

# Young Farmers retreat to Wisp Resort

Over 100 members of the Maryland Farm Bureau Young Farmers gathered at the Wisp Resort in Garrett County from February 27 to March 1, for their annual leadership retreat.

Friday night skiing kicked off activities and events began early Saturday morning with orientations and concurrent sessions. Local Issues and Updated Trucking Regulations were discussed by Kurt Fuchs, Maryland Farm Bureau Assistant Government Relations Director, and Hannah Amoss, MFB Young Farmer leader, led workshops on Accurate Ag Books and Addressing Misconceptions. Young Farmers William Layton and Joe Sam Swann walked members through a session on Defining the Future of your Organization.

During Friday's banquet luncheon, the Excellence in Agriculture Award was presented to Jason Watt of Carroll County and the Achievement Award went to Brooks and Katie Long of Washington County. The afternoon was filled with discussion meet competitions, with Jamie Beckley of Washington County capturing the collegiate division and Curt Kleinsorg of Carroll County winning the open division.

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*Partnering with the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers Harvest for All campaign, young farmers brought their food and fund donations to the retreat to battle hunger. Members donated 397 pounds of food and held a silent auction with all of the proceeds given to the Maryland Food Bank.*

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Hypnotist Brian Imbus was a huge hit during Saturday evening's entertainment and Young Farmers spent the night enjoying a bonfire, snow making tours and sleigh rides from Farm Bureau member Ray Miller of Pleasant Valley Dream Rides.

Sunday morning's breakfast was followed by nationally known speaker Dr. Ron Hansen of the University of Nebraska who gave his "Fence Posts Talking to Each Other" presentation. More skiing and snow tubing completed the retreat's events.