

# **TENNESSEE YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE**

## **TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

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

**NETWORKING + FELLOWSHIP = COOPERATION**

**February 10-11, 2012**

**Double Tree Hotel  
1770 Highway 45 Bypass  
Jackson, Tennessee**

**Phone: 731.668.0474**

## **FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 10, 2012**

- 12:00 pm CST Registration (Convention Center Pre-Function Lobby)**
- 1:00 pm Tour departs – Chickasaw State Forest – A Journey Through Time!**
- 3:30-5:00 pm Trade Show (Lobby & Pre-Function Hallway)  
Refreshments compliments of Tennessee Young Farmers & Ranchers**
- 4:00-9:00 pm Photo Shoot (Hotel Lobby “Winter Wonderland”) – TFBF  
(All Delegates, Young Farmers & County Groups)**
- 4:00–5 :00 pm Orientation & Mixer - First Time Attendees (University Ballroom)  
Keith Harrison & Brandon Whitt**
- 5:30 pm Dinner (Andrew Jackson Ballroom) Sponsored by Tennessee Farmers Cooperative**
- 6:15 Welcome Tennessee Young Leaders Conference  
Charles Curtis, President, Tennessee Council Cooperatives**
- Brandon Whitt, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher  
Chairman, Conference Master of Ceremonies**
- Invocation – Ben Moore, 2011 TN Young Farmer Achievement Winner**
- Introductions**
- Dinner Sponsor Comments – Keith Harrison, Marketing, Advertising & Promotions Coordinator, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative**
- Cowboy Dan – (Dan Harrell & Friends) Special Entertainment**
- Break Sponsor Comments:  
Steve Erickson Dairy Farmers of America &  
Jacob Sparkman Maryland and Virginia**
- 8:00 pm Ice Cream Social Courtesy Dairy Farmers of American & Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers**

## **SATURDAY MORNING – FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

- 7:15 am CST    **Breakfast Buffet - (Andrew Jackson Ballroom)**  
Sponsor: Tennessee Electric & Telephone Cooperatives
- 7:50 am        **Brandon Whitt, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Chairman**
- Invocation – Joseph Smith, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Committee**
- Pledge – Samantha McLerran, 2011 Tennessee Outstanding Young Woman**
- Breakfast Sponsor Comments - Frank Jennings, Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Cooperative and Greg Anderson - Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative**
- 8:00 am        **Ham & Issues**  
**Rhedona Rose & Stefan Maupin, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation**
- Break Sponsor Comments – Bruce Bradford, Ag Credit Mike Sawicki, Co-Bank**
- 8:45 am        **General Session I – The Benefits of Collaboration!**  
**(University Ballroom)**  
**Green Energy – Tim Hitchcock – Warren County Farmer**  
**How I Saved Money – \_\_\_\_\_ Farmer**  
**Solar Panels – Will Dodson, USDA Rural Development, Moderator**
- 10:15 am       **Refreshment Break - Sponsor: Ag Credit & Co-Bank**  
**(Convention Center Lobby)**
- 10:45 am       **General Session - II (University Ballroom)**  
**Global Warming, Green Energy & Animal Activiists – Dennis Avery**
- 12:00 pm       **Lunch Buffet - (Andrew Jackson Ballroom)**  
Sponsor: Farm Credit Services
- 12:50 pm       **Brandon Whitt, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Committee**
- Invocation – Kim Holmberg, 2011 Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher State Discussion Meet Winner**
- Cooperatives – What is the Cooperative value? Roy Palk**
- Keith Harrison: A Special Recognition to – L H (Cotton) Ivy, Former Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture**
- Lunch Sponsor Comments - Ricky West, Farm Credit**

### **ADJOURN – Free Time in Jackson**

- 2:30 pm        **TCC Annual Meeting & Board Meeting**

## **SATURDAY NIGHT – FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

**5:00 pm CST Dinner Buffet - (Salon C&D)  
Sponsor: Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation**

**5:45 pm Jamie Weaver, Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Committee**

**Invocation – Andy Holt, 2011 Excellence in Agriculture Winner**

**Introductions**

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

**Young Farmer Video**

**TOP FIVE County Young Farmer & Rancher Activity Awards  
Presentation: (1) Weakley County, (2) Dyer County  
(3) Hardin County, (4) Marshall County, a tie (5) Maury County, &  
(5) Overton County**

**New Energy Trends - Dennis Avery**

**Conference Evaluations –Joseph Smith, Vice Chairman  
Tennessee Young Farmer & Rancher Committee**

**Chris Fleming - Auction Announcements**

**AITC Benefit & John Willis Memorial Auction - Auctioneer - Sam  
Tays**

**Hospitality Room (Everyone Invited Friday & Saturday night after  
the Program Ends)...(Parlor A & B 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**Childcare will be provided during meetings only:**

**COMPLIMENTS OF TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION**

**(Falls Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)**