

Angus Enthusiasts Travel 'Way Out West'

2005 National Junior Angus Show is set for July 17-23.

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Plans are well under way for the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), set for July 17-23 in Denver, Colo. The event, "Way out West," is being hosted by several Western states Angus associations. The week-long event, now the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world, will feature more than 1,000 head of cattle, all exhibited by youth ages 9-21 who are members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

The cattle show will include divisions for bred-and-owned bulls, heifers and cow-calf pairs, as well as owned heifers, cow-calf pairs and steers. Youth also have the opportunity to enter steers in a carcass contest.

Judges for the cattle show include Randy Daniel, Colbert, Ga., who will evaluate the owned females; Vance Uden, Franklin, Neb., who will judge bred-and-owned females, bulls and cow-calf pairs; and Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., who will select champions in the steer show.

Educational contests take center stage

In addition to the cattle show, 13 educational competitions take place during the week. Youth compete for top prizes in contests such as prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, quiz bowl, team sales, photography, posters, creative writing and graphic design. Another feature of the week is the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*®

(CAB®) Cook-off. Six members will be elected to the NJAA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the NJAA, hosted during the week.

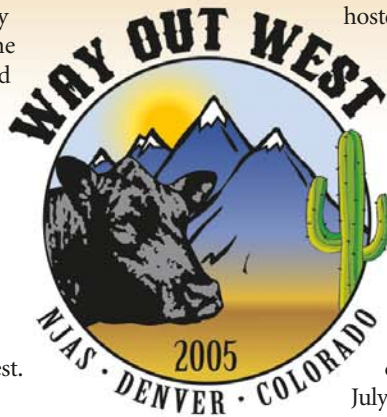
More than 50 contestants will compete in the 39th annual National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. The contest is limited to two participants from each state, and a junior may only compete once. Showmanship judges include Rick Blanchard, Mendota, Calif.; Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo.; and Dru Uden, Franklin, Neb.

This year's NJAS will also include several educational opportunities for youth and adults. For the first time, a showmanship clinic will be conducted. This event, set for Tuesday morning,

July 19, will feature past junior Angus members sharing showmanship techniques with the youth before the show even begins. Educational seminar topics will include interpreting and understanding carcass data, as well as fitting and clipping.

Exhibitors and contestants at the NJAS must be junior members of the American Angus Association; they must be 9 years old, but not yet 21, by Jan. 1, 2005, to compete in the activities. The ownership and entry deadline is June 1, and no late entries are accepted.

For more information about the 2005 NJAS, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100 or visit www.njas.info.



2005 NJAS Tentative Schedule

Visit www.njas.info for the latest information and schedule updates.

Sunday, July 17

All day Cattle may begin arriving. Stall set-up and move in all day

Monday, July 18

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Cattle check-in
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Contest sign-up — team sales, extemporaneous speaking and quiz bowl — Show Office
 Turn in posters, scrapbooks, project of the year and Silent Auction items
 1:00 p.m. Advisors' meeting — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 3:00 p.m. Understanding carcass data — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 3:00 p.m. Queens' tea
 4:00 p.m. Cattle check-in and contest sign-up deadline
 4:15 p.m. Check in and weigh carcass steers
 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors' meeting — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 6:00 p.m. State lineup and picture
 6:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies — Stadium Arena
 7:30 p.m. Banana boats

Tuesday, July 19

6:30 a.m. Angus Foundation Golf Tournament
 6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 8:00 a.m. Trade show and Silent Auction opens
 8:00 a.m. Judge scrapbooks, posters and project of the year
 8:00 a.m. Prepared public speaking contest — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 10:00 a.m. Mentoring mixer — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 10:45 a.m. Candidate/Delegate meeting — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 11:30 a.m. Showmanship clinic — Stadium Arena
 Noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Cook-Off contest — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 5:00 p.m. Quiz bowl registration — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 5:30 p.m. Quiz bowl written test, in meal area — Hall of Education (2nd floor)

Wednesday, July 20

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 8:00 a.m. Trade show and Silent Auction open
 8:00 a.m. Begin show — Stadium Arena
 Steers, bred-and-owned cow-calf pairs, owned cow-calf pairs, bred-and-owned bulls
 9:00 a.m. Post quiz bowl final round qualifiers — Show Office
 11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch
 Noon Extemporaneous public speaking contest, begin prep time — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 12:30 p.m. Extemporaneous public speaking contest, begin speeches — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 2:30 p.m. Team sales competition — Stadium Arena
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of the NJAA — Doubletree Hotel
 TBA Load carcass steers to transfer to processing plant for data collection

Thursday, July 21

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 8:00 a.m. Trade show and Silent Auction opens
 8:00 a.m. Resume Show — Stadium Arena
 Bred-and-owned heifers, and bred-and-owned best-five-head entry
 11:30 a.m. American Angus Auxiliary Meeting — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 1:00 p.m. Showmanship orientation and photo session — Stadium Arena
 2:00 p.m. Clipping and fitting clinic — Stadium Arena
 4:00 p.m. Quiz bowl finals — Hall of Education (2nd floor)

Friday, July 22

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Hall of Education (2nd floor)
 8:00 a.m. Trade show and Silent Auction opens
 8:00 a.m. Resume show — Stadium Arena
 Owned heifers (late and early calf champions, late and early intermediate champions, and junior yearling division 1 champion)
 11:00 a.m. Presentation of Advisor of the Year Award and Honorary Angus Foundation Award
 12:00 p.m. NJAS mentoring program autograph books due — Show Office
 1:30 p.m. Showmanship preliminaries — Stadium Arena
 3:30 p.m. NJAA elections — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 4:30-6:00 p.m. Dinner
 6:30-8:00 p.m. NJAA awards function — Stadium Arena
 Awards presentation for team sales; poster; graphic design; photography; public speaking; herdsmanship; extemporaneous speaking; creative writing; Cook-Off; scrapbook; Project of the Year; Gold Awards; Crystal Award; carcass contest; and Auxiliary, CAB/NJAA, and Angus Foundation scholarships
 Introduction of new NJAA officers and directors
 9:00 p.m.-midnight Junior and adult social/dance — Doubletree Hotel

Saturday, July 23

6:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Hall of Education (2nd Floor)
 6:30 a.m. NJAA Board Meeting — Beef Palace Auction Arena
 8:00 a.m. Trade show and Silent Auction open
 8:00 a.m. Showmanship finals and awards presentation — Stadium Arena
 9:00 a.m. Resume show — Stadium Arena
 Remainder of owned heifers (junior yearling divisions 2, 3 and 4 champions; senior champion; grand champion; and reserve grand champion) and owned best-five-head entry
 Announce premier breeder, junior premier breeder and sweepstake winners
 Auxiliary Silver Pitcher presentations (prior to selection of grand champion)
 10:00 a.m. Close Silent Auction
 Noon Close trade show