

Goat Skillathon Study Guide 2008

The Union County Jr. Fair Goat Skillathon will take place on Tuesday, July 22, at 12:30 pm. The Richwood Jr. Fair Goat Skillathon will be held Wednesday, August 27, at 1 p.m. Check the goat barn bulletin board for location.

All exhibitors should bring their completed Union County Livestock Project Record Book (white) and a pencil to the skillathon. FFA members can use their Animal Enterprise Record Book.

This Study Guide provides information about the stations that will be included in the Goat Skillathon. Age divisions for skillathon are as follows: (age of exhibitor on Jan. 1, 2008): Juniors age 8-10, Intermediates age 11-13, Seniors age 14-18.

Station # 1 Project Record

You will present your completed Project Record Book to the judge. All 4-H goat projects will use the Union County Livestock Record Book (white). FFA members should use their Animal Enterprise Record Book. The judge will review your records and award points for completion. All sections of the Project Record Book need to be completed. If you do not have any entries for a given section, you should write "*NONE*" in the section. The judge will review your record and award points for completion.

FFA members need to obtain a supplement sheet to add to their Animal Enterprise Record Book to complete their records. This supplement sheet is available from your Vo Ag. Dept. or on line at: <http://union.osu.edu/4h/skillathon/skillathon.html>.

Station #2 Interview Station

You will have an interview for each project that you are exhibiting in the Goat Department. You will be asked 5 questions for each project that you are exhibiting and each question will be worth 6 points. It is your responsibility to state which project(s) you are taking when you arrive at the interview station. Sample questions are with this Study Guide.

Station 3 Quality Assurance

Information for this station will be based on the "10 Good Production Practices". A handout reviewing the "10 GPP's" was given at Quality Assurance Education sessions. A copy of this handout can be found at: <http://union.osu.edu/4h/skillathon/skillathon.html>.

Station 4 (Juniors & Intermediates) Goat Terminology

You will be asked to match basic goat terms to their definitions. Examples of terms you may be asked to match might include: breed, buck, caprine, castrate, chevon, crossbred, doe, fleece, forage, freshen, gestation, halal, kid, parasite, pedigree, ration, ruminant. For a review of goat related terms see pages 179-183 of your Goat Resource Handbook.

Station 4 (Seniors) Injections, Medication Labels and Inserts

You will be asked questions about using injectable medication for goats, and interpreting information from a medication label and/or insert. For a review of this topic see pages 164-170 of your Goat Resource Handbook.

Station 5 Breeds and Traits

Juniors will be asked to identify breeds of goats by viewing photos of goats. Intermediates will be asked to identify breeds of goats and identify some breeds based on significant traits of the breed. Seniors will be asked to identify breeds based on photos and traits, and answer questions about choosing and evaluating goats. Information on this topic can be found in Chapter 2 of the Goat Resource Handbook.

Station 6 (Seniors Only) Herd Management and Diseases

You will be asked questions about herd management practices such as disbudding, castrating, hoof trimming and others. You will also be asked Questions about Diseases and ailments. Information on these topics can be found In Chapter 6 of your Goat Resource Handbook.

Tie Breaker Skeletal System Optional

The tie breaker will consist of identifying parts of the goat skeletal system. For information on this topic see page 23 of the Goat Resource Handbook. This station will only be scored in the case of a tie for award placing. (Note: there are no word banks or matching terms used on tie breaker stations).