

James Madison Goat Barn Newsletter

September 2016

As we prepare for upcoming prospect shows, I want to explain a few things. The three shows that we will be going to as a group are:

-East Central FFA Booster Club Show Sunday, September 18, 2016

-Comal County Fair Livestock Show Sunday, September 25, 2016

-Judson FFA Alumni Prospect Show Saturday, October 15, 2016

*Entry for Comal County was Friday, September 9, 2016. If you failed to turn in the entry in time you may still do so but will cost you more money.

We will be going to those three shows as practice opportunities for exhibitors to prepare for the Fall Challenge Show on October 29, 2016. If you cannot go to any of those shows, it is your choice, they are not mandatory.

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.)

If you have a desire to attend more shows than what is listed (or added) then you may follow the procedures that are outlined in the Barn Handbook that explain how you can rent/checkout a trailer or truck bed cage for transportation.

Clipping/Shearing

Beginning this week, there will be a signup sheet in the barn to sign up for the shows. If you plan on attending, you have until the Wednesday before the show to sign up or you will not be going. The only exception to the Wednesday sign up is this weeks show at East Central. I will be shearing on Thursday evenings and some Friday evenings, only if I have to.

Date to sign up for each show/clipping:

-East Central-Sept. 15

-Comal County- Sept. 21

-Judson- Oct. 12

-Fall Challenge- Oct. 29

Departure times for prospect shows:

-East Central: loading @ 5:45am, leaving at 6:00am

-Comal County: loading @7:15am, leaving 7:00am

-Judson: TBD

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Remember to be turning in feed logs on a bi-weekly basis, the binder is in my classroom by the white board.

It is important to be spending time with your goat, this includes: feeding, washing, exercising, cleaning of your stall. I highly recommend that you spend at least 60 minutes a day with your goat. My saying is "TLC60, Tender Loving Care for 60 minutes a day." This will benefit you and your goat.

You should be working on your AET record book along the way, if you have questions about AET speak to me asap.

Barn cleanliness should be addressed daily, working with your stall mate to help keep your stall clean benefits everyone. Also, please be working together to help keep the entire barn clean, this includes the aisles around the barn, the trash, the areas behind and in front of your stall, the area around the feeding stall and outside the barn.