

Michigan Junior Shorthorn Association

April/May/June Newsletter 2008

MJSA State Show

A reminder that the 2008 MJSA State show has a new location and date but will still be a fun filled day for everyone involved. This year the show will be on June 21, 2008 starting at 10am. Cattle will be allowed to check in between 7am-9am. Now for the new location, the show will be more centrally located as it will be in St. Johns at the Clinton County 4-H Fairgrounds, which completed a major update just this past year. There will be heifer, steer, and ShorthornPlus classes. In addition we will have our educational contests once again. This will give you the chance to brush up your skills for junior nationals and win some neat awards. Educational contests include poster, team fitting, speech, team salesmanship and showmanship. More information on the contests and entry information is included in this newsletter. However don't forget to remember that we always have breakfast and it will be a fun time for whole family. The entry form for the show is included with this newsletter, along with all the rules, hotels in the area, and a map.

T-Shirts

Again this year the Juniors will be ordering t-shirts for Junior Nationals. Any Junior who is attending is asked to buy one, as these are the shirts that will be worn during opening ceremonies. Anyone else (parents included) may also purchase a t-shirt. They will cost \$10 and be on a black t-shirt with a fireworks scene and say "Having a Blast in Kansas City on the back with MJSA on the front. You can order your shirt and pay for it on the entry form.

Your Board

President: Trevor Barnes
Vice President: Brenda Sisung
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Board of Directors: Ethan Bossard, Amanda Davis, Cassie Riggs, Seth Vance, and Paige Youdes
Advisors: Steve and Shelly Meert and Christine Sisung

Junior Nationals

Reminder that your entries need to be sent the American Shorthorn Association by June 1st, the entry form can be found at <http://www.shorthornjuniornational.com/>. Even if you don't take cattle out there is still a lot to do and it is a great time. You are encouraged to enter any of the contests. In the past few years Michigan Juniors have done very well lets keep up the tradition. The Board is hard at work preparing the state booth and on Monday any junior can help put it together. Also, the board is planning on getting stall signs and decorations for everyone. On Friday July 4th a lunch potluck is being planned for everyone from Michigan. MJSA will provide grilled hot dogs, buns, and the condiments. Everyone else is asked to bring a dish to pass it can be as simple as a bag of chips. Signs will be posted during the week to tell you where and what time. It will be a great chance to relax with everyone from Michigan. The Junior Nationals will also be a great chance to show your support for Brenda Sisung who is competing for the National Shorthorn Lassie Queen.

Wondering

If you know someone who wants to be member have them send \$5 along with their address, birth date and phone number to: **Shelly Meert**

**25360 12th Ave
Gobles, MI 49055**

If you every have something you want to be included in a newsletter or you would like your newsleter e-mailed to you send an e-mail: sisungch@msu.edu

MJSA State Show Contest Information

Poster Rules

- Entries should serve as a promotional tool for the given topic of each age division
- Posters may be creative as well as informative. They may feature words, pictures, collages, objects, or any other appropriate item for promotion of the topic
- All entries should be on regular size poster board (22 x 28)
- **Topics** Junior – Promote family farms
Intermediate – Promote the Shorthorn breed
Senior – Promote the AJSA or ASA

Poster Rules

-Junior Division

- Topic: Anything about Shorthorns or the cattle industry
- Time Limit: 2 – 3 minutes. There is a 30 second grace period on either end of the limit. After the grace period one point will be deducted for every additional 30 seconds under/over. Maximum time limit deduction will be 5 points.
- Judges may ask questions but no points are allotted for answers
- No props allowed during the speech only note cards

-Intermediate and Senior Division

- Topic: How have biofuels impacted the beef industry?
- Time Limit: 4 – 6 minutes. There is a 30 second grace period on either end of the limit. After the grace period one point will be deducted for every additional 30 seconds under/over. Maximum time limit deduction will be 5 points.
- Judges are allowed to ask questions (limited to 2 – 3 minutes).
- No props allowed during the speech

Team Salesmanship Contest

- There will be two divisions Senior (14 and up) Junior (13 and below)
- The team shall sell the animal to the judges
- Seniors are given six minutes to speak about the animal to the judges and Juniors four minutes
- The judges will then ask questions as potential buyers
- A team may use as many sales tools as necessary but must provide their own

Team Fitting

- Time Limit of 20 minutes
- Teams shall consist of 2 juniors
- Juniors must bring all materials needed
- Judges shall base placing on fitting techniques and final result
- After fitting each entry shall be held in line by one junior to be viewed by the judges
- The top two teams will help create our teams for Junior Nationals

Showmanship

- Juniors will compete in their age division
- An overall and reserve overall will be picked from the 1st and 2nd places of all the age divisions
- We will have a pee-wee division where any future junior member may participate with the help of a junior member or adult

Other Notes

- Junior is 9-12, Intermediate is 13-16, and Senior is 17-21 except for Salesmanship which lists it age divisions.
- This is a chance for you to practice for Junior Nationals as we use the same rules and guidelines