

PAAE Summer Conference 2026 - Conference Schedule

July 6 - 9, 2026 - Tulpehocken Area High School
430 New Schaefferstown Road, Bernville, PA 19506

Monday - July 6, 2026: Day 1, Setup and Social

Time	Scheduled Activity	Location
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Conference Setup	Tulpehocken Area High School 430 New Schaefferstown Road Bernville, PA 19506
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Team Ag Ed Meeting	FACS Lab
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Hike	1700 Hawk Mountain Rd, Kempton, PA 19529
6:00 PM	Evening Social & Dinner	Plum Creek Farm Market and Creamery 5035 Bernville Rd, Bernville, PA 19506

Tuesday - July 7, 2026: Day 2; Industry Tours

Time	Scheduled Activity	Location
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration	Middle School Cafe
7:45 AM - 8:00 AM	Orientation & Welcome	Middle School Cafe
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Session 1	Middle School Cafe
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lightning Round Community Service: Who are You Serving? - Carole Fay Using Ag News in the Classroom - Phil Gruber and Rebecca Schweitzer-Benner Meet Tilva: An Agricultural AI Agent – Jeff Hyde Where in the World Would You Like to Go? – Daniel Foster and Melanie Miller-Foster Plant Yourself In Ag Day: Teacher Training - Beth Mathie	Middle School Cafe
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Industry Tours (<i>Lunch on Tours</i>)	
6:00 PM	Evening Social & Dinner	Stone Mountain Wine Cellars 1615 Panther Valley Rd, Pine Grove, PA 17963

Wednesday - July 8, 2026: Day 3, Professional Development Workshops

Time	Scheduled Activity	Location
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration	Middle School Cafe
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	CDE Committee Meeting	FACS Lab
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	Professional Development Session 1 Successful FFA Degree Applications - Carole Fay New Agriculture Programs Roundtable Discussion - Lisa Chillot More Than a Full Plate: Teaching Global Food Security - Daniel Foster Nanotechnology Education in Agriculture and Food Science - Zachary Gray FAA Part 107 Drone Pilots: Building Career Pathways for the Future of Work - Lauren Walker and Bryan Hower Planting for the Future: K-8 Recruitment Strategies for Growing PA Ag Programs - Melissa Day	Room 212 Room 208 High School Cafe Room 209 Room 211 FACS Lab
8:50 AM - 9:00 AM	Transition	
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Professional Development Session 2 FarmBeats for Students: An Educator Experience - Kelsey Derringer Farm Show FFA Antique Tractor Restoration - Gerald J. Reichard Milk Quality and Products Career Development Events: Enhancing Students' Critical Thinking Skills and Knowledge of Dairy through Preparation to Compete - Michelle Shearer No Money? No Problem! Creative CDE Solutions - Robyn Bechtel and Tiffany Hoy Navigating Multiple Preps - Karen Hutchinson	High School Cafe Room 211 Room 212 Room 209 FACS Lab
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Transition	
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	Professional Development Session 3 Mission Possible: Creating Digital Breakout Challenges - Nicole Hall	Room 212

	More Than a Guest Speaker: Designing High-Impact Career Exploration Experiences - Darla Romberger Navigating the National Chapter Award - Marah Walls Why Would I Want to Use That? Adopting New Technologies and Agriculture - June Murray Tiny Crops, Big Impact: Growing Microgreens In Your Program - Nicolette Cusate and Kristin Beery Best Management Practices for Ag Conservation - Weiyun Hua	Room 211 Room 208 Room 209 High School Cafe FACS Lab
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Transition	
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Committee Work	High School Cafe
11:45 AM - 11:50 AM	Transition	
11:50 AM - 12:05 PM	Platinum and Gold Vendor Presentations	Middle School Cafe
12:05 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch and Vendors Fair	Middle School Cafe
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Past President and Young Farmer Lunch	High School Cafe
1:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Professional Development Session 4 Deck the Halls (And the Ag Room) with Christmas in July - Mikara Price Advancing Parliamentary Mastery Through Inquiry - Daniel Foster and Krista Pontius Then, Now, Next: Hands on exploration of the Science of Agriculture - Beth Mathie Are you a Coffee or Tea Drinker? Yes it Matters. - June Murray Tools and Techniques to Teach Agricultural Conservation in Classrooms - Femeena Pandara Valappil Let's Talk Approval: PA Agricultural CTE Programs - McKayla Plewe	Room 212 Room 208 Room 209 Room 211 FACS Lab High School Cafe
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Business Session 2	Middle School Cafe
6:30 PM	Banquet Dinner	C.J. Hummels Restaurant 38 Willow Street Lenhartsville, PA 19534

Thursday - July 9, 2026: Day 4, Deep Dive Professional Development

Time	Scheduled Activity	Location
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Professional Development Option 1 BriefCASE Ag Business Foundations Presented - Darla Romberger	High School Cafe
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Professional Development Option 2 Microcontroller Minds II: Teachers Teaching Teachers to Integrate Arduinos in Agricultural Education by Dr. Laura Rice	Room 212
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Professional Development Option 3 Maple Processing and Products by Anthony Honeycutt	Room 209
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Professional Development Option 4 How to teach basic electric by John Hines	Room 211
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Professional Development Option 5 Painted Pollinator-Pulp Postals: A Project Based Learning Activity for your Classroom by Nicole Weaver and Todd Eick	Room 208
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Professional Development Option 6 Growing the Next Generation: PCH Associate Certification, Student Engagement, and Workforce Pathways by Katie Rae Warner	FACS Lab