



June 1

Deadline Approaching



Junior Angus members interested in entering this year's photo contest must have entries postmarked by June 1. Late entries will not be accepted.

- ▶ This year's deadline is June 1, allowing adequate time for judging and prepping the photos for display at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Perry, Ga., July 19-25.
- ▶ An 8×10-inch (in.) or 10×8-in. print mounted according to the rules is required. In addition to the mounted print, digital photo entries must be submitted electronically on CD or DVD as well.
- ▶ The rules also specify that photos be mounted on a 10×14-in. black foam core board.

See rules beginning on page 49 of the February 2009 *Angus Journal*.

All National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members are invited to enter the annual photography contest co-sponsored by the NJAA and the *Angus Journal*. The purpose of this contest is to help NJAA members increase their communication skills through the creative display of a message or feeling through photography.

Photos of Angus cattle or breeders, farms, ranches, shows, sales or scenes will be judged on creativity and composition. The "around

the farm or ranch" category provides the opportunity to enter photographs that highlight activities and scenes around the farm or ranch, but that do not necessarily have Angus cattle in the photograph. The other three categories — Angus cattle, landscape and people — are intended for photos that focus on Angus cattle or people.

A panel of qualified judges will critique the photographs using the following criteria:

- 60% — creativity, communication power and composition of photo;
- 40% — technical quality of the photo, such as proper light exposure, true color, sharp focus and correct cropping.

Winners will be selected in three age divisions: 9 to 13; 14 to 17; and 18 to 21 years (as of Jan. 1 of the current year). Prizes will be: 1st, \$30; 2nd, \$20; and 3rd, \$10. Photographs will be displayed at the 2009 NJAS in Perry. As space allows, winning photos will be printed as part of the NJAS coverage in the *Angus Journal*.

In 1992, the NJAA and the *Angus Journal* collaborated to create this contest. It was instituted to give NJAA members an opportunity to submit photos for publication. Editor Shauna Rose Hermel will select from all entries photos to be scanned and kept as stock photos for possible use in future issues of the *Angus Journal*.

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Editor's Note: Contest rules and an entry form were published in the February issue of the *Angus Journal* and can be found online at www.njaa.info/njaa_contests.html.