

PRE-SHOW PRESS RELEASE:

2018 ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATING ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY IN INDIANAPOLIS

The 2018 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN from July 6-8, 2018. This will be the 25th Anniversary Show and we are going back to the state where it all started all those many years ago. The All-American is the premier and largest junior breeding sheep show in the country. The breeds participating this year are: Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Dorset Advantage, Hampshires, Southdowns, Border Leicesters, Cheviots, Shropshires, Oxfords, Montadales, Romneys, Shetlands, Lincolns, Natural Coloreds, Tunis, Dorpers, Columbias, Corriedales, Katahdins, Merinos and Targhees. Rambouillets are coming back this year for the show. Several meat breeds will feature slick shorn classes at the All-American and several wool breeds will be highlighted once again this year. Judges for this year's event will be Rich Jacobsen, CA; Eric Bruns, OH; and Tor Sorenson, AZ. The National Junior Southdown Show and National Junior Tunis Show will be held in conjunction with the All American Junior show once again this year.

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more than just a sheep show, as there are several activities for the whole family. The show features a lamb camp for the young sheep owners, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney for the exhibitors, a sheep skil-a-thon competition with several participation awards being sponsored, a sheep judging contest, free pizza and BBQ dinners for exhibitors and their families, complimentary breakfast for exhibitors and their families, a team showmanship competition, wool show, promotional contests for exhibitors that also features an adult age photo division, a college scholarship program for older exhibitors, a thank-you note writing booth where participation awards are given away, a new virtual shearing fun contest, and much more!

The National Junior Suffolk Show is going to be held close by at a county fairgrounds so they have invited All American exhibitors once again this year to be involved in a couple of special events. The highlight of these special activities will be a Tod Weaver Memorial Fitting Contest on Thursday, July 5th at 6:00 PM. The National Junior Suffolk Junior Association is hosting this special event for the exhibitors of both junior shows. There will be two age divisions and awards in each division. They are also inviting exhibitors to participate in their Dress A Sheep and Leadline events that are held on Friday, July 6. Look for more information by going directly to the United Suffolk Sheep Association Web Site.

On Friday night, July 6, there will be the ever popular 3 on 3 three basketball tourney and the Harry & Mary Blome pizza party sponsored by **Sink Southdowns & Horned Dorset & Padgett Kids and the Dave Trotter Family**. On Saturday night, July 7, there will be a free BBQ for all of our show's attendees along with some fun activities. Come and enjoy the family fun!

Complimentary exhibitor & family breakfast will be served on Saturday & Sunday mornings sponsored by **Willoughby Livestock Sales and Reproduction Specialty Group**. There will also be an Indiana Pie Social on Friday at noon sponsored by **Wick's Pies**. Thank you to these folks for sponsoring these food events for our exhibitors!

Honor Show Chows has become a major show sponsor and will be back with us in Indiana. **Weaver Leather** is also a major show sponsor providing embroidered wether blankets for the champion and reserve champions market

lambs as well as a hanging show box for our new junior raffle ticket selling incentive program. Weaver will also be providing a welcome gift for each exhibitor family. To encourage more raffle ticket sales, which is a major fundraising activity for the All American, the AJSS will be offering a logoed hanging show box to the top junior ticket seller. We will also be offering gift certificates to the other top four salesmen for AAJS apparel you can get show weekend. **Kalmbach Feeds and Kalmbach "Formula of Champions" Show Feeds** joined the All American as a major show sponsor a couple of years ago and will be back on board in 2018. **Sydell** has generously donated the hydraulic trimming stand for the All American Raffle fundraiser. **Tractor Supply** will be providing prizes for the ever popular exhibitor thank-you booth and the **American Lamb Board** will be donating some of the thank-you notes for the booth. **Mid States Wool Growers** will be donating the halters once again for lamb camp and **Bass Pro Shop, Clarksville, IN** will be donating the drawstring backpacks for the lamb campers. **Ketcham Sheep Equipment** will also be providing savings coupons to all of the All American Junior Show exhibitors at the show.

With the show being in Indiana this year, the **Indiana State Department of Agriculture** has awarded a major grant to the All American to help cover the cost of the facility rental. Without their support it would not been possible to have the event at this great facility. Other Indiana groups that will also be helping out to sponsor the show are the **Indiana Sheep Association** and the **Indiana Sheep & Wool Development Council**. Thank you to all of these groups for their support!

