

Buchanan County Goat Getters Program

WHAT: The Buchanan County Goat Getters Program pairs 4-H and FFA members with special needs individuals to be a part of showing goats in a safe environment with guidance from the Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach staff and committee volunteers. Goat Getters participants will have the opportunity to experience showing a meat goat while gaining valuable skills and learning from their mentors. The judges will assess how the mentors, participant, and meat goat all work together as a cohesive unit. The show will be noncompetitive and all participants will receive a t-shirt and memento as part of their experience.

WHO:

Mentor: Current Buchanan County 4-H and FFA members will be partnered with a person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability to teach them about exhibiting meat goats. Mentors will be the owners of the meat goat(s) and will be exhibiting at the Buchanan County Fair.

Buddy: Individuals with an intellectual and/or developmental disability who will show the meat goat with the guidance from their mentor

Supporter: Current Buchanan County 4-H and FFA members, family members, or other adults who want to be involved with the Goat Getters program but are not exhibiting meat goats at the Buchanan County Fair. Supporters may be added to a Mentor/Buddy duo, help with photography or social media, and help on orientation or show day with certain tasks.

WHEN:

Goat Getters Orientation/Clinic - Saturday, June 17th 9:30 am - 1:00 pm – Buchanan County Fairgrounds Open Air Pavilion

- Beginning at 9:30 am 4-H and FFA mentors will learn about interacting and working with their buddies and learning how to be supportive role models. ISU Extension & Outreach staff and volunteers will lead this portion of the day.
- Buddies will arrive around 11:00 am to meet with 4-H/FFA mentors, interact with goats, and familiarize themselves with the fairgrounds and their environment.
- Buchanan County Cattlemen's will provide a lunch at the end of the clinic around 12:30 pm
- Buddies can interact more with their mentors and goats after lunch if they choose

Goat Getters Show Day – Sunday, July 9th 2022, 11:00 AM - Buchanan County Fairgrounds, in the Black Pavilion, 204 12th St NE, Independence, IA 50644

- Mentors and Buddies will be asked to meet at 9:30 am (one and a half hour before show time) to prep, groom, etc. outside of the goat/sheep barn.
- Classes will be broken up based on number of participants and mentors and buddies will exhibit the goat in the show ring, and have conversation with the judges.



REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Turn in the mentor or buddy application to the extension office by April 28th
- Over the phone interviews for the Mentor & Supporter positions will take place following the application deadline with Lori Dietzenbach.
- 4-H members enrolled into 4-H Online by May 1st, animals identified by May 15th and signed up in Fair Entry by June 15th
- Members must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA Meat Goat Project.

EXPECTATIONS

(See application for more details):

- Mentors and Supporters will be contacted following the April 28th registration deadline for an on the phone interview with Lori Dietzenbach Pre K-12 outreach coordinator.
- **Goat Eligibility-** Meat goats will need to be identified by 4-H and FFA members by May 15th in 4-H Online and FFA members will use the animal ID form. All goats must be entered in the FairEntry system (deadline June 15) and **must be shown in the 4-H and FFA meat goat show at the Buchanan County Fair 2023.**
- Mentors must have shown in 4-H or as an FFA member a minimum of 1 year.
- Arrive on time and dressed in appropriate show attire, including Goat Getters t-shirt.
- The Buddy will exhibit a meat goat during the event and the mentor will assist throughout the showing experience.
- Mentor pairings will be assigned by Goat Getters Committee
- Members must stay for the entire Goat Getter events and show.

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