

March 4, 2020

Dear Livestock Show Participant and Parents,

We know you are looking forward to the 4-H Livestock Show on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. There are a few things we need to call to your attention. **Please read this letter very carefully, and if you have any questions, call our office at 796-1581.**

Pen checks will be starting soon. If your animal is located somewhere other than the home address listed on your enrollment forms, please contact the Extension Office with its location.

Showmanship clinics will be the same as last year. Senior showman (13+) of hogs, lambs, and goats will have the option to teach a Cloverbud clinic for their animal OR take a virtual clinic. Clinic dates listed below are mandatory for Cloverbuds (5-7) and Junior Showman (8-12). Ages are based on 4-H age (age as of January 1, 2020).

Hog Clinic:	Thursday, March 19 th , 3:45pm
Lamb Clinic:	Wednesday, March 18 th , 4:45pm
Goat Clinic:	Wednesday, March 18 th , 4:45pm

Virtual clinics will be available online and tests must be **turned into the Extension Office by March 31st**. See attached letter for more information. It is still mandatory that Cloverbuds (5-7) and junior showman (8-12) attend their clinics.

The **hog clinic** will be at Bree Atkinson's house, **1150 Bay Post Office Rd**. Your child can ride the bus (102) there but must be picked up by 4:45pm. The **goat clinic** will be at Selma Boucher's house, **5547 Sound Side Rd** (take the first left onto a dirt road after turning onto Owen's, this will be a long dirt road back to the house). Senior showman will teach the Cloverbuds while Mrs. Bonita Cuthrell teaches the junior showman. The **lamb clinic** will be held at **Selma's house** as well.

We will not be offering a weigh day this year. If you are worried about your animal not making weight, you may schedule a time to bring your animal to town to be weighed on our scales but we do not have the time and resources to continue the door to door weigh day. There are other options to guesstimate the weight of your animal (hogs in particular) that can be found with a little research online.

Again, this year you are responsible for contacting buyers. **Contacting buyers is one of the most important steps in this program. Without the support from buyers our show would not be possible. Please take the time to visit with your buyer and invite them to our show.** We ask that each participant deliver a flyer and a hand-written note with a picture of your animal to potential buyers. Each participant must contact at least 3 potential buyers. A list of buyers will be available at the office for those that need it. You must turn in your list of who you contacted to the office by Friday, April 3rd. Flyers are available in the office or can be printed off our website:

<https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/01/livestockshow2020/>

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 796-1581 prior to the show.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the 4-H Livestock Show.

Looking forward to a great show!

Lauren Nelson, 4-H Agent

