

# YOUTH GOAT CAMP AT GOAT EXPO

## RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

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**Ages for camp: 6 – 18 years old, day of camp.**

Each child must be pre-entered for camp by April 15th.

Payment must be received prior to the deadline of the current year camp is attended.

Payment may be made Online, through the Midwest Buck Sale payment system, or mailed to MBS: Youth Goat Camp, PO Box 331, Vinita, OK 74301

Two Special Awards will be offered in 2025. Please see the "Scholarships" for more details.

Campers are divided into age groups. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. We do slightly adjust for ability and experience.

1 Pen is included in the camp fee. Please add a pen fee if more than one pen is needed. Each additional stock or tack pen is \$10. Please add the extra pens at check out. (this covers all days of the camp).

**Each child must have a legal parent or guardian on site. Children may not be dropped off.** Parent or Guardian's name must be on application with contact phone number. Children may be brought by other parents. **We must have a signed application by the legal parent or guardian that another parent is responsible for that child. Children, under 18, may sleep in the pavilion with their respective parent or guardian present at all times. No exceptions.**

Each youth in attendance will have an opportunity to learn about all aspects of the goat industry, Dairy, Fiber, and Meat.

Lunch is provided for campers, each day. Including Friday after the final Showmanship. There is a restaurant on the grounds where parents and siblings may eat. Please let us know of any special dietary needs your child has. We will have an option for those children. Always feel free to bring food for your child if needed.

The Final Showmanship Competition will be on Friday morning, beginning with a practice at 8:00 am and the competition beginning with Seniors at 9:00 am sharp.

Final Showmanship attire: long pants, clean and wrinkle free. Hard sole shoes, color is up to exhibitor. No sneakers. Button down shirt, it may be short sleeved. Pullover polo with collar. No T-shirts. Look your very best. Whites for dairy are not required, but if you have them, please wear them.

A milk test will be offered for those with does in milk. You may test up to three goats per youth. A Container for the sample will be provided. This is free to campers. Samples will be taken Wednesday and results will be given Thursday with a talk both days. Please fill out the form for the milk test and email it to us 30 days prior to the camp. Identification of the goat, age, etc. You may substitute a goat at camp.

Equipment to groom your goats: Stands, blowers, clippers, blades, brushes, miscellaneous supplies.

Feed and feeding supplies: buckets, pans, feed that you feed your goats every day. Each child is responsible for their goat even if one is provided for them at the camp.

SHAVINGS FOR BEDDING ONLY. No straw or hay may be used for bedding. Please bring shavings with you or purchase at a local farm store.

Please keep your tack pens clean. If hay is stored in a tack pen, be sure it is not scattered about in the pen. Keep the bale tied or use a feed bag to store it.

**All pens must be cleaned upon departure after the final showmanship.** If you would like to pay someone to clean your pens upon departure, please see us at the office. Pens must be cleaned by 3pm. \$5 fee if a parent would like the pen cleaned upon departure.

Bring tools to clean your pens, shovel and wheelbarrow. If you do not have a shovel and wheelbarrow, there will be one available. After use, please put it back where you got it.

**DO NOT USE THE TRASH CANS TO DISPOSE OF YOUR SHAVINGS AND PEN WASTE.**

All shavings and waste must go to the edge of the drop off where the concrete is on the north side of the pavilion. PLEASE DO NOT DUMP IT ON THE GRASS. Be sure it is on the concrete area at the edge of the pavilion.

Youth may bring wethers and/or does for competition, NO BUCKS. Banded wethers are acceptable. If your child does not have a goat, please let us know and we can provide one for them. Pens are 7'X8' (vertical bars) and 5'X5' (wire panels). PENS WILL BE ASIGNED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. If you have a special penning request, please use the notes area when entering.

Identification of goats: All must be properly identified by a scrapie tag, tattoos and registration certificates, or microchip, (owners must provide a reader).

**HEALTH PAPERS ARE REQUIRED:** All Veterinary inspection, health certificates, (certificates of veterinary inspection), must be from the originating state. They may be from within a 30-days. Paperwork must reflect coming onto the Missouri State Fairgrounds: 2503 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Sedalia, MO 65301.

All goats must be checked in on Tuesday evening 4-8pm. If you have extenuating circumstances, please let us know. **There is no stock check in on Wednesday morning before camp.**

Designated parking for vehicles and trailers is the gravel parking lot on the south side of the pavilion. Vehicles must be parked away from the pavilion so others may unload/load. Do not leave your vehicle parked next to the pavilion.

