

2019 FLOYD YOUTH GOAT SHOW

EVENT: Floyd Livestock and Agriculture Show

DATE/TIME: 9am, September 14, 2018

LOCATION: Chantilly Farms, 2697 Franklin Pike, Floyd, VA

SHOW COMMITTEE: Stephanie Trout (Chair)

JUDGE: James Oller

SHOW SECRETARY: Stephanie Trout (shepherdhillfarm@verizon.net), 1278 Dobbins Hollow Rd., Riner, VA 24149

SHOW VETERINARIAN/ANNOUNCER: Dr. Sharon Harris DVM, Bent Mtn., VA

RING STEWARD: TBD

ENTRY FORM: Entry form included-due by August 31st. Fee per youth \$5.

YOUTH SHOW:

- The Youth Show is open to all youth age 19 or under on the day of the show.
- Only does or wethers will be accepted for entry.
- No bucks are allowed.
- Goats may be of any breed or crossbreed and must be owned by the exhibitor's immediate family.
- Goats do not have to be registered, tattooed, or microchipped (unless required for health certificates for out-of-state entries).
- Horned goats are not acceptable for the dairy goat show. There may be a meat goat competition held after the Sheep Show, and the meat goats may be horned.

SHOW DIVISIONS: The Youth Show will have two divisions—Showmanship and Open Doe Show. Each youngster is invited to participate in any or all. *There may be a costume contest in conjunction with the sheep show.

- For Showmanship, the youth participants will be divided into classes based on age and experience. Showmanship judging is based on the skills of the handler as well as the presentation of the goat (handles well, is clean and trimmed). The class with the youngest and least experienced handlers will be expected to lead goats around the ring and will be given instructions on how best to present their goat to the judge. They will then practice the lesson and may also be asked to identify "easier-to-

remember” goat parts. Older and more experienced participants should watch the first class and come into the ring knowing more and handling better. They will also receive instructions and be expected to incorporate their new-found knowledge as the class progresses. The oldest and most experienced participants are expected to be skilled and knowledgeable when they enter the ring and will be judged accordingly. (Both wethers and does may be used in showmanship classes.)

- For the Open Doe Show, only does may be entered. Judging is based strictly on the conformation of the animal and not the handler. Any youth may show a doe in either or both classes to be offered:
 - Junior Doe Class—does under two years of age that have never kidded
 - Senior Doe Class—does that have kidded (including yearlings).
- *Costume Contest—to be held in conjunction with the sheep show. Check schedule for timing of contest. There is no pre-registration so those wishing to participate may sign up at the Show Ring. Participants should bring a written story to share, identifying the names of the child and goat, and a description of “who they are” in their costumes.

LEADING & COLLARS: Goats must be led around the ring to be presented to the judge, so goats should be fitted with collars or halters and should be trained to lead.

SHOW CLIPPING: Since the Floyd County location may have frosts in September, full body clipping is NOT recommended, so this will be a “fuzzy show”; exhibitors are encouraged to clip udders and any long hair on the topline, head, legs, feet, etc.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE: Required for out-of-state animals, issued within 30 days of the show; no health certificates are required for VA goats, but no animals should be showing signs of illness, parasitism, etc.

PENS: There may be some pens available, formed from livestock gates. If there is enough room in trucks and trailers to hold the goats comfortably, these vehicles can be backed up near the show ring. Exhibitors may want to set up their own portable pens or keep goats in carriers. Goats may also be tied out by the show ring.

Floyd Livestock & County Fair
Entry Form for Youth Goat Show
Due August 31, 2019

1. Use ONE entry form per exhibitor.
2. \$5 entry fee per exhibitor (unlimited qualifying youth classes for the exhibitor (MDGA show classes not included, separate entry form))
3. Name and age of each goat to be shown must be supplied.
4. Please complete all information.
5. Note: No horned goats and no intact males may be shown.

Exhibitor Name: _____

Name of adult accompanying exhibitor: _____

Exhibitor's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthday: _____ Age as of day of show: _____

Phone number: _____

Goat information:

• Showmanship: Name of goat: _____ Age of goat: _____

• Junior Class of Youth Open Doe Show (juniors are under 2 years old and have never kidded):

Name of goat: _____ Age of goat: _____

• Senior Class of Youth Open Doe Show (seniors are does that have kidded):

Name of goat: _____ Age of goat: _____

Exhibitor's experience:

• _____ Number of years of exhibiting experience

• _____ If this is the first year of exhibiting, in how many shows have you exhibited prior to the Floyd Show?

****Please read rules and schedules carefully. There have been some changes ****

Return all Youth entry forms to: Stephanie Trout, 1278 Dobbins Hollow Rd., Riner, VA 24149

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP FOR THE FLOYD & OTHER LOCAL GOAT SHOWS

Most local fairs offer youth showmanship competition as a way to give young goat owners a chance to show off their skills in properly presenting their goats to the judges. In showmanship, the conformation of the goat is not being examined. Instead, the judge is looking at how well the goat was prepared for the show, how well the goat is managed in the ring, and how much the handler knows about goat anatomy, biology, and management.

To prepare for a positive showmanship experience, there are several good preparatory activities that might be considered:

- Using a diagram, learn the major parts of a dairy goat
- Learn about milking, gestation, kid care, nutrition, and general management.
- Select a calm animal. (A doe is best because, in addition to showmanship, she may also be shown in an open doe show, or possibly a sanctioned show if the doe is registered with the organization with which the show is sanctioned).
- Start working with the goat several weeks before the show, teaching them to lead and to be “set up”.
- Use a collar or chain for leading (and avoid using a lead). Make sure it is tight enough that it doesn’t slip off during the show.
- As the handler learns how to “set up the goat”, the goat will become accustomed to having feet handled and to standing in a proper position. The front feet are set directly below the withers. The rear feet are set so the hocks are directly below the pin bones. The rear feet are set wide enough apart to show the udder and/or escutcheon.
- Trim the hooves several days before the show.
- If the show is held during warm weather, the judge may be expecting clipped, washed goats.
- Shows held during colder weather are usually “fuzzy shows”. To prepare, trim only the long hair along the topline, on the legs, and around the udder. Clip the beard completely off. The goat should be brushed before the show and any soiled spots should be cleaned. Be sure to clean under the tail.
- Clean the hooves before entering the ring.
- Before participating in a Showmanship competition, it would be helpful to watch a show or a video of a show, or to even just watch a class that is presented before competition begins.
- Upon entering the ring, circle clockwise. Keep an eye on the judge and follow directions, always keeping the goat between the handler and the judge.
- If the judge moves such that the handler would be between the goat and the judge, the handler must cross in front of the goat so that the goat is again “in the middle”. There are some good diagrams and suggestions for showmanship and handling here:
http://www.thejudgingconnection.com/pdfs/Goat_Showmanship_Manual.pdf
- Every time the animal stops, it should be “set up”.
- The handler should learn about possible requests by a judge, such as changing positions in a line-up, or leading “side by side” with another entry in the class.
- Most importantly, have fun!