

James Madison Goat Barn Newsletter

October 25, 2016

Fall Challenge

This Saturday is the Fall Challenge at Ag Fair. The goat show is scheduled to begin at 2:30 on Saturday. Everyone will need to meet at 1:45 to make final show preparations for their goat. I highly suggest that Saturday morning, that you wash your goat thoroughly, so that your goat will look its very best for the show. I will be in and around the Arena all day, if you need me you will need to find me.

2016 Fall Challenge Livestock Show Schedule

8:30AM Breeding Rabbit Show
10:30AM Market Swine Show
1:00PM Market Lamb Show
2:30PM Market Goat Show

We will need help cleaning up Saturday afternoon, immediately following the conclusion of the show. Please make arrangements to be there to help clean up, if you cannot be there to help, you need a really good reason as to why you cannot.

When students are going to a show they

MUST:

- Be there to load their animal themselves.
- Find a ride.
- Stay the duration of the show.
- Get their goat ready for the show ring.
- Dress appropriately in or out of the show ring.
- “BEHAVE” on the show grounds.
- Bring \$ or their own food/snacks for the timeframe of the show.
- Be at school to unload their goat when we have returned from a show. (if you miss your show time because you decide to walk around the fairgrounds, that is nobody’s fault but your own.)

Clipping/Shearing

Shearing takes place on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** this week. Please sign up for a time, you will need to wash your goat before you clip. Plan to be in the barn at least 30 minutes prior to your clipping time.

Deworming is done every two weeks, at meetings. If you miss a meeting, you also miss deworming your goat. If you miss a meeting, it is your responsibility to communicate with me, and to set up a time to deworm your goat.

If your goat gets sick, you need to communicate with me that something is wrong.

Marketing of Goats

The purpose of showing a market goat is to feed it until it reaches market potential, with that being said on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 **ALL** goats will be taken to the market. You will need to continue caring for your goat through Tuesday, November 2, 2016. Please make sure that your goat is fed and has adequate water up until that time. Any questions, please speak with Mr. Blair.

Points System

I have included a refresher on the points system that will be followed for the assessment of your participation in the JV Goat Program. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please speak with me ASAP.

JV Paperwork

You will have until Wednesday, **November 2, 2016** to complete all necessary paperwork to receive the points to be considered for the JV Goat Program. This includes, but is not limited to: Feed logs, AET information, etc.

Additionally, you will need to clean your stall and locker by **Friday, November 4, 2016**. This includes but is not limited to: sifting sand, scrubbing cement portion of the stall, cleaning out your locker (Wiping it down and making sure all your belongings are taken home), helping to clean out the barn. Points may be deducted for your stall and/or locker not being thoroughly cleaned. There will be a Mandatory JV Goat Barn Clean Up in January, more information to come about specific date and times. Please pay attention to email.