

Youth Goat Camp Rules: We will discuss food safety, animal well-being, and character development in youth.

The Youth Goat Camp is an event for the youth to learn the selection, preparation, and presentation of the youth market goat. Our instructor is Mr. Terry Burks.

One of the important aspects of the youth goat camp is the opportunity for the children to learn hands on. Mr. Burks makes a real connection with the children, and we enjoy the opportunity to provide the event for youth and parents.

While the children are learning with the instructors, there are times where the parents are requested/required to attend some of the speaking topics, presented by university and other professionals, during the Youth Goat Camp. We have knowledgeable adults who will be hands on with the kids if assistance is needed.

We will have a set schedule for the adults on the multiple speakers, who are highly knowledgeable professionals of the goat industry. This will allow the children time to focus on camp activities while allowing the adults the opportunity to soak up more important knowledge.

Sometimes children can lose focus in showmanship practice or one-on-one- time with the instructor when outside parents become involved. When a child is unable to focus, or their spirit is broken, they will lose confidence. When parents focus on their own child, it can also disrupt the other children nearby. We want everyone in attendance to have a fair learning opportunity. All the information that is taught in camp will be written inside the book, handout, and as a parent, you will not miss any information given at the camp.

If there are any campers that are lacking supplies, please let us know. We have multiple items on standby for the use of the duration of camp. If you do not have a goat but wish to attend, please let us know and we can arrange for a camper to have a goat to use while at the camp. We welcome all levels to attend and progress their journey in the industry.

This is a learning opportunity that allows children an opportunity to connect with one of the greats in the industry. Please abide by our rules wwhen it comes time to attend the adult learning opportunities.

Thank you,

Evie Gates

Rules for attendance: Children 8 years old to 18 years old, on the day of the camp are eligible to enter.

Children that win the Champion Showmanship belt buckle in their respective age group, may return to participate in the class and other kid zone fun & games, but may not compete for a belt buckle in an age bracket they have already won. They must age up to participate again. Once a child has won two Championship belt buckles, we ask that they return to help others be better showman and are not eligible to compete in the Showmanship Championship again. We are proud of them for their success and want to make room for others to come in and grow, since the camp attendance is limited.

For further suggestions and ideas, please email us at midwestbucksale@gmail.com

WHAT GOAT CAMPERS NEED TO BRING WITH THEM:

A big smile.

- One or two goats, wether or doe. NO BUCKS.
- Stock must have milk teeth and be under 1 year old. If your animal is close to a year, they must be under 125 pounds.
- The list of items to bring is a suggestion. If you do not have all the equipment, there are people that can help. Please let us know ahead of time what you need for the camp. We even have extra goats.
- Light weight grooming stand with head support.
- Clippers, A5 or oyster. Pet dog/horse/cattle/
- Size 10 blade and a set of clipper covers.
- Size 7 clipper blade, blocking blade, super blocking blade, if you have them.
- Lead or collar for your goat.
- Buckets, feed pans, shavings, feed & hay.
- Dryer/blower
- Rags & towels
- Fly spray
- Please bring your animal clean, we do not want washing during the event.
- Bring your show clothes for the final showmanship.
- Clean shoes (no sneakers).
- Clean jeans or colored pants.
- Nice clean shirt.

Look as professional as you can and keep your eye on the judge.

- Awards: Champion Showmanship Belt Buckle each of three age groups: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- Banners, Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Third Overall.
- Reserve Champion Duffle Bags.

Obstacle Course and Scavenger Hunt are free, please sign up online so we know how many children will be attending.

Sign up begins August 31, 2021 and closes when all age groups are full. Dates: June 1-3, 2022.