

North Carolina 4-H Livestock School

Beginner Clinic for youth that want to show Cattle and Swine

When: February 15, 2025

Where: Lenoir County Livestock Arena, Kinston

What: We will cover Cattle and Swine

Who: This event is designed for beginners with less than 5 years of experience. Youth ages 8-19 may participate. In addition to the youth, we strongly encourage parents to participate and learn as well. We will have sessions designed specifically for adults as well as the youth. Our goal is to provide youth and adults with the fundamentals to have a great livestock project from start to finish. A mixture of classroom and hands-on activities will equip individuals with information needed to be successful. (Youth do not have to be members of 4-H to attend)

Instructors: We will have a combination of adult and youth instructors for this event. We will have senior age youth that have years of experience showing livestock work with the younger kids. Additionally, we will have experts in regards to daily care, nutrition, exercise programs, etc.. To help go over other topics.

Personal Animals: Exhibitors are encouraged to bring one of their own animals. If you have the ability to bring multiple animals and would consider the possibility, please let us know. Some participants do not have animals for shows. This would be a great opportunity for youth to work together by sharing animals to help someone that does not currently participate in shows. Youth do not have to bring an animal to participate. Bring your own bedding along with all supplies that you would utilize at a livestock show. The NC Cooperative Extension Service, NCSU, NCDA, or our sponsors will not be responsible for any livestock at this event.

There will be pens available, however if you use a pen for your animal you must have it clean before you leave.

Cost: \$20 per youth and \$10 per adult, this covers lunch

Registration is due by February 7th the form can be found [HERE](#).

Once you have completed the forms you can mail the check with you or bring it to the event.

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Agenda

This is an overview of the items that will be covered during the clinic. Please realize some of the topics may vary slightly.

- 8:30-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome and Break into Groups
- 9:15-10:30 Youth – Basics of Halter Breaking and Daily Regimen
Adults – Selecting a Project and Nutrition
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Youth – Showmanship
Adults – General Health
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00- 2:00 Everyone – Clipping/ Fitting for a show
- 2:00- 3:00 Mock Showmanship Contest
- 3:00- 3:30 Questions and Clean-Up

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- 9:15 - 9:45 Halter Breaking, Parts of an Animal
- 9:45- 10:00 Game (Rotate Group)
- 10:00 - 10:30 What should you do with your animal each day? Walking, Exercise, Setting up
- 10:30 - 10:45 Snack Break (Rotate Group)
- 10:45 -11:15 Showmanship
- 11:15-11:30 Game (Rotate Group)
- 11:30- 12:00 Hands on Showmanship
- 12:00 Lunch

