

# 2012 National Junior Angus Show Heads to Louisville

Junior Angus members will meet in Kentucky July 15-21.

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The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is the highlight of the summer for many Angus families, and this year the big event takes place July 15-21 in Louisville, Ky. While the cattle shows are the main attraction, the week also includes the showmanship competition, junior activities and a variety of life-skills contests.

"The National Junior Angus Show is an exciting event for Angus youth and their families across the country," says Robin Ruff, junior activities director for the American Angus Association. "It is more than just a traditional cattle show. It's an event that challenges youth to build life skills and develop long-lasting relationships."

Sponsored by the Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky Angus and junior Angus associations, this year the NJAS is themed "In a League of Our Own." The weeklong event kicks off Monday, July 16 with the Parade of States during the Opening Ceremonies at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, which is home to the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

## NJAS cattle shows

More than 1,100 head of cattle are expected to compete in the NJAS showing this summer. Official judges are Mark Johnson, Orlando, Okla., who will select champions in the owned heifer division; Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo., who will evaluate bred-and-owned (B&O) heifers, cow-calf pairs and B&O bulls; and Steve Reimer, Chamberlain, S.D., who will judge the steers. States will join together to compete for the best five head, while individual members will vie for Junior Premier Breeder and Silver Pitcher awards.

The NJAS cattle ownership and postmark entry deadline is June 1. Entries can be made online at [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

## Showmanship contest

The 46th Annual NJAS Showmanship Contest is sure to be an attention-grabbing event. Two junior Angus members from each state will be given the opportunity to compete for the title of "Top Showman." The judges are Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky.; Amie Stertzach, Louisville, Ohio; and Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn.

## Carcass steer contest

A twist to the traditional cattle show, the Carcass Steer Contest allows Angus juniors to increase their awareness of the important role Angus cattle play in the beef industry. Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., contribute cash prizes for the steer contest through their permanent endowment fund administered by the Angus Foundation. They believe the contest

is significant because it teaches juniors about the product they are raising — quality Angus beef.

"Participants need to know the results of their cattle so they can learn, go home and make a better product for the consumer," Long says.

## Educational contests

Outside the showing, hundreds of junior members will participate in more than a dozen educational contests. Youth can enter individually in the following: prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, career development, graphic design, writing, photography, livestock judging, and video and poster competitions.

In addition, each state can enter a team in the quiz bowl, team sales and fitting contests, as well as the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off, herdsmanship and scrapbook contests.

Contest entry deadlines and further information about the NJAS are available at [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa) or by contacting the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100. A coloring session is also provided for those younger family members not able to participate in junior contests.

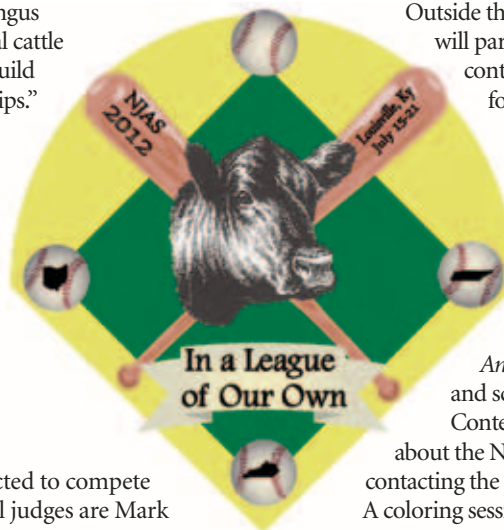
## NJAA Annual Meeting

During the week of shows and competitions, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) hosts its annual meeting. Two delegates from each state will gather together to review the organization's bylaws and elect six new directors to the NJAA Board. The new directors and officers will be announced during the awards program at the conclusion of the week.

The NJAS is also a time to recognize outstanding Angus youth. The Angus Foundation and American Angus Auxiliary will award a number of scholarships to deserving recent high school graduates and college students. To help prepare younger members for a successful future, the NJAS mentoring program partners senior and novice members together to get to know one another and feel comfortable meeting other juniors.

"While joined together in the spirit of competition, Angus youth are encouraged to make friends and learn from each other," Ruff says. "These juniors are the future of the Angus breed, and it is encouraging to see them interact on a national level."

