

Kansas City Hosts 2013 NJAS

Junior Angus members will participate in National Junior Angus Show activities at American Royal Complex July 5-11.

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The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is the highlight of the summer for many Angus families, and this year the event takes place July 5-11 in Kansas City, Mo. While cattle shows are a main attraction, the week also includes the showmanship competition, junior activities and a variety of educational contests.

“The National Junior Angus Show is more than a cattle show. It’s a weeklong vacation with friends and family,” says Robin Ruff, junior activities director for the American Angus Association. “It also gives youth a chance to expand their horizons and build lifelong skills.”

Sponsored by the Missouri Angus and Missouri Junior Angus associations, this year the NJAS is themed “Aberdeen in Twenty Thirteen.” The weeklong event kicks off Saturday, July 6, with the Parade of States during the Opening Ceremonies at Hale Arena, home of the American Royal.

Cattle shows

More than 1,100 head of cattle are expected to walk through the NJAS showing this summer. Chris Mullinix, El Dorado, Kan., will select champions in the owned heifer division. Judging bred-and-owned heifers, cow-calf pairs and bred-and-owned bulls will be Jonathan Perry, Fayetteville, Tenn. Steers will be evaluated by Ryan Rathmann, Lubbock, Texas. States will also compete for best five head, while individual members will vie for junior premier breeder and the Silver Pitcher Award.

The NJAS cattle ownership and postmark entry deadline is May 15. Junior members can save time by submitting their entries online. Simply log on to www.angus.org/njaa and provide the necessary information, including a Visa® or MasterCard® number to cover entry and bedding fees. Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail. No late entries are accepted for any reason.

Showmanship

The 47th annual 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.” This year judges are Lacey Robinson, Olsburg, Kan.; Jason Hoffman, Theford, Neb.; and Randy White, Waukomis, Okla.

Carcass steers

A different perspective to the traditional cattle show, the carcass steer contest allows Angus juniors to increase their awareness of the important role Angus cattle play on the consumer’s plate. 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.

Curtis Long believes the contest teaches juniors more than how

to care for an animal, but to also produce the high-quality product a consumer expects from the Angus breed.

“Participants need to know the results of their cattle so they can learn, go home and make a better product for their customers,” he 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 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.

Mentoring program

Beyond friendly competition, the NJAS mentoring program is a fun activity throughout the week that partners experienced and novice NJAS participants to get to know one another and feel comfortable meeting other junior members.

“During the NJAS, Angus youth are encouraged to make friends and learn from each other,” Ruff says. “The mentoring program can help prepare younger members for a successful future.”

Annual meeting

Also during the week of shows and competitions, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) hosts its annual meeting. Two delegates from each state will gather 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 also takes 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.

A tentative schedule for the 2013 NJAS events follows.



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2013 National Angus Junior Show Tentative Schedule

American Royal Complex — Kansas City, Mo.

Friday, July 5

All day Cattle may begin arriving, set up stalls and move in all day
7 p.m. Exhibitors meeting, *Hale Arena Grandstand*

Saturday, July 6

9 a.m.–noon Cattle check-in — Deadline: 12 p.m., *Governors Hall*
9 a.m.–noon Contest sign-up: team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, judging contest, quiz bowl, *Grand Hall*
Turn in: posters, scrapbooks, silent auction items, *Grand Hall*
10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *Hale Arena*
11 a.m. Queens' luncheon, *TBD*
noon Advisors meeting, *Wagstaff Theater*
noon Cattle check-in deadline and contest sign-up deadline
1 p.m. Cook-Off information meeting, *Blue Ribbon Cafe*
2 p.m. Candidate/delegate meeting, *Upper Exposition Hall*
2:15 p.m. Coloring session (youth age 9 and under), *Blue Ribbon Cafe*
2:15 p.m. Mentoring mixer, *Upper Exhibition Hall*
3:15 p.m. State lineup and picture, *Hale Arena*
4 p.m. Opening ceremonies, *Hale Arena*
7:30 p.m. Ice cream social, *Outside Hale Arena*

