, 2014 Tennessee Outstanding Young Woman

Sponsor Comments – Todd Blocker, Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and Greg Anderson, Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative

**8:00 am Ham & Issues –
Rhedona Rose Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation**

Sponsor Comments – Bruce Bradford, River Valley Ag Credit and Emery Lewis, Co-Bank

**9:15 am Break Out Session I, #1 – Franklin Ballroom
UAV's (Unmanned aerial vehicles)**

- **UTM Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn – Moderator**
- **Dallas Brooks – ISR Group**
- **Bob Bibb - Middle TN Industrial Development Assn.**

**Breakout Session I, #2 – Leipers Fork Ballroom
How Apps are Shaping the Future in Today's World
Kim Holmberg, Journal Communications - Moderator
Trent Scott – TECA
Bryan Wright - TFBF**

10:15 am Break – Drinks in Food Court (1st Floor)

**10:45 am Break Out Session II, #1 - Franklin Ballroom
UAV's (Unmanned aerial vehicles)
Breakout Session I Repeated**

**Breakout Session II, #2 – Leipers Fork Ballroom
Leadership & Motivation – Paul Binkley TN Farmers Co-op**

12:00 pm Bar B-Q Lunch Buffet - (Food Court)

1:15 pm Joe Smith, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Chairman

Invocation- Michael Shirley, 2013 Tennessee YF&R Discussion Meet Winner

Senator Jack Johnson, Staying in Touch with Lawmakers

Chris Kirk, Tennessee Magazine:
Special Recognition of Jerry Kirk

Sponsor Comments - Ricky West, Farm Credit

ADJOURN – Free Time in Franklin

2:30 pm TCC Annual Meeting & Board Meeting (Carter Room) 11th Floor

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Invocation –Chuck Yoest, 2014 American Excellence in
Agriculture Runner Up

Keynote Speaker – Butch Jones, UT Vols Head Football Coach

Sponsor Comments: Lacy Upchurch, President, Tennessee Farm
Bureau Federation

Young Farmer Video

TOP FIVE County Young Farmer & Rancher Activity Awards

7:45 AITC & John Willis Memorial Auction - Brett Sivert, Auctioneer

**Hospitality Room (Everyone Invited Friday & Saturday
night after the Program Ends) – Carter & Lotz Rooms
11th Floor**

**Childcare, in Lotz Room on 11th floor, will be provided
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