

Van Buren Youth Fair Educational Workshops

For the 2015 Van Buren Youth Fair all youth exhibiting animals (cats, dogs, draft horses, horses, large livestock, or small animals) at the Van Buren Youth Fair are REQUIRED to attend one educational workshop for each species they plan to exhibit.



Please RSVP to Janice at 657-8213 for the date you plan to attend, must give at least 2 days notice. Must have a minimum of 10 youth per class or class will be canceled.

Educational Opportunities

Tuesday, December 9- 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

Basics of Biosecurity

Tuesday, January 6- 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

Zoonotic Disease Activity

Tuesday, February 17- 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

Record Keeping

Tuesday, March 24- 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

Thank you Very Much

Tuesday, April 14- 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

Communication- Written and Spoken

Tuesday, May 5 - 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

Hands on species related activities for 6-12 year olds, speaker for 13 and older.

All educational workshops/classes must be completed by July 1.

What else counts as an educational class/workshop?

- Any 4-H, MSU, State, National, Breed or Open Show. If you are an exhibitor or an attendee at any of these shows, you must submit a 250 word essay about what you learned within 30 days of the show in order for this to count. (This will only count for the species that you attend.) Educational classes at shows will also count i.e. quiz bowl, posters and fit your own; must bring proof.
- PQA will count for swine if you attend a workshop during the current calendar year, only if you are required to take PQA this year.
- Fitting and showing clinics offered by other counties. Must submit proof of attendance within 30 days of event.
- Participation in FFA. Must show proof of minimum of 2.0 GPA.
- Any livestock related topic workshop/class offered by 4-H, MSU or other agribusiness. Must submit proof of attendance within 30 days of event.
- Any animal related college class. Must show proof of minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Horse exhibitors- the monthly presentations at Willow Tree Equestrian Center.

All paperwork must be submitted to the MSU Extension Office.

Animal Exhibitors in College

Youth in college unable to attend an educational event may write a 500 word essay per species on a given topic. Must contact Janice Zerbe at the Michigan State University Extension-Van Buren County Office to get your topic. All essays must be submitted to Janice by May 1.

General 4-H Club meetings/project meetings do not count as an educational workshop.

If you have any questions regarding educational workshops please contact Janice Zerbe, rajzerj@anr.msu.edu or 657-8213