

OPEN YOUTH GOAT SHOW

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“EXHIBITOR” CALENDAR ON WEBSITE**

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to youth 8-18 years of age. Junior 8-10 years old, Intermediate 11-13 years old, Senior 14-18 years old (still enrolled in high school). (Age as of September 1st, 2026)
2. Exhibitors may bring no more than four animals each. This limit will be subject to the availability of pens. You will be contacted no later than 10 days before check-in if the limit has been lowered.
3. Entry forms are available at suwanneecountyfair.com or contact Superintendent Shannon Croft at goat.exh@suwanneecountyfair.com
4. Open to all meat goats, purebred or mixed breed.
5. Goats exhibited must be at least 3 months of age. Goats younger than 3 months may be brought into the ring with the Dam but will not be judged.
6. Substitutions must be approved by the show superintendent.
7. Health Regulations: An official health certificate issued by an accredited Vet is required. Certificates must be presented to the fair veterinarian for each animal upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Current state rules must be followed. (See General Rules for Livestock)

8. Only animals entered, exhibited, shown, and checked by the state vet will be allowed in the barn. NO EXCEPTIONS. Once animals are checked in, they cannot leave the grounds until release time.
9. Animals must be in acceptable condition, trained, and able to be handled in the showring. Untrained and unruly animals will be eliminated from the show.
10. Each exhibitor will be expected to participate and show their own animal in the appropriate judged class in order to be considered for the Showmanship Awards.
11. Classes will be established after check-in at the discretion of the Goat Show Committee.
12. Decision of the judges is final.
13. All registered goats must be permanently identified by having a tattoo in the ear or in the fold of the skin by the tail or flank. Registered goats must present registration papers at check in.
14. Misconduct or failure to cooperate with the show management in any manner will be reason for elimination from the show and forfeiture of all prizes and premiums.
15. Pens will be assigned at the time of check in.
16. Each exhibitor will be responsible for care, management, and feeding of their own animal. Feed buckets and water buckets must be provided by the exhibitor.
17. Each exhibitor is required to ALWAYS maintain clean and attractive quarters for their animal.
18. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning out their pen before leaving. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of premium money. Early departure will result in forfeiture of premium money.
19. Animals should be clipped prior to arriving at the fair.
20. Each exhibitor will be required to post an exhibition sign for their animal(s); Breed, DOB, name of animal, name of exhibitor, and county.

21. No animals may be removed from the barn prior to release time unless approved by the show superintendent.

22. It is understood that all exhibitors agree to comply with these rules and regulations.

23. PASSES: EACH EXHIBITOR WILL BE ISSUED ONE WRISTBAND FOR THE 3 DAYS OF THE SHOW. IF THE WRISTBAND BECOMES DAMAGED OR TORN OFF YOU MUST BRING THE DAMAGED OR TORN WRISTBAND TO THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE LEAVING THE GROUNDS FOR A REPLACEMENT OR FURTHER ADMISSION TO THE FAIR WILL BE DENIED. IF THE ORIGINAL COMPLETE WRISTBAND IS NOT RETURNED, A NEW ONE MUST BE PURCHASED. TWO WRISTBANDS WILL BE GIVEN PER FAMILY. FAMILY MEMBERS NOT WISHING TO WEAR A WRISTBAND WILL BE CHARGED GATE ADMISSION.

24. NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS. THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREA FOR EXHIBITORS IS IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT OFF GOLDKIST BLVD. EXHIBITORS WILL BE PROVIDED WAGONS TO BRING IN FEED AND HAY. EXHIBITORS CAN ONLY ENTER THROUGH THE NORTH GATE. ALL OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE EITHER TICKETED OR TOWED AWAY AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. NO EXCEPTIONS!

25. A Herdsman contest will take place during the time the goats are in the barn. All exhibitors will be eligible to participate. Each exhibitor is required to do their own work with no outside help. The Herdsman Award will be awarded to the exhibitors' who keep their areas, goats, and alleyways neat. While also being courteous and informative to other exhibitors and the fair going public.

26. All goats presented for exhibition must be identified with an official ear tag that is consistent with the National Scrapie Eradication Program. For more information contact USDA Veterinary Services Area Office at 7022 N.W. 10th Place, Gainesville Florida 32650. (352)333-3121 ext.222. Scrapie ID Program applications may be picked up at the Fair Office or by contacting the USDA.

27. The Suwannee County Fair is a family-friendly event. Any action or actions which potentially disrupt the operations of the Fair, or its desired atmosphere, may result in ejection from the Fair and forfeiture of any entry/participation fees or trophies .By

entering the Fairgrounds and participating in any of its activities you agree to being ejected should you disrupt the Fair and or the Fair's guests/participants.

Trophies will be Awarded to Grand and Reserve Champion Goats	
GRAND CHAMPION	\$30.00
RESERVE CHAMPION	\$25.00
FIRST PLACE	\$15.00
SECOND PLACE	\$10.00
THIRD PLACE	\$10.00