



The Georgia Junior Livestock Program

"Youth learning through experience."



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TO: County Extension Agents and Agricultural Education Teachers

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Examples of Life Skills Practiced: *Leadership, Contribution to Group Effort, Teamwork, Self-motivation, Self-esteem, Self-responsibility, Managing Feelings, Self-Discipline, Personal Safety, Learning to Learn, Problem Solving, Goal Setting, Planning/Organizing, Keeping Records, Cooperation, Social Skills, Conflict Resolution, Accepting Differences, Sharing*

Main Character Pillars Practiced: *Fairness and Responsibility*

We are extremely pleased to announce the Sixth Georgia Beef School!

DATES: Sunday, June 22 through Wednesday, June 25, 2008

WHO: Open to all youth -- 4-H and FFA

COST: \$225 (includes 3 nights' lodging, all meals, instruction fee's, t-shirt, plus board for animal)

Registration Deadline: Registration forms are due to Heather Shultz at Hoke Smith Annex-#321, Athens, GA 30602 no later than May 29th. Fee's are due at the time of submitting applications.

Beef School will be held at the UGA Instructional Arena in Athens. With a new date, location and venue we are planning for a great program. We have excellent instructors and speakers lined up who will cover all the basics of owning, raising and showing a steer or heifer. Some of the topics include bed making; rinsing, hair care & washing; equipment care; what to take to a show; fitting and clipping; judging; showmanship; selection, team events and graduation!

Back by popular demand, Teen Leaders to Beef School! We are inviting all those beef exhibitors that may feel that they know the basics, but still want to work on their fitting, clipping, showmanship skills and would like to work with Beef School participants, we would like for you to apply as a Teen Leader. By being selected as a Teen Leader, individuals will assist instructors and leaders in everyday activities but also have the opportunity to be involved with classes that will provide knowledge for all those at the beginning level to the most advanced. Teen Leaders who are selected to attend Beef School can register for \$125 which includes all meals, lodging and registration fee. Teen Leaders are not allowed to bring a calf.

Agents, teachers or other adults who wish to attend Beef School can register for \$125 which includes all meals, lodging and registration fees. A limited number of agents and teachers will be asked to assist with Beef School and their fees will be paid by the school. Agents have already been assigned by District Heads. Interested teachers need to contact Christa Steinkamp.

We have experienced problems in the past few years with 4-H and FFA members bringing inappropriate calves to Beef School. Green broke calves and inexperienced youth make a very dangerous combination. This results in problems for the instructors, disruption in the classes and danger and headache for all involved. Please be sure that both the youth and calf is properly prepared to attend Beef School.

Attached is a flyer to help promote Beef School. Participant, Teen Leader and Adult Leader applications are available to download from the Georgia 4-H, Staff Only Side or the Georgia FFA website. All applications must be signed by the County Agent or Ag Ed Teacher involved. All participants and Teen Leaders must sign, and therefore agree, to abide by the Beef School Code of Conduct and the rules of Beef School.

Please promote this activity in your county. We believe this school is just what we need to instill good ethics and sound management practices in the Youth Livestock Projects. Through excellent instruction we can empower these young people to properly care for and manage their own livestock. Thanks so much, in advance, for your support. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or be of assistance to you.

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