At the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO during the Supreme Champion Show on Wednesday, June 27, the AAJS Benefit Auction will be held and this year we will be auctioning off some very exceptional items! **Novel Designs** has donated a ChampionDrive.com Home Page Announcement; **Ketcham Sheep Equipment** has donated an A-line feeder; **Willoughby Livestock Sales** has donated a commission free online sale, **Reproductive Specialty Group** has donated an ET flush and transfer surgery and 5 LAI surgeries, **Pro-Vado Shears** has donated a set of their cordless electric shears and **B & D Genetics and Delta Livestock Diagnostics** has donated genetic testing and LAI surgeries. Specifics and details on all items can be found on the AAJS web site. Thank you to **Heartland Group** for allowing us to do this special benefit at the sale as this has become a major fundraiser for the show. Please be on hand or contact the AAJS chow committee to bid on these special items!

At the Big Ohio Sales, Eaton, OH in May, **Banner Publications** has donated a one page color ad in "The Banner" that will be auctioned off also benefiting the All American. A **BIG THANK-YOU** to all of these sponsors and donators as without their assistance this show would not be possible!

There is a new special fundraiser being done this year thanks to **Willoughby Livestock Sales**. The All American Junior Show along with the National Junior Suffolk Association is going to have a **Ram Semen Benefit Online Auction** on May 21, 2018 at www.wlivestock.com with all sale proceeds going directly towards the junior shows. The All American Breed Reps are trying to gather semen from all the breeds being shown in the All American and will have quite a variety of ram semen available at the sale. Please be supportive of the juniors by bidding high and often!

Our Indiana host committee is being organized by Lynn & Kellie Kuhn, Dave & Deb Trotter, Steve & Sheila Sink and other fellow Indiana sheep breeders. A big thank-you also goes to all of the Indiana sheep families involved in the local planning committee. Several local sheep breeders and youth supporters have stepped up to the plate to organize events and volunteer to help

out. It is thanks to all of you that this show will be a special All American for our junior sheep exhibitors and their families.

Room blocks have been reserved at the following area hotels:

-Marriott Indianapolis East (60 room block)

7202 East 21st Street

Indianapolis, IN 46219

(317)352-1231 Toll Free: 800-991-3346

Standard Rooms at \$116.00 (non-smoking, double queens)

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-Delta Hotels-Marriott (60 room block)

7304 East 21st Street

Indianapolis, IN 46219

(317) 359-1021

Standard Rooms at \$106.00 (non-smoking, double queens)

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Camping is available on the Indiana Fairgrounds 200 total sites with 80 sites with full seasonal hook-ups (water, electricity and sewer) and 90 sites using electricity or water. Rates are \$30/ night. Any sites using no hook-ups are \$20.00 per night. No reservations needed, upon arrival at the campground call the phone number posted on the site and IN Fair Staff will come and check you in.

Dormitory space is also available. Up to 120 people can stay in the rooms using bunk beds in the Dormitory Space upstairs of the Champions Pavilion and Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Cost is \$30 per person/night, bunk beds and showers available. Check in will be at the AAJS Show office, no reservations needed.

Entries close: MAY 25th, 2018. There will be a higher entry fee for any late entries submitted after the deadline date and post entries at the show. Check out the All-American Website: www.allamericanjuniorshow.com for entry and further information.

The All-American Junior Show Committee has four major fundraising activities that are held to help raise funding for this special junior show. Following is information on these activities and the show would certainly appreciate your support in these fundraising efforts:

NEW FOR 2018

ALL AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW & NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW

RAM SEMEN BENEFIT ONLINE AUCTION

May 21, 2018 at Willoughby Livestock Sales www.wlivestock.com

An offering of ram semen will be made available from all breeds with all sale proceeds to do directly to the junior shows.

(Breeders who have semen available and would like to donate please contact Deb Hopkins at (401) 647-4676 or your breed reps for the show.)

ALL-AMERICAN GIFT BASKET & SPECIALTY ITEM SILENT AUCTION

Gift Baskets and specialty items will be on display during the duration of the All-American Show for bidding. Bidding will close on Sunday, July 8th at noon. Basket and item donations would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the show in Indianapolis!

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS

Cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

1st Prize: \$1000 Cash Prize
2nd Prize Sydell Hydraulic Trimming Stand (\$530 value)
3rd Prize: Kindle HD Fire 10 (\$200 value)

Tickets are available at the Continental Dorset Club Office, P.O. Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857. Many sponsoring breeds mail out raffle tickets with their office work and annual dues notices so when you see them PLEASE lend your support! Junior show exhibitors also have raffle tickets to sell and they will be trying to be top salesman in our new ticket incentive program so help them out by buying tickets from them! Final drawing will take place on Sunday, July 8th. Need not to be present to win. Once again the high selling raffle ticket juniors will be receiving some great awards!

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW BENEFIT AUCTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018
(During the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion Show)
EARLY EVENING, SWINE BARN
MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SEDALIA, MO

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BIG OHIO MAY SALES, MAY 12, 2018
PREBLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, EATON, OH

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