Youth Goat Camp T Shirts are required to be worn on the first day. Children are not required to wear them after that. They may wear them again if they'd like to.

All Youth Goat Camp attendees must be part of the group photo taken with the Missouri State Fair Foundation Executive director on the first day of camp, in their camp t shirts, with the banner.

WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL and GROUP PHOTO TAKEN: Special camp banner winners, each division champion in their respective age division, grand, reserve, and third overall.

**Youth Goat Camp instructors and Goat Expo staff are not responsible for your children at any time.** Upon entering the Youth Goat Camps, parents and guardians agree that no one other than the parent or guardian is responsible for the child in attendance.

Each activity during the camp is available for every child that has a paid entry, to take part in. We will not exclude a child from experiencing every aspect of the camp. If there are activities, they do not want to take part in, that is okay. There are several options for the children.

Unruly children will be asked to behave by the Youth Goat Camp Instructors and/or Goat Expo staff. Our expectation is consideration for others, politeness, and overall good behavior. We understand that children like to play but misbehaving and cruelty have no place at the Youth Goat Camps.

Parents may watch their child(ren) during the camp, but we ask that the parent/guardian find another activity at the grounds to remain busy. We ask this because sometimes children focus on the parent rather than the instructor during practice time. Goat Expo has a variety of activities for adults during the Youth Goat Camp each day. Check [goatexpo.com](http://goatexpo.com) for everything in the Master Schedule during the week. Parents and children may enter and attend everything offered at the event during the week.

Parents will have an opportunity to participate in youth activities with their child(ren) and learn more about the process of selection, preparation, and presentation in showmanship. Please let us know how we may help.

**NO LOOSE DOGS.** If the circumstances dictate that a parent must bring a family dog, the dog must be contained in a pen. Must always be on a leash, if out of the pen, and when walked, must be outside of the pavilion and not around the goats in the barn. If your goats are used to your dog, that is okay, but other goats will not be. A Dog, not around a particular goat, could cause problems for another youth in attendance. Please be respectful and keep your dog out of sight.

We ask parent to avoid coaching their kids over the rail during the camp and final showmanship. We try to provide a real-life situation for each child. We understand that parents want to help. If a parent would like to assist with the camp, we can use all assistance. We welcome all parents. Please let the instructor or Goat Expo staff know you'd like to help. We welcome parents to be involved.

General daily schedule:

8:30 am check in

9:00 am camp day begins

Noon-1:00 pm lunch daily

Camp day ends about 4:00 pm each day and goes into other evening activities

Wednesday 5:00 pm Dinner for Campers before Goat Trivia Contest. (subject to change)

Schedule will be posted prior to the event. It will include specific times for each activity during the day. Please keep in mind that although a schedule is created and posted, some of the extra activities start times may change. What does not change is the check-in time, daily start time, lunch time, and time for the Final Showmanship, on Friday at 9:00 am. Camp ends before 1pm on Friday and all pens must be cleaned by 3:00 pm, if departing on Friday.

**PARENTS will treat all staff with respect. Loud outbursts and verbally attacking staff will not be tolerated. We feel that children learn by example.**

PLEASE ask all questions for clarification. Staff are available to always help each child and parent. All questions are important. We want each child to feel comfortable during camp and we strive to help them understand the process and reason why in showing in their respective breed.

Parents must agree to terms:

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability: Each exhibitor, owner, consigner, or other individual or entity, participating in any aspect of the Youth Goat Camp and Goat Expo, including without limitation, livestock entrants and individuals, including any of their heirs, dependents, assigns, agents, or representatives in any capacity, hereby waves all rights and claims for damages, and do hereby agree to release, hold harmless, and unconditionally indemnify the Youth Goat Camp/Goat Expo, co- producers, sponsors, any officials, employees, volunteers, and others involved, thereof, from and against all liability cost, expenses, claims of damages, even if caused by the alleged negligence or gross negligence of the event Youth Goat Camp, Midwest Buck Sale, LLC shows and sales, which the event and livestock show participant, may at any time suffer or sustain, or become liable for, by reason of any accidents, damages, injuries, or incidents, either to the person or property, or both, or a Youth Goat Camp/Goat Expo participant. (Midwest Buck Sale LLC)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

I am bringing child(ren) that are not mine and I agree to be fully responsible for them:

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