Sunday, July 7

7 a.m. Angus Foundation golf tournament, *Shiloh Springs Golf Course*
7:30 a.m. Prepared public speaking contest, *Governors, Wagstaff and Ambassador*
7:30 a.m. Career development contest, *Board Room, Bit & Spur Room*
8 a.m. Judge scrapbooks & posters, *Grand Hall*
10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *Hale Arena*
10 a.m.–6 p.m. Trade show open, *Grand Hall*
10:30 a.m. Cattle judging contest, *Hale Arena*
1 p.m. Cook-Off, *Governors, Wagstaff and Ambassador*
6 p.m. NJAA Annual Meeting, *Sheraton Hotel*
7:30 p.m. Check-in and weigh carcass steers
9 p.m. Load carcass steers to transfer to harvesting plant

Monday, July 8

6:30–8:00 a.m. Breakfast, *Upper Exposition Hall*
8 a.m.–6 p.m. Trade show and silent auction open, *Grand Hall*
8 a.m. Begin bred-and-owned (B&O) heifer show, *Hale Arena*
10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *Hale Arena*
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch, *Upper Exposition Hall*
noon Extemporaneous public speaking contest: begin prep time, *Blue Ribbon Cafe*
12:30 p.m. Extemporaneous public speaking contest: begin speeches, *Governors, Wagstaff and Ambassador*
2:30 p.m. Team sales competition, *Hale Arena*
4:30 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary social, *Wagstaff Room*
5 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary meeting, *Wagstaff Room*
6 p.m. Quiz bowl written test, *Upper Exposition Hall*
6:30–10 p.m. Dinner and entertainment, *Angus Hall of Fame*

Tuesday, July 9

6:30–8 a.m. Breakfast, *Upper Exposition Hall*
8 a.m.–6 p.m. Trade show and silent auction open, *Grand Hall*
8 a.m. Resume show: steers, B&O cow-calf pairs, owned cow-calf pairs, B&O bulls, B&O best five head, *Hale Arena*
9 a.m. Post quiz bowl final round qualifiers, *Outside Show Office*
9–10 a.m. Showmanship check-in, *Show Office*
10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality open, *Hale Arena*
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch, *Upper Exposition Hall*
1:30 p.m. Showmanship orientation and photo session, *Hale Arena*
Showmanship preliminaries immediately following photos, *Hale Arena*
4 p.m. Team fitting contest, *Hale Arena*
5 p.m. Quiz bowl finals, *Governors, Wagstaff and Ambassador*
9 p.m.–midnight Junior and adult socials/dance, *Sheraton Hotel*

Wednesday, July 10

6:30–8 a.m. Breakfast, *Upper Exposition Hall*
8 a.m. Trade show and silent auction open, *Grand Hall*
8 a.m. Resume show: owned heifers (Number of divisions shown will be decided upon check-in), *Hale Arena*
10 a.m.–2 p.m. Hospitality open, *Hale Arena*
11 a.m. Presentation of Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation awards, *Hale Arena*
noon Present NJAS mentoring program books for awards, *Show Office*
noon Junior Herdsman of the Year ballots due, *Show Office*
4:30 p.m. NJAA elections, *Hale Arena*
4–6 p.m. Dinner, *Upper Exposition Hall*
6:30–8 p.m. NJAA awards program, *Hale Arena*
Presentation of the following awards: All NJAA contests; Gold Awards; Crystal Award; Auxiliary, CAB/NJAA, Angus Foundation scholarships; introduction of new NJAA officers and directors

Thursday, July 11

6:30–8:00 a.m. Breakfast, *Upper Exposition Hall*
7 a.m. NJAA Board meeting, *Show Office*
8 a.m. Trade show and silent auction open, *Grand Hall*
8 a.m. Showmanship finals and awards presentation, *Hale Arena*
9 a.m.–noon Hospitality open, *Hale Arena*
9:30 a.m. Resume show: remainder of owned heifers, owned best five head; announce premier breeders, sweepstakes winners and Auxiliary Silver Pitcher winners, *Hale Arena*
10 a.m. Close silent auction, *Grand Hall*
noon Close trade show, *Grand Hall*

For more information about the show, visit www.njas.info.