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**Editor's Note:** *Carrie Gilliam is communications coordinator for the American Angus Association.*

# 2012 National Angus Junior Show Tentative Schedule

For the most up-to-date schedule, visit [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

## Sunday, July 15

All day Cattle may begin arriving, set up stalls and move in

## Monday, July 16

8 a.m. Exhibitors meeting, *Broadbent*  
 9 a.m.–noon Cattle check-in, *Pavilion*  
 9 a.m.–noon Contest sign-up: team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, judging contest, quiz bowl, *West Hall*  
 Turn in: posters, scrapbooks, silent auction items, *West Hall*  
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *West Hall*  
 11 a.m. Queens Luncheon, *Kentucky Derby Museum*  
 Noon Cattle check-in deadline and contest sign-up deadline  
 12:15 p.m. Advisors meeting, *West Hall (Room W3)*  
 12:15 p.m. Check-in and weigh carcass steers, *Pavilion*  
 1 p.m. Cook-Off information meeting, *West Hall (Room W1)*  
 2 p.m. Candidate/delegate meeting, *West Hall (Room W3)*  
 2:15 p.m. Coloring session (youth age 9 and under), *West Hall (Room W1)*  
 2:15 p.m. Mentoring mixer, *West Hall*  
 3:15 p.m. State lineup and pictures, *Broadbent*  
 4 p.m. Opening Ceremonies, *Broadbent*  
 TBA Banana splits, *TBA*

## Tuesday, July 17

7 a.m. Angus Foundation Golf Tournament, *Quail Chase Golf Club*  
 7:30 a.m. Prepared Public Speaking Contest, *West Hall (Contest Rooms)*  
 7:30 a.m. Career Development Contest, *West Hall (Room W2)*  
 8 a.m. Judge scrapbooks and posters, *West Hall*  
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *West Hall*  
 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Trade Show open, *West Hall and Cattle Barn*  
 10:30 a.m. Cattle Judging Contest, *Broadbent*  
 1 p.m. Cook-Off Contest, *West Hall (Contest Rooms)*  
 6 p.m. NJAA Annual Meeting, *Crowne Plaza Hotel*

## Wednesday, July 18

8 a.m.–6 p.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open, *West Hall and Cattle Barn*  
 8 a.m. Begin Bred & Owned (B&O) Heifer show, *Broadbent*  
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *West Hall*  
 Noon Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest — begin prep time, *West Hall (Room W1)*  
 12:30 p.m. Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest — begin speeches, *West Hall (Contest Rooms)*  
 2:30 p.m. Team Sales Competition, *Broadbent*  
 4:30 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Social, *West Hall (Room W3)*  
 5 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Meeting, *West Hall (Room W3)*  
 5 p.m. Quiz Bowl written test, *West Hall (Meal Area)*

## Thursday, July 19

8 a.m.–6 p.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open, *West Hall and Cattle Barn*  
 8 a.m. Resume show: steers, B&O cow-calf pairs, owned cow-calf pairs, B&O bulls, B&O best five head, *Broadbent*  
 9 a.m. Post Quiz Bowl final-round qualifiers, *Outside Show Office*  
 9–11 a.m. Showmanship check-in, *Show Office*  
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *West Hall*  
 1:30 p.m. Showmanship orientation and photo session, *Broadbent*  
 Showmanship preliminaries immediately following photos, *Broadbent*  
 Team Fitting Contest, *Broadbent*  
 Quiz Bowl finals, *West Hall*  
 4 p.m.  
 5 p.m.

## Friday, July 20

8 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open, *West Hall and Cattle Barn*  
 8 a.m. Resume show, *Broadbent*  
 Owned Heifers (number of divisions shown will be decided upon check-in)  
 Hospitality open, *West Hall*  
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Presentation of Advisor of the Year award & Honorary Angus Foundation awards, *Broadbent*  
 11 a.m. NJAS Mentoring Program autograph books due, *Show Office*  
 Noon Angus Foundation General Scholarship presentations, *Broadbent*  
 1:30 p.m. NJAA elections, *West Hall (Room W3)*  
 4:30 p.m. NJAA Awards Program, *Broadbent*  
 6:30–8 p.m. Presentation of the following awards: All NJAA contests; Gold Awards; Crystal Awards; Auxiliary, CAB/NJAA, Angus Foundation scholarships; introduction of new NJAA officers and directors  
 9 p.m.–midnight Junior social/dance, *Crowne Plaza Hotel*  
 9 p.m.–midnight Adult social, *Crowne Plaza Hotel*

## Saturday, July 21

7 a.m. NJAA Board meeting, *Show Office*  
 8 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction open, *West Hall and Cattle Barn*  
 8 a.m. Showmanship finals and awards presentation, *Broadbent*  
 9 a.m.–noon Hospitality open, *West Hall*  
 9:30 a.m. Resume show: remainder of owned heifers, owned best five head, Premier Breeder, Sweepstakes and Auxiliary Silver Pitcher awards, *Broadbent*  
 10 a.m. Close Silent Auction, *West Hall*  
 Noon Close Trade Show, *West Hall*