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## Kentucky Department of Agriculture *A Consumer Protection and Service Agency*

### KENTUCKY YOUTH LIVESTOCK CAMPS

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Show & Fair Promotions in conjunction with 4-H, FFA, Murray State University and Morehead State University are conducting youth livestock camps. These camps are designed to provide information and hands-on training specific to the child's individual livestock species that will give them a competitive advantage in the show ring. The format for these day camps will provide participants with an increased level of competence in their chosen project area. These camps will have hands-on classes covering animal health, equipment and usage, livestock hauling and bedding, nutrition, fitting/grooming and showmanship for each of the livestock species. Some of the classes will be divided based on the participant's level of competence in the given area. Participants will be allowed to attend whichever classes they desire and are not restricted to only participating in a class pertaining to the species they bring to the camp. (ex. A child could attend the swine health class, the goat nutrition class and then do cattle fitting and grooming.) The only exception is that campers must attend the fitting/grooming class for the species of animal they bring to the camp. At registration participants will select the classes they wish to attend and will be given maps, directions, etc. during orientation. Campers will be allowed to participate in the showmanship classes for all species. This year camps will provide added sessions for showmanship instruction. (There will also be classes designed just for adult participants.) The programs are designed to provide training in the areas that a child feels they need the most assistance.

**Campers should bring their project animal** for the species that they wish to use for the fitting/grooming class. In addition to their animal, campers should bring all equipment necessary to fit that animal for the show ring. (ex. Chutes, stands, clippers, blowers, cords, adhesives, oils, combs, brushes, show halters, show chains, etc.) If you are unable to bring an animal, please contact the KDA (Katherine Wheatley or Terry Burks) and we will attempt to have an animal available for your use. **ANY ANIMAL BROUGHT TO THE CAMPS WILL REQUIRE UP TO DATE HEALTH PAPERS.**

**We request that youth be supervised by an adult or guardian due to the fact that there will be hands-on contact with animals and risk of injury is possible. All participants will be asked to sign and bring with them the permission to participate form in addition to the medical waiver form.**

#### **CAMP DATES AND TIMES:**

May 8, 2010 Murray, Kentucky—Murray State University Ag Pavilion  
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. CT—camp ends 5:00 p.m.  
**Classes will be offered for beef, dairy, swine, sheep & goats.**

May 22, 2010 Morehead, Kentucky--Morehead State University Ag. Pavilion  
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. ET—camp ends 5:00 p.m.  
**Classes will be offered for beef, dairy, swine, sheep & goats.**



**CAMP COST:**

The cost for the camp is \$25.00 per person (child or adult) which will cover registration, lunch, snacks, t-shirt and information manual.

**REGISTRATION:**

**We request that if you plan to attend either of these camps that you contact the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Show and Fair Promotion (502) 564-4983 (ask for Katherine) or (270) 791-0899 (ask for Terry) by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We simply need to know who is coming, if you need an animal and the t-shirt size.**

We are extremely excited about the opportunities these camps offer and look forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN KENTUCKY YOUTH LIVESTOCK CAMPS

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend and participate in the Kentucky Youth Livestock Camp held on \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that livestock camp activities may include, but are not strictly limited to the following activities: showmanship, fitting, grooming, clipping, working with equipment and hands-on contact with animals. Additionally, youth are expected to care for and clean-up after their animals and themselves. Camp participation is designed to expose youth to new skills and experiences and to enable participants to be challenged to try new ideas and activities in a learning, nurturing environment. Camp involvement will lead to contact with youth, adults and animals who have different levels of livestock experience. I understand that attending camp is strictly voluntary and is not a requirement for completing the livestock project within any youth organization.

I am aware of and have discussed with my child that:

Being in contact with livestock may give rise to risk of injury from being stepped on, trampled, bitten or kicked.

Other campers may act in a negligent manner which may result in harm to my child.

Certain activities may involve use of sharp or heavy instruments (pitchforks, tack, equipment, etc.) which could result in harm to my child if they are used by anyone in a manner other than that which was originally intended.

I recognize that the above outlined activities and potential resulting risks may cause harm, accident, loss, injury or death to participants, volunteers or livestock involved in these youth camps. I have discussed with my child the importance of following directions and prescribed safety procedures, which will be outlined by the livestock professionals and volunteers prior to and during livestock camp. I have also advised my child to follow posted directions and instructions during camp. We understand that failure to follow rules and procedures or failure to act in a safe and responsible manner may result in being asked to leave the camp. I also understand that I am responsible for transporting my child and his/her project animal and supplies to and from the camp.

I understand that my child is not required to participate in this activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in this activity, as with any physical activity, my child may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity and that I assume any expenses that may be incurred in the event of a loss, an accident, illness or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

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Youth's Signature

Date



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## KENTUCKY YOUTH LIVESTOCK CAMPS WAIVER/RELEASE FORM FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

Participation in the Kentucky Youth Livestock Camps is optional. Parents/guardians must understand that no supervision is provided for youth participants at these camps other than that provided by parents/guardians. Parents/guardians who allow their children to participate in these camps do so at their own risk. Possible risks include, but are not limited to, negligent behavior, risk of injury from animals and/or equipment used with animal production.

By signing this form, I as parent/guardian, accept full legal and financial responsibility for my child's involvement. Additionally, I give my permission for medical treatment if for any reason my child is injured during attendance at these events.

I waive my right to hold the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, The University of Kentucky, Morehead State University, Murray State University, The Cooperative Extension Service, the FFA organization, the 4-H organization, any employee of the previous organizations, the facility, event planners, volunteers and staff responsible in the event of accident, damage or loss.

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Name of participating youth

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Signature of Parent/guardian  
Date

