

# NJAS Heads to Indianapolis

Junior Angus members will gather for the 2014 National Junior Angus Show in Indianapolis July 6-12.

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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 6-12 in Indianapolis, Ind. While cattle shows are the main attraction, the week also includes a showmanship competition, a variety of life-skills contests and multiple activities for members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

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

Sponsored by the Indiana Junior Angus Association, the 2014 NJAS is themed "Angus in the Heartland — You gotta love it!" Indiana has hosted the show as recently as 2006, and the state association looks forward to making this event a fun-filled and educational week for junior Angus enthusiasts and their families. All activities will take place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

## The showing

More than 1,000 head of cattle are expected to compete in Indianapolis. The classes offered will provide opportunities for juniors to exhibit their 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.

The NJAS cattle ownership and postmark entry deadline is May 15. Entries can be made online at [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa).

The 47th annual NJAS Showmanship Contest will also take place, with two junior Angus members from each state competing for the "Top Showman" title. To qualify, juniors must first be selected during state competition.

## Beyond the showing

A twist to the traditional cattle show, the Carcass Steer Contest allows Angus juniors to increase their awareness of how the Angus breed affects the entire beef industry. Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood

Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., contribute cash prizes for the steer contest through a permanent endowment fund administered by the Angus Foundation. They believe the contest is significant because it teaches juniors how to evaluate data and make better decisions for the consumer.

## Educational contests and activities

The educational component to the NJAS teaches youth how to be confident in their knowledge and talents, think on their feet, and develop skills that will last a lifetime. Youth can enter individually in the following: prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, career development, graphic design, writing, photography, livestock judging, video production 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.

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 the family's younger members, a special coloring session will be provided.

## NJAA annual meeting

Also during the week of shows and competitions, the 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 National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). The new directors and officers will be announced during the awards program at the conclusion of the week.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for information on how to participate in the NJAS. A tentative schedule follows, including a summary of important deadlines.



# 2014 National Angus Junior Show Tentative Schedule

Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Ind.

## Sunday, July 6

All day

Cattle may begin arriving; exhibitors may set up stalls and move in all day

## Monday, July 7

6:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast — Exposition Hall

7 a.m.

Check-in and weigh carcass steers — South Pavilion

8 a.m.

Exhibitors meeting — Exposition Hall

9 a.m.

Load carcass steers to transfer to processing plant for data collection

9 a.m.-noon

Cattle check-in

DEADLINE: noon — South Pavilion

9 a.m.-noon

Contest sign-up: team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, livestock judging, quiz bowl — Exposition Hall

Turn in: posters, scrapbooks, silent auction items — Exposition Hall

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hospitality open — Southside Coliseum

11 a.m.

Queens' luncheon — TBD

Lunch — Exposition Hall

Noon

Advisors' meeting — Exposition Hall

Noon

Cattle check-in deadline and contest sign-up deadline

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Weaver's Leather Products educational clinic — Champions Pavilion

1 p.m.

Cook-Off information meeting — Exposition Hall

1:30-2 p.m.

Zoetis educational clinic — Champions Pavilion

2:15 p.m.

Candidate/delegate meeting — Champions Pavilion

2:30 p.m.

Coloring session (youth ages 9 and under) — Exposition Hall

2:45 p.m.

Mentoring mixer — Champions Pavilion

4:15 p.m.

State lineup and picture — Coliseum

5 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies — Coliseum

7 p.m.

Street party/banana splits — Avenue between West Hall and Exposition Hall

## Tuesday, July 8

6:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast — Exposition Hall

7 a.m.

Angus Foundation Golf Tournament — Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Ind.

7:30 a.m.

Prepared Public Speaking Contest — Champions Pavilion

7:30 a.m.

Career Development Contest — Champions Pavilion

8 a.m.

Judge scrapbooks and posters — Exposition Hall

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hospitality open — Southside Coliseum

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Trade show open — Youth Arena

10:30 a.m.

Cattle Judging Contest — Coliseum

1 p.m.

Cook-Off — Exposition Hall

3-4 p.m.

Sullivan's Supply educational clinic — Champions Pavilion

4-4:30 p.m.

SureChamp educational clinic — Coliseum

6 p.m.

Annual meeting of the NJAA — Sheraton Hotel

## Wednesday, July 9

6:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast — Exposition Hall

8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Trade show and silent auction open — Youth Arena

8 a.m.

Begin show — Coliseum

Bred-and-owned heifers

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hospitality open — Southside Coliseum

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lunch — Exposition Hall

Noon

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest: begin prep time — Champions Pavilion

12:30 p.m.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest: begin speeches — Champions Pavilion

2:30 p.m.

Team Sales Competition — Coliseum

4:00 p.m.

American Angus Auxiliary activity — Exposition Hall

5 p.m.

American Angus Auxiliary meeting — Exposition Hall

6 p.m.

Quiz Bowl written test — Exposition Hall

7 p.m.

Tailgate party/cornhole tournament — West Parking Lot

## Thursday, July 10

6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast — Exposition Hall

8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Trade show and silent auction open — Youth Arena

8 a.m.

Resume show — Coliseum

Bred-and-owned cow-calf pairs

Owned cow-calf pairs

Bred-and-owned bulls

Steers

Bred-and-owned best five head

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 — Southside Coliseum

10 a.m.

Angus Foundation undergraduate scholarships awards presentation — Coliseum

11:30 a.m.

Angus Foundation state association scholarships awards presentation — Coliseum

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lunch — Exposition Hall

1:30 p.m.

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1:30 p.m.

Showmanship orientation and photo session — Coliseum

Showmanship preliminaries immediately following photos — Coliseum

4 p.m.

Team Fitting Contest — Coliseum

5 p.m.

Quiz Bowl finals — Champions Pavilion

9 p.m.-midnight

Junior and adult social/dance — Sheraton Hotel

## Friday, July 11

6:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast — Exposition Hall

8 a.m.

Trade show and silent auction open — Youth Arena

8 a.m.

Resume show — Coliseum

Owned heifers (number of divisions shown will be decided upon check-in)

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hospitality open — Southside Coliseum

11 a.m.

Presentation of Advisor of the Year Award and Honorary Angus Foundation Awards — Coliseum

11:30 a.m.

Angus Foundation general scholarship presentations — Coliseum

11:30 a.m.

Lunch — Exposition Hall

Noon p.m.

NJAS Mentoring Program autograph books due — Show Office

1:30 p.m.

Angus Foundation general scholarship presentations — Coliseum

4:30 p.m.

NJAA elections — TBD

5 p.m.

Pizza

6:30-8 p.m.

NJAA Awards Program — Coliseum

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## Saturday, July 12

7 a.m.

NJAA Board meeting — Show Office

8 a.m.

Trade show and silent auction open — Youth Arena

8 a.m.

Showmanship finals and awards presentation — Coliseum

9 a.m.-noon

Hospitality open — Southside Coliseum

9:30 a.m.

Resume show — Coliseum

Remainder of owned heifers (jr. yearling div. 3, 4, 5 & 6 champions, sr. 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 — Youth Arena

Noon

Close trade show — Youth Arena