

**SAI ITINERARY****TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026****DAY 1**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Concepts &amp; Points Along the Way</b>
<b>8:00 Meet at LCFB</b>	<b>70 S US Highway 45 Ste 120, Grayslake, IL 60030</b>	Welcome!
	<b>Coffee, doughnuts, OJ</b>	Get ready to explore Lake/McHenry County Agriculture! Course expectations and overview of assignments.
<b>8:20 Board bus and depart</b>		
<b>8:55-10:55 Golden Oaks Farm</b>		Golden Oaks Farm was established in 1948 by the Crown Family from the City of Chicago. Golden Oaks is known for breeding sound, well-balanced cows that are highly productive. The herd consists of roughly 720 milking females and 680 young stock. The goal of the dairy farm is to produce 19,000,000 pounds of milk every year! In addition to the tour of the dairy farm, participants will get a tour of the picturesque Golden Oaks property, which includes about 1,600 crop acres which are used to provide feed for the cows on site. The Organimix composting site will also be toured so participating teachers can learn about a high-quality composting operation as well.
<b>10:55 Board bus and depart</b>		
<b>11:30-1:00 Millburn Tree Farm</b>		Millburn Tree Farm is a small, family-owned business servicing Northeastern Illinois, Southeastern Wisconsin, and the northern suburbs of Chicago since 1987. Their trees are locally grown on-site in soil types that are very consistent with the soil at your residence in our local area. Whether you need conifer or deciduous trees, Millburn Tree Farm can provide you with it all. While visiting, our group will learn about the entire process of growing trees locally and transplanting them all over the area.
<b>1:15-2:00 Lunch at Culvers</b>		Grayslake

**2:25-3:25 Heinz Orchard**

Heinz Orchard has operated in Green Oaks for over 70 years. This no-frills family run orchard features a variety of apples as well as locally produced honey. Anthony will provide a tour of the orchard, and will describe what goes into the care of his trees over the course of a year. In addition, Anthony will also touch on his beehives, which not only provide honey, but also help to pollinate his acres of apple trees each year.

**3:40-5:00 Yarc Farms**

Teachers will tour Yarc Farms/Double Y Cattle Company located in Libertyville. Yarc Farms grows Corn/Soybeans/Wheat, some of which are used to feed their beef cattle. While at this stop, participants will learn about various equipment that is used to get grains from seed to harvest. In addition, the children of the Yarc Family provide a tour of their barn which has a variety of farm animals, including many of their 4-H projects which will be shown at the Lake County Fair in July. The family will also discuss their beef farm Double Y Cattle Company which offers locally raised beef for sale.

**5:10 Arrive back at LCFB**

**SAI ITINERARY****WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026****DAY 2**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Concepts &amp; Points Along the Way</b>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Meet at MCFB 1102 McConnell Rd, Woodstock</b>	
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Ag ID Quiz</b>	A close look at Corn, Soybeans, Wheat...Give your students this crop practical.
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Order Free Ag Mags for your class</b>	Fill out order form.
<b>9:00-12:00</b>	<b>Illinois Ag in the Classroom Kevin Daugherty</b>	Your opportunity to experience a variety of great activities. Bring laptop for Micro-Bit Activities
<b>12:00-1:00</b>	<b>Pizza</b>	Collect Ag Mag Order Forms
<b>12:00-1:00</b>	<b>Urban Agriculture Natasha Nicholes</b>	Natasha Nicholes, self proclaimed "Master Urban Farmer" shares her experiences.
<b>1:00-1:30</b>	<b>Pumpkin Patch Pie</b>	Pumpkin Pie in an Bag! Illinois is Pumpkin Capital of the World
<b>1:30-3:00</b>	<b>County Lesson Specialties</b>	Learn about Ag in the Classroom activities and lessons offered in your county.
<b>3:00-3:30</b>	<b>Brainstorm Lesson Plans for homework assignment</b>	Visit with Katie

**SAI ITINERARY****THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026****DAY 3**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Concepts &amp; Points Along the Way</b>
<b>7:45 AM</b>	Meet at MCFB Building 1102 McConnell Rd Woodstock, IL 60098 Coffee, doughnuts, OJ	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Board Bus	
<b>8:15-9:15</b>	<b>Bull Valley Equestrian Center &amp; Operation Wild Horse</b> <b>Patti Gruber</b>	Premier dressage and western dressage facility in McHenry County. Lessons and boarding. Also home of Operation Wild Horse (OWH), a program of Veterans R&R, providing “a safe community where veterans, active-duty military, and families can build a significant Mustang/human bond that allows barriers to fall, communication to enhance, and trust to form.”
<b>9:30-11:00</b>	<b>VonBergen Country Market</b> <b>Mike VonBergen &amp; Family</b>	Fruits, vegetables, market goods sold at Farmer's Markets and on their farm. Sunflower Festival. Also corn and soybean row crops.
<b>11:30</b>	Lunch at Richardsons	
<b>12:15-2:15</b>	<b>Richardson Family Christmas Tree Farm &amp; Adventure Farm</b> <b>Ryan Richardson</b>	Entrepreneurial Agritourism on Centennial Farm supporting multiple generations. Christmas Trees, Tulip Festival, Corn Maze, Adventure Farm.
<b>3:00-3:45</b>	<b>McHenry County College CAL and beekeeping</b> <b>Larry Krengel</b>	Center for Agrarian Learning (CAL), they teach, engage, and inspire entrepreneurs by sharing the latest growing and business practices to help farms be sustainable, productive and profitable. Stop will be focused on beekeeping.
<b>4:00-4:30</b>	<b>McHenry-Lake County Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</b>	They help farmers implement sustainable practices like cover crops, no-till farming, and pollinator meadows to prevent soil erosion and nutrient runoff.
<b>4:45</b>	Arrive at MCFB Building	

**SAI ITINERARY    FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026****DAY 4**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Concepts &amp; Points Along the Way</b>
<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Meet at MCFB Building 1102 McConnell Rd Woodstock, IL 60098 Coffee and pastries.</b>	Hand out and complete Course ROE Evaluation by close of day.
<b>8:00</b>	<b>Board bus &amp; depart</b>	
<b>8:40-9:40</b>	<b>Fritz Farm Pat Fritz</b>	Economies of sale to make a living, most beef in the United States is raised in feedlots.
<b>9:50-10:25</b>	<b>Walter Seed Brandon Walter</b>	Offers a variety of hand-selected, high-yield seeds including treated and untreated soybeans, multiple varieties of corn, soybean, and wheat.
<b>10:40-11:40</b>	<b>Wanda Farm Aaron White</b>	Wanda Farm is a first-generation regenerative farm operated by Joe and Hannah Wanda. They raise grass-fed beef, heritage pigs, pasture-raised chickens, and laying hens.
<b>12:00-2:00</b>	<b>Rush Creek Distilling Mark Stricker</b>	Lunch, tour, tasting. From seed to spirit! Ethanol facilities use a similar process of fermentation and distillation to make ethanol for your car.
<b>2:30-3:30</b>	<b>Cody's Farm and Orchard Cody and Val Purdom</b>	U-Pick Strawberries. Cody's Farm and Orchard is owned and operated by the Purdom family. They raise fruits and vegetables, and sell their goods at farm stands throughout the county. The farm is a popular destination for school groups in the fall for apple and pumpkin picking.
	<b>Two minute project presentations</b>	Share your Ag in the Classroom Lesson Plan.
	<b>Complete Post Survey</b>	
<b>4:00-4:30</b>	<b>Arrive at Farm Bureau Building</b>	