

Stampede the Sandhills

A summer tradition, the NJAS takes place July 3-9 in Grand Island, Neb.

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There's no better place to celebrate Independence Day than at the 2016 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Neb.

From July 3-9, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and their families will travel from coast to coast to take part in the year's most competitive junior livestock event. In addition to the elite cattle show, Angus youth will participate in life-skills contests, cooking events and much more. The tentative schedule of events is available online, along with entry forms that must be completed by May 15.

"Nebraska is going to be another stand-out year for our National Junior Angus Show," says Jaclyn Clark, American Angus Association director of events and education. "The facilities are outstanding, and host states Nebraska and South Dakota are preparing for an impressive event that our junior members and families are sure to enjoy."

Themed "Stampede the Sandhills," the 2016 NJAS expects to draw more than 1,000 head of registered-Angus cattle to compete. Classes include owned heifers, bred-and-owned heifers, cow-calf pairs, steers and bred-and-owned bulls. States will join together to compete for the Best Five Head, while individual members will vie for Junior Premier Breeder and the Silver Pitcher Award.

May 15 is the ownership and early-entry deadline, and participants can submit entries online at www.angus.org/njaa.

Cattle competing in the 2016 NJAS will begin checking in at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 3, and must be signed in by 9 a.m. Monday, July 4.

The 49th Annual NJAS Showmanship Contest will also take place, where two junior Angus members from each state compete for the "Top Showman" title. To qualify, juniors must first be selected during state competition.

Educational contests and events

The 2016 NJAS provides learning opportunities for all aspects of

the beef cattle business — from livestock judging to public speaking, and marketing to carcass evaluations. Educational components at the NJAS teach youth how to be confident in their knowledge and talents, think on their feet, and develop professional skills that last a lifetime. Junior members can sign up to participate in many of these competitions when they check in cattle at the show.

Contests such as graphic design, posters, creative writing and photography are completed before the NJAS and must be postmarked by May 15. Interested juniors should go online to learn more about these opportunities.

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

The NJAA mentoring program is another opportunity offered during the show, as a way to help prepare younger members for a successful future. The mentoring program pairs senior and novice members together for NJAS activities, allowing younger members to become more comfortable around other juniors.

For Angus juniors interested in media and communications, the NJAA Media Crew offers experience with the Angus Media team, including writing, photography, video production and social media. Writing projects will be assigned ahead of the NJAS and published in the show's daily newsletter, the *Angus Agenda*. Applications are still being considered, and more information can be found online.

Also during the week of shows and competitions, the 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.

Visit the NJAA website for more information on contest deadlines or contact the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100. A tentative schedule follows.



Tentative Schedule

2016 National Junior Angus Show, Grand Island, Neb.

Sunday, July 3

All day Cattle may begin arriving, set up stalls and move in all day
 4 p.m. Exhibitors meeting — Five Points Bank Arena
 5-7 p.m. Cattle check-in — TBA
 5-7 p.m. Check-in and weigh carcass steers — TBA
 5-7 p.m. Contest sign up: team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, judging contest, quiz bowl
 Turn in: posters, scrapbooks, Silent Auction items — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

Monday, July 4

7 a.m. Load carcass steers for data collection — TBA
 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. Cattle check-in — Deadline: 9 a.m.
 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. Contest sign up: team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, judging contest, quiz bowl
 Turn in: posters, scrapbooks, Silent Auction items — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 9 a.m. Cattle check-in deadline & contest sign-up deadline
 9:30 a.m. Candidate/delegate meeting — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 10 a.m. Advisors meeting — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 11 a.m. Queens Luncheon — TBA
 11:45 a.m. Mentoring mixer — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 12:30 p.m. NJAS Media Crew meeting — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 12:30-1:30 p.m. Educational clinic — Swine Barn Show Pavilion
 1 p.m. Cook-Off information meeting — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 2 p.m. Prepared Public Speaking Contest — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 2-3 p.m. Educational clinic — Swine Barn Show Pavilion
 2:30 p.m. Coloring session (youth age 9 and under) — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 4:30 p.m. State line-up and picture — Five Points Bank Arena
 5:15 p.m. Opening ceremonies — Five Points Bank Arena
 7 p.m. Tailgate party/Street carnival — Swine Barn Show Pavilion & outside

