

Junior Wool Lead Line

Tuesday, July 26, 2010 6:00 p.m.

1. Purpose: The Wool Lead Line will
 - a. promote the use of wool as a material resource for clothing;
 - b. encourage good techniques in the showing of sheep; and
 - c. promote sheep as livestock project for 4-H and FFA members.
2. Qualifications:
 - a. The Junior Wool Lead Line is open to all 4-H and FFA members of Boone County and reciprocating counties in Missouri.
 - b. No rams may be shown. Only lambs, yearling ewes or aged ewes may be shown. Any breed or crossbreed may be shown.
 - c. Garments worn in lead line must be of wool or wool blend. This does not include trimmings, blouses or shirts when worn with a vest or jacket. The use of wool, sheep and lambskin for trimmings as decorative highlights is encouraged. Garments should demonstrate the usability and wear-ability of wool in daily life.
 - d. An entry form is enclosed to all sheep project members.
3. Judging:
 - a. Guidelines the judge will follow in evaluating each exhibitor and animal are;
 1. Handling of the animal by exhibitor.
 2. Grooming and appearance of the exhibitor.
 3. Grooming and appearance of the animal.
 4. Personal poise of the exhibitor.
 5. Coordination of fabric(s) on exhibitor and animal.
4. Class Division:

Will be determined by the number of entries received.

WOOL LEAD LINE TIPS

START NOW!!!

1. Use rope halter. Let the sheep wear it for a few days before trying to lead the animal. Daily or every other day working with the animal is important. If you have troublesome animal, you may need to lead it with a person on either side, or a person on the lead rope and the other in the standard "sheep moving position." A few times with these techniques will usually get the job done. If you can, pick two lambs to work with, and then choose the best one to lead. Also, the walking improves their leg muscles. (Good meat!)
2. Walk on the sheep's left side most of the time (practice both sides), for the show ring. Keep the sheep between you and the audience. Walk on different types of surfaces. Remember to show yourself and your animal.
3. Keep your head up and smile, work the crowd and the judge. Enjoy yourself and be poised. Some hold the lead in one hand and others hold it in both hands. Experiment and find the best for you. Use an old lead for much of the practice and a new or "dress" one for the show, but remember to practice with the new lead before the show, or you might have a revolt on your hands.
4. Have someone watch you to check the sheep's head. It should be high but not look unnatural. In a good show appearance, the sheep appears not to be led.
5. Also remember to practice with any attire you plan to use on your sheep. This includes you too, especially if you are wearing high-heeled shoes or a cape. You need to know how your garments are going to feel and move.

Entry Form Boone County Fair Junior Wool Lead Line

It is important this form is fully completed and received by the MU Extension Center to participate in the Wool Lead Line.

Name: _____

Age: _____

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

Grade Entering: _____

Sponsored by: _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

#Years in 4-H or FFA: _____

4-H / FFA Projects and Activities:

Other Interest and Organizations:

Describe Outfit: Please include the following: wool or wool blend, color, style, (suit, jumper) accents such as hat, shoes or any trim.

If you have any questions concerning the lead line, please contact
Janie Garrett at 573-657-2957

This form is due day of the Sheep Show, July 26, 2010