

Illiana Watermelon Association 33rd Annual Convention

- ***SPECIAL SECURITY NOTE:*** Name Badges are required to enter any IWA Convention Events
- All times listed - EST

Exhibit booths will be open Friday and Saturday 8 am to 5 pm in the Windsor Ballroom Foyer

THURSDAY

6:00 pm **Indoor Go-Karting - Shuttle Departs 5:40 pm in front of French Lick Resort Hotel**
Sponsored by Rob Beets-Syngenta
* Don't forget Gloves and Jackets *

FRIDAY

8:30 am	Southwest Indiana Melon & Veg Growers Annual meeting (SWIM) Everyone is welcome to attend. Sign up is \$15.00 includes lunch. Exhibitor booths open	Windsor Ballroom
9:00 am	Water & Nutrient Management in Watermelon Production & Control Release Fertilizer Research. Bob Hochmuth - University of Florida	
10:00 am	Introduction of Exhibitors	
10:30 am	Extension produce food safety update Scott Monroe, Purdue University	
11:30 am	What growers need to know about current H2A regulations Indiana Farm Bureau	
12:00 pm	Lunch - Included with SWIM \$15.00 Registration – please pay before you eat	
1:00 pm	Rye cover crop: a green bridge for spider mites and other watermelon pests Ian Kaplan & Zeus Mateos Fierro - Purdue University	
1:30 pm	Melon weed science research & herbicide updates for 2023 Steve Meyers & Jeanine Arana Cordonero - Purdue University	
2:00 pm	Storage tank options for the farm Fred Whitford - Purdue University	
3:15 pm	Indiana Vegetable Growers Association (IVGA) member Meeting	Windsor Ballroom III
3pm - 5pm	Explore the Exhibit's and French Lick Windsor Ballroom doors will open @ 5:00pm	
4:30 pm	Auction Load Committee Meeting	Windsor Ballroom III
5:30 pm	President Cody (Bubby) Smith Reception	Windsor Ballroom
6:00 pm	Welcome 2023 Illiana Convention S.W. Purdue Ag Center – Watermelon Results	Cody Smith Dan Egel
6:15 pm	Queen Promotion Wear Competition	Queen Gabby German
6:30 pm	Invocation - Buffet Dinner- Taco Bar	Windsor Ballroom

FRIDAY CONTINUED

7:15 pm	Make-A-Wish Speaker Maria Quinton Ronald McDonald House Speakers Theresa Floyd-Mass, Bard Abell	
7:45 pm	Great lakes Ag Labor Speaker Sarah Black	
8:00 pm	Memorial	
8:15 pm	Vincennes University - Illiana Watermelon Ag Scholarship Winner	
8:30 pm	Seed Spit Contest Sponsored by: Highmark seed	Jamey Adams
9:00 pm	Fun, Fellowship, Food, and Refreshments Sponsored by: Knox Co Farm Bureau, Seedway, and Frey Farms	Pluto's Bowling Alley

SATURDAY

7:30 am	Queen Contestants and Judges Functions – Closed Meeting	Hickman and Murdock Rooms
8:30 am	Exhibit Center – Breakfast with Bubby Open to exhibitors & IWA Convention attendees	Windsor Hallway
9:00 am	Auction Load Committee Meeting	Windsor Ballroom III
9:30 am	Annual Board of Directors Meeting	Windsor Ballroom III
10:30am	Nominating Committee Meeting (Past Presidents) <i>Closed Meeting</i>	Windsor Ballroom III
11:00 am	Queen Contestant Speeches	Queen Gabby German
11:45 am	Invocation – Cheeseburger Bar	John Frenz
12:05 pm	National Watermelon Promotion Board	Jason Hansleman & Megan McKenna
12:30 pm	IWA General Assembly Business Meeting	Kelly Tyner
1pm – 3pm	Annual Fundraising Auction Auctioneer	Windsor Ballroom Rich Chattin
4:30 pm	Banquet Reception (Doors Open) \$100 Donation Ticket Drawing (Down to Final 3)	Rob Beets
5:00 pm	Welcome Annual Banquet Announce Final 3 \$100 Donation Ticket Winners Live Drawing for 1st: \$2,500 - 2nd: \$1,250 - 3rd: \$500	Cody Smith & Rob Beets
5:30 pm	Queen Contest Evening Gown Competition	Queen Gabby German
6:00 pm	Invocation - Buffet Dinner	Jamey Adams
6:45 pm	Indiana Farm Bureau President along with Knox Co President	Randy Kron/Rich Chattin

7:15 pm

Award Presentations

Queen Gabby German Tour Report
Presentation of 2023 Illiana Watermelon Queen

**Cody Smith
Lana Brothers**

8:30-11pm

Entertainment – American Pie

Windsor Ballroom

SUNDAY

9:00 am

Board of Directors Meeting & 2023 IWA Queen Intro

Hickman Room