

The American Dream

Angus enthusiasts gear up for the 2007 National Junior Angus Show July 1-7.

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Angus youth should plan now for the 2007 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 1-7 in Tulsa, Okla. The Oklahoma and Arkansas Angus and junior Angus associations will host "The American Dream." The weeklong event features the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world, with more than 1,000 head of cattle exhibited by National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members ages 9-21 years old.

Youth will compete for top prizes in several divisions within the cattle show, including bred-and-owned heifers, bulls and cow-calf pairs; and owned heifers, cow-calf pairs and steers. The opportunity to enter steers in a carcass division also exists.

Judges for the cattle show include Joel Cowley, Houston, Texas, who will evaluate the owned heifers. Brad McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., will judge the bred-and-owned heifers, bulls and cow-calf pairs; and Randy Perry, Prather, Calif., will evaluate the steers.



In addition to the cattle show, numerous educational competitions take place during the week. Contests allow juniors to showcase their skills outside of the showring and include prepared and extemporaneous public speaking, quiz bowl, team sales, team fitting, livestock judging, photography, posters, creative writing, and graphic design. Another feature of the week is the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

This year marks the 41st Annual National Junior Angus Showmanship contest. Limited to two youth from each state per year, a

young person may only compete once in this prestigious event. Showmanship judges include Ryan Cotton, Clarksville, Ga.; Cody Sankey, Lansing, Mich.; and Tammy Wallace, Stotts City, Mo.

Along with the cattle shows and competitions, a fitting and clipping clinic will be conducted. Six members will be elected to the NJAA Board of Directors at the annual meeting during the week.

Exhibitors and contestants at the NJAS must be NJAA members and be 9 years old, but not yet 21, by Jan. 1, 2007, to compete in the activities. The ownership and entry deadline is May 15, which is earlier than in past years. No late entries are accepted.

For more information about the 2007 NJAS or junior Angus programs, log on to www.njas.info or www.njaa.info, or contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.

A tentative schedule of events follows.

2007 National Junior Angus Show Schedule of Events

Tulsa Expo Center, Tulsa, Okla.

SUNDAY, July 1

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

MONDAY, July 2

9 a.m.–2 p.m. Cattle check-in, Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex
 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Contest sign-up for team sales, team fitting, extemporaneous speaking, and quiz bowl, Show Office
 Turn in posters, scrapbooks and silent auction items to Show Office
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality room open
 Noon Advisors meeting, Expo Center
 1 p.m. Queen's reception, Gilcrease Museum
 2 p.m. Cattle check-in deadline
 Contest sign-up deadline
 2:15 p.m. Check in and weigh carcass steers, Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex
 3:30 p.m. Mentoring mixer, Expo Center
 4:00 p.m. Exhibitors meeting, Expo Center
 4:30 p.m. Candidate/delegate meeting, Expo Center
 4:50 p.m. State lineup and pictures, Ford Truck Arena
 5:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies, Ford Truck Arena
 6:30 p.m. Banana boats

TUESDAY, July 3

6:30 a.m. Angus Foundation Golf Tournament, Forest Ridge Golf Club
 8 a.m. Trade show and silent auction open, Expo Center
 Judge scrapbooks and posters, Expo Center
 Prepared public speaking contest, Expo Center
 9 a.m. Fitting and clipping clinic, Ford Truck Arena
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality room open
 11 a.m. Cattle judging contest, Ford Truck Arena
 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided
 1:30 p.m. Cook-Off, Expo Center
 6 p.m. NJAA Annual Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel

WEDNESDAY, July 4

8 a.m. Trade show and silent auction open, Expo Center
 Begin show, Ford Truck Arena
 ▶ steers
 ▶ bred-and-owned cow-calf pairs
 ▶ owned cow-calf pairs
 ▶ bred-and-owned bulls
 TBA Load carcass steers to transfer to processing plant for data collection.
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality room open
 Noon Extemporaneous speaking contest: begin prep time, Expo Center
 12:30 p.m. Extemporaneous speaking contest: begin speeches, Expo Center
 2:30 p.m. Team sales competition, Ford Truck Arena
 6 p.m. Quiz bowl written test, Expo Center
 6:30 p.m. Grote's Texas Style Cook-Out, fundraiser for the Pat Grote Auxiliary LEAD Scholarship Fund

THURSDAY, July 5

8 a.m. Trade show and silent auction open, Expo Center
 Resume show, Ford Truck Arena
 ▶ bred-and-owned heifers
 ▶ bred-and-owned best five head
 9 a.m. Post quiz bowl final round qualifiers, Show Office
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality room open
 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided
 2 p.m. Showmanship orientation and photo session, Ford Truck Arena
 American Angus Auxiliary meeting, Expo Center
 3 p.m. Team fitting contest, Ford Truck Arena
 4:30 p.m. Quiz bowl finals, Expo Center

FRIDAY, July 6

8 a.m. Trade show and silent auction open, Expo Center
 Resume show, Ford Truck Arena
 ▶ owned heifers (calf, intermediate and junior 1 & 2 divisions)
 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hospitality room open
 11 a.m. Presentation of Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation awards
 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided
 Noon NJAS mentoring program autograph books due, Show Office
 1:30 p.m. Showmanship preliminaries, Ford Truck Arena
 3:30 p.m. NJAA elections, Ford Truck Arena
 5 p.m. Pizza party
 6:30–8 p.m. NJAA awards program, Ford Truck Arena
 Presentation of awards: team sales; poster; graphic design; photography; public speaking; herdsmanship; extemporaneous speaking; writing; Cook-Off; scrapbook; Gold Awards; Crystal Award; carcass contest; and Auxiliary, CAB/NJAA, Angus Foundation scholarships; introduction of new NJAA Officers and Directors
 9 p.m.–midnight Junior & adult social/dance – Crowne Plaza Hotel

SATURDAY, July 7

6:30 a.m. NJAA Board meeting, Expo Center
 8 a.m. Trade show and silent auction open, Expo Center
 Showmanship finals and awards presentation, Ford Truck Arena
 9 a.m.–noon Hospitality room open
 9:30 a.m. Resume show, Ford Truck Arena
 ▶ owned heifers (junior 3-5 and senior divisions, grand and reserve grand champions)
 ▶ owned best five head
 Announce Premier Breeder, Junior Premier Breeder and sweepstakes winners
 Auxiliary Silver Pitcher presentations (prior to selection of grand champion)
 10 a.m. Close silent auction, Expo Center
 Noon Close trade show, Expo Center

Note: Breakfast meals may be added to the schedule if funding is available.

