

THE NEW YORK PORK PRODUCERS PRESENT THE:

2018 EMPIRE SWINE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

THE GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR : AUGUST 25th—AUGUST 29TH



~ WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE ~

Wow! Can you believe that the Great New York State Fair is almost here!

Syracuse, New York will not only host the fair but the 2018 Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Contest. We hope that this newsletter will give you all of the details that you need to prepare for and find success at the 2018 contest. Please find your records, chapter content, current events article, donor tracking sheet, schedule, and points breakdown enclosed. These resources are also available on The New York Pork Producers Website at www.newyorkpork.org.

The theme for this years event is "Welcome to the Jungle." Be sure to pack your very best jungle themed decorations for a chance to be recognized for decoration awards and show the public just how adventurous your pigs can be.

This years committee has been working hard to make some exciting changes to the contest that we think you will all enjoy! Please pay close attention to the addition of a corn hole tournament instead of an obstacle course, the New York Pork Producers Event Support Form instead of the Industry Event Attendance, and the donation tracking sheet. Youth will be awarded 1 point per \$10 they collect for a maximum of ten points instead of a maximum of 4 points in the past. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Alicia Keller at aliciamkeller@outlook.com or 585-813-4583

The New York Pork Producers Board of Directors hope that each of you had a successful county fair season and a very fun summer and look forward to seeing you in Syracuse as you test your knowledge, show your hogs, and enjoy friends new and old!

IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- ESYS Records
- Chapter Review Sheet
- Current Events Article
- Donation Tracking Sheet
- ESYS Schedule
- ESYS Points Breakdown

ON THE WEBSITE:

- Visit www.newyorkpork.org
- ESYS Annual Meeting Attendance Form
- ESYS NYPP Support Form
- Donor Letter and Form
- Electronic Copies of all items enclosed in this newsletter

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LODGING / MEALS / GENERAL INFORMATION

We feel that the New York State Fair and the Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Contest can be an affordable show for families! Hotels are available in the Syracuse area, search for Syracuse Hotels Fairgrounds for a list of options near by the grounds. Admission and parking passes are available through your local extension office to get in each day. To stay on the grounds, The Great New York State Fair does have camping spots and a 4-H Dormitory, the dorm is a low cost per night.

Some meals will be provided by the contest, check the schedule to see which meals will be served. Other food options are available on the fairgrounds, and many families bring coolers with healthy snacks.

Shavings will be available for use during the show. When entering please contact your extension educator for support and check that you will be an ESYS exhibitor on the entry form.

STUDY RESOURCES : CURRENT EVENTS & WRITTEN EXAMINATION

This year youth participants will study for the skillathon contest from their own hands on experiences in the swine industry and from the Ohio State Swine Resource Manual.

The written examination material will come from The Ohio State Swine Resource Manual's chapter 4—"Quality" and chapter 11—"Space Requirements for my Market Hog." See the review sheet enclosed or at www.newyorkpork.org to guide you through the chapter. There will be a review session on Sunday, August 26th at 7:30 P.M.

The current events article can be found enclosed or linked and is titled "U.S. Pork Industry is Focused on Safeguarding Natural Resources."

HELP RAISE SCHOLARSHIP MONNIES

Each year the Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Contest would not be possible without the generous support of the swine industry. We need your help you continue the growth and momentum! Please take time to share your story, explain the impact that the Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Contest has had on you, your project, and the future of the swine industry. The donor letter and support form can be found at www.newyorkpork.org to share with your sponsor prospects.

Youth participants can earn 1 point per \$10 raised this year, a donation tracking form is enclosed to submit with your records.

2018 POINTS BREAKDOWN

A DIVISION:

Youth completes all components of the contest with a market hog. Market hog must weigh between 220 – 300 lbs. If your market hog does not make weight, you forfeit the confirmation points. Prizes awarded in Junior and Senior Divisions.

- Interviews: 60 Points Total, 20 Points Per Station
- Showmanship : 18 Points Total
- Participation: 10 Points
- Extra Heat: 5 Points
- Reserve Overall: 2 Points
- Grand Champion Overall: 3 Points
- Confirmation: 13 Points Total
- Participation: 5 Points
- Extra Heat: 5 Points
- Reserve Overall: 5 Points
- Grand Champion Overall: 3 Points
- Knowledge Review: 50 Points
- Current Events Review: 10 Points
- Skillathon Contest: 40 Points, 10 Points Per Station
- Swine Judging: 15 Points
- Contest Records: 30 Points

B DIVISION:

Youth completes all components of the contest without a market hog, could use a breeding gilt. Youth will be paid 50% of point value earned. Prizes awarded in Junior and Senior Divisions.

- Interviews: 60 Points Total, 20 Points Per Station
- Knowledge Review: 50 Points
- Current Events Review: 10 Points
- Skillathon Contest: 40 Points, 10 Points Per Station
- Swine Judging: 15 Points
- Contest Records: 30 Points (Records to be completed on a market hog raised for exhibitor county fair or off farm sale of market hog.)



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2018 EMPIRE SWINE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.: ANIMAL MAY ARRIVE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

6:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.: ANIMALS MUST BE IN PLACE

10:00 A.M.: MANDATORY YOUTH EXHIBITOR MEETING

10:30 A.M.: MARKET HOG WEIGH IN

11:30 A.M.: EMPIRE SWINE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHECK IN

3:00 P.M.: ESYS CONTEST INTERVIEWS / CONTEST RECORDS DUE

LATE LUNCH SPONSORED BY ZOETIS

5:00 P.M.: YOUTH QUALITY ASSURANCE / ADULT PQA PLUS TRAINING

6:00 P.M.: EXHIBITOR FAMILY DINNER

6:00 P.M.: POSTERS & EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS MUST BE IN PLACE

7:30 P.M.: ESYS REVIEW SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 A.M.: ESYS CONTEST WRITTEN EXAMINATION

2:00 P.M.: ESYS CONTEST PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5:00 P.M.: 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON CONTEST

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 A.M.: 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST REGISTRATION

(ESYS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST. THE SWINE PORTION IS A COMPONENT OF THE ESYS, SWINE PORTION TBD)

12:00 P.M.: ESYS PARENT FEEDBACK MEETING

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3:00 P.M.: ESYS CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

6:00 P.M.: YOUTH SWINE QUIZ BOWL

7:00 P.M.: ESYS SCAVENGER HUNT

8:00 P.M.: ESYS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

9:45 A.M.: ESYS CONTEST PHOTO

9:55 A.M.: NATIONAL ANTHEM

10:05 A.M.: YOUTH SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

12:00 P.M.: ESYS EXHIBITOR FAMILY LUNCH

1:30 P.M.: MARKET HOG CLASSES / BREEDING SWINE CLASSES

6:00 P.M.: ESYS CONTEST RESULTS (PLEASE WEAR YOUR CONTEST SHIRTS)

7:00 P.M.: ALL YOUTH AND SWINE RELEASED