

# Return of the NJAS

*The event of the summer features new and exciting opportunities.*

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Get your capes and call in your best sidekick — this summer is about to be super. The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is back and better than ever. Join the Angus family in Grand Island, Neb., from July 1-8 for a week of fun and competition.

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members can indulge their competitive spirit with events like the Quiz Bowl, Skill-a-thon and a wide variety of other public speaking and career development contests. Familiar favorites like the Auxiliary-



sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef* (CAB) Cook-off Contest, Angus Mentoring Program and the cattle show itself return to the schedule. The Events and Junior Activities team is also excited to introduce a new event: Family Fun Night.

In addition to the tailgate hosted after opening ceremonies, this year's NJAS will offer an additional environment to bond, relax and enjoy good food the evening of Thursday, July 6, starting at 7 p.m.

"Family Fun Night was created with the intention of bringing all attendees of the National Junior Angus Show together to have fun," says Madeline Bauer, senior events coordinator. "The thought we had in our mind was going back to the basics of kids being kids. The goal is to bring everyone together to enjoy some good food, fun activities and the company of the Angus family."

The NJAS is all about bringing current, future and past members of the NJAA together, and Bauer says Family Fun Night has the ability to draw in people of all ages. From large inflatables and a dunk tank to a dodgeball tournament and CAB hamburgers, there's something to make all NJAS attendees smile planned for Thursday night.

Another change to this year's show is that the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) will be serving as hosts instead of a state junior association.

"We are very excited to be serving as the 2023 NJAS host," says Nicole Stevenson, NJAB chairman. "This is an incredible opportunity that allows us to be more involved and give more input on what the juniors want to see, do and learn about throughout the week."

The NJAS is more than just a cattle show; it's a place where she says lifelong memories can be made.

"We know the thought of attending NJAS may be daunting, but we promise you will meet some of your best friends and have an unbelievable experience attending," Stevenson says. "You have limited years as a junior member, so take advantage of these opportunities while you still can."

So, find that super suit and join the brightest of the Angus breed this summer as "Guardians of the Plains." Visit [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info) for more information and a breakdown of the show week schedule. 

