



The Georgia Junior Livestock Program "Youth learning through experience."



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TO: County Extension Agents and Agricultural Education Teachers

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Examples of Life Skills Practiced: Leadership, Contribution to Group Effort, Teamwork, Self-motivation, Self-esteem, Self-responsibility, Managing Feelings, Self-Discipline, Personal Safety, Learning to Learn, Problem Solving, Goal Setting, Planning/Organizing, Keeping Records, Cooperation, Social Skills, Conflict Resolution, Accepting Differences, Sharing

Main Character Pillars Practiced: Fairness and Responsibility

We are extremely pleased to announce the Seventh Georgia Beef School!

DATES: Monday, June 27 through Wednesday, June 29, 2011

WHO: Open to all youth -- 4-H and FFA

COST: \$225 (includes 2 nights' lodging, all meals, instruction fee's, t-shirt, plus board for animal)

Registration Deadline: Registration forms are due to Christa Steinkamp 204 Four Towers, UGA, Athens, GA 30602 no later than May 30th. Fee's are due at the time of submitting applications. Please make all checks payable to: **North Region FFA.**

Beef School will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, Beef and Dairy Arena – Perry, GA. We have excellent instructors and speakers lined up who will cover all the basics of owning, raising and showing a steer or heifer. Some of the topics include bed making; rinsing, hair care & washing; equipment care; what to take to a show; fitting and clipping; judging; showmanship; selection, team events and graduation! Barn will be open to receive cattle on Sunday, June 26th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. upon request. However, students must be accompanied / supervised by adult chaperone parent / teacher until Monday morning.

Back by popular demand, Teen Leaders to Beef School! We are inviting all those beef exhibitors that feel they know the basics, but still want to work on their fitting, clipping, showmanship skills and would like to work with Beef School participants, we would like for you to apply as a Teen Leader. By being selected as a Teen Leader, individuals will assist instructors and leaders in everyday activities but also have the opportunity to be involved with classes that will provide knowledge for all those at the beginning level to the most advanced. Teen Leaders who are selected to attend Beef School can register for \$125 which includes all meals, lodging and registration fee. Teen Leaders are not allowed to bring a calf.

Agents, teachers or other adults who wish to attend Beef School can register for \$125 which includes all meals, lodging and registration fees. A limited number of agents and teachers will be asked to assist with Beef School and their fees will be paid by the school (depending on number of participants and budget availability.) Teachers / agents interested in serving as a leader at Beef School need to submit an Adult Leader application for Beef School.

We have experienced problems in the past with 4-H and FFA members bringing inappropriate calves to Beef School. Green broke calves and inexperienced youth make a very dangerous combination. This results in problems for the instructors, disruption in the classes and danger and headache for all involved. Please be sure that both the youth and calf is properly prepared to attend Beef School.

All applications must be signed by the County Agent or Ag Ed Teacher involved. All participants and Teen Leaders must sign, and therefore agree, to abide by the Beef School Code of Conduct and the rules of Beef School.

Please promote this activity in your county. We believe this school is just what we need to instill good ethics and sound management practices in the Youth Livestock Projects. Through excellent instruction we can empower these young people to properly care for and manage their own livestock. Thanks so much, in advance, for your support. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or be of assistance to you.

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