



2023 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Van Buren County

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Cost:

\$3.00 for YQCA On-site
\$12.00 for YQCA Online
FREE for PQA Plus and
BQA



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

All youth exhibiting an animal at the Van Buren Youth Fair are required to complete YQCA or PQA Plus and/or BQA depending on age no later than **June 15, 2023**.

YQCA/PQA Plus /BQA Age Group Breakdown:

- 6 years old- Must attend YQCA in Van Buren County, no charge as they will not receive certification, contact Janice to register.
- 7-18 years old- Must be YQCA certified. 7 years old may not complete YQCA online. Youth must complete the pre-test prior to attending an in-person class.
- 19 years old- Must complete either YQCA online.
- Parent of 6 years old- Must complete PQA Plus if child is exhibiting swine and BQA if child is exhibiting bovine. Certifications are good for 3 years.

All certifications must be valid through Sunday, July 22, 2023.

DESCRIPTION:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 to 21. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness.

PQA Plus provides participants with an educational foundation that includes but not limited to best practices and standards of food safety, animal well-being, environmental stewardship, and record keeping.

BQA courses teach methods for raising your cattle in accordance with BQA fundamentals. Topics involve cattle health, stockmanship, marketing, emergency planning, and meat quality.

Van Buren County Workshops Dates and Locations:

Wednesday, January 4, 2023—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren MSU Extension office

Tuesday, February 21, 2023—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Wednesday, March 1, 2023—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Thursday, March 23, 2023—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Tuesday, April 25, 2023—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Tuesday, May 23, 2023—YQCA

- ◆ Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location: Van Buren ISD Conference Center

Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected workshop. Workshops are on a first come, first serve basis until full. No walk-ins will be accepted on site. All payments must be made in advance through the YQCA website. Youth must complete the pre-test prior to attending the class.

YQCA In-Person Certification:

Youth Quality Care Assurance certification can be completed in-person. However, please note the following details:

Cost: \$3.00

Who: Open to youth exhibitors ages 7-18 years of age.

Time: 60-80 minutes

Certification Expiration: Certification is good one (1) year from the date of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to <http://yqcaprogram.org>. If you created an account last year, log into your account, select a child, select the age and instructor led training. Search Michigan and select the training you wish to register for. If you are new to YQCA, you will need to first create an account in YQCA. ***Youth must complete the pre-test prior to attending the class.***

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YQCA & PQA Plus & BQA Online

Step by Step Help Guides area available to assist with the log in for YQCA at:

https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_SubmittingCurrentYQCACertification.pdf

YQCA Online Certification:

Youth Quality Care Assurance certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the following details:

Cost: \$12.00

Who: Open to youth exhibitors ages 8-19 years of age.

Time: Youth can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. Each module takes 15-20 minutes with there be a total of five (5) modules.

Certification Expiration: Certification is good one (1) year from the date of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and log in using the account you created last year. If you are new to YQCA you will need to create an account. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

YQCA Online Test Out Option:

New, this year YQCA is offering a test-out option that consists of 50 questions. Youth must receive a passing score of at least 80% to receive certification through this option. Youth will only be given one chance to pass. Failure to receive a passing score will result in youth having to take the certification course either online or in-person.

Cost: \$36.00-\$48.00

Who: 12, 15, and 19 years old

Certification Expiration: Certification is good for three (3) or four (4) years from date of passing depending on age.

How to register online: Go to <http://yqcaprogram.org> and log in or create an account. If you do not have an account. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

PQA Plus Online Certification:

Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the following details:

Cost: Free

Who: Open to youth exhibitors over the age of 18 and Parents of Exhibitors 6 year old.

Time: Individuals can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. The course takes 3 hours to complete with an exam.

Certification Expiration: Certification is good for three (3) years from the month of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Email Beth Ferry, Extension Educator at franzeli@msu.edu to receive login information. The following information is required when requesting certification: name, birthday, address, phone number, and farm name (if applicable).

BQA Online Certification:

Beef Quality Assurance certification can be completed online as well. However, please note the following details:

Cost: Free

Who: Open to youth exhibitors over the age of 18 and Parents of Exhibitors 6 year old.

Time: Individuals can complete the course at their convenience online at any point. The course takes 3 hours to complete with an exam.

Certification Expiration: Certification is good for three (3) years from the month of passing exam.

How to register for online trainings: Go to https://www.bqa.org/beef-quality-assurance-certification/online-certifications?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIho-LnqHE8AIVnP7jBx217gttEAAYASABEgKwQvD_BwE