

Van Buren Youth Fair Educational Workshops

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 two days notice. Must have a minimum of 10 youth per class or class will be canceled.

Educational Opportunities

Thursday, March 23- 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence
Health for One, One Health for All (all species)

Monday, April 24- 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence
Mutation Nation (all species)

Tuesday, May 9
Bridging Human and Animal Health (all species)

Monday, June 12 - 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence
Care and showmanship (poultry and rabbits only)

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.
- Zoonotic Disease Educational Tool Kit activity done at a 4-H club or project meeting.
- Attending 4-H club or project meeting with guest speaker related to animal species.

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