

Jr. Sheep & Goat Skillathon

Sunday, May 7, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Howard County Fairgrounds, Dining Hall

A skillathon provides youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, and care and exhibition of animals into a single activity. A skillathon competition consists of a series of stations where youth are tested on their knowledge and abilities related to livestock. Station topics may include identification (breeds, parts, equipment, meat, wool, or feed); evaluation/judging (fleeces, live animals, hay); a problem-solving activity; and a written quiz. All of the stations in this contest will pertain to sheep and goats and their products.

The Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Youth will compete according to their age on January 1, 2017 (4-H age). Individuals and teams (of 3 or 4) may compete. Pre-registration is required. No entries will be allowed on the day of the contest. Participants should bring clipboards and pencils to use during the contest.

A donation will be requested to cover the cost of lunch (pizza + sodas).

Classes: Individuals and Teams in three age divisions: Juniors: ages 8-10; Intermediate: ages 11-13; Seniors: ages 14-18.

Awards: Presented at approximately 2:00pm. Top ten individuals in each age class. Top three teams in each age class.

How to enter: *Register by April 28, 2017.* Teams and individuals should register online at <https://form.jotform.com/70254820764961>. For questions, contact Christopher Anderson, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, Animal Science, University of Maryland Extension, Maryland 4-H Center, 8020 Greenmead Drive, College Park, MD 20740, phone: 301-314-7187, fax: 301-314-7146 or email: canders2@umd.edu.

For information about the skillathon and links to study resources, go to <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/skillathon>.