Tuesday, July 5

7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 7 a.m. Angus Foundation Golf Tournament — Indianhead Golf Course
 7:30 a.m. Career Development Contest — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m. Judge scrapbooks & posters — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m. Team Fitting Contest — TBA
 9-10 a.m. Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Trade show open — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 11 a.m. Cattle Judging Contest — Five Points Bank Arena
 Noon Lunch — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 1 p.m. Cook-Off — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 1-3 p.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 2-3 p.m. Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 2-3 p.m. Educational clinic — Swine Barn Show Pavilion
 4-5 p.m. Sullivan Survivor Bootcamp — Five Points Bank Arena
 6 p.m. NJAA Annual Meeting — Midtown Holiday Inn

Wednesday, July 6

7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Trade show & Silent Auction open — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m. Begin show — Five Points Bank Arena
 9-11 a.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 10-11 a.m. Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 Noon Lunch — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 Noon Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest: Begin prep time — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 12:30-3 p.m. Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest: Begin speeches — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 1-3 p.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 2-3 p.m. Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 2:30 p.m. Team Sales Competition — Five Points Bank Arena
 3 p.m. Team Marketing Competition — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 4-5 p.m. Educational clinic — Swine Barn Show Pavilion
 4 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary workshop — TBA
 4:30 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary social — TBA
 5 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary meeting — TBA
 5:30 p.m. Quiz Bowl written test — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

Thursday, July 7

7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Trade show and Silent Auction opens — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m. Resume show — Five Points Bank Arena
 B&O cow-calf pairs, owned cow-calf pairs, B&O bulls, steers, B&O best five head
 9 a.m. Post Quiz Bowl final-round qualifiers — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 9-10 a.m. Showmanship check-in — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 9-11 a.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 10-11 a.m. Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 Noon Angus Foundation Scholarship presentation — Five Points Bank Arena
 Noon Lunch — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 12:30 p.m. Resume Show — Five Points Bank Arena
 1-3 p.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 1:30 p.m. Showmanship orientation and photo session — Five Points Bank Arena
 Showmanship preliminaries immediately following photos — Five Points Bank Arena
 Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 2-3 p.m. Quiz Bowl finals — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 5 p.m. (TBD) Junior & adult social/dance — Swine Barn Show Pavilion

Friday, July 8

7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m. Trade show and Silent Auction opens — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m. Resume show — Five Points Bank Arena
 Owned heifers (Number of divisions shown will be decided upon check-in)
 9-11 a.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 10-11 a.m. Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 11 a.m. Presentation of Advisor of the Year Award & Honorary Angus Foundation Awards — Five Points Bank Arena
 Noon NJAS Mentoring Program autograph books due — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 Noon Lunch — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 Noon Angus Foundation Scholarship presentation (show lunch break) — Five Points Bank Arena
 12:30 p.m. Resume show — Five Points Bank Arena
 1-3 p.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 2-3 p.m. Visit Your Green Coat (NJAA booth) — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 4:30 p.m. NJAA elections — Five Points Bank Arena
 6 p.m. Dinner — Five Points Bank Arena
 6:30-8 p.m. NJAA Awards Program — Five Points Bank 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

Saturday, July 9

7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
 7 a.m. NJAA Junior Board Meeting — Livestock Office/Five Points Bank Arena
 8 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction opens — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 8 a.m. Showmanship finals and awards presentation — Five Points Bank Arena
 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Hospitality open — Five Points Bank Arena
 9:30 a.m. Resume show — Five Points Bank Arena
 Remainder of owned heifers (junior yearling div. 3, 4, 5 & 6 champions, senior champion, grand champion & reserve grand champion) owned best five head, announce Premier Breeders, Sweepstakes Winners and Auxiliary Silver Pitcher presentations
 10 a.m. Close Silent Auction — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
 Noon Close Trade Show — Pinnacle Bank Expo Center