

Dear PJAA Members,

We are just a few short weeks from the 2016 Eastern Regional Angus Show in Harrisburg at the Farm Show Complex. I hope you are all ready and bringing lots of spirit and enthusiasm. We need to be ready to do our best and show our hospitality!

For those of you that may be new to the Angus Regional Show we stall as a state. We want to have a nice uniform state display of cattle and display area. Please remember that we would like you to use solid black halters and neck ropes. Our goal is to assign stalling spaces prior to the show so that when you arrive you can quickly pull into your space. This will ensure all animals have adequate space. Please remember to keep areas neat and tidy - help the person next to you if they need a hand! Many folks within the state will be busy volunteering, so if you see a mess behind an animal, please be courteous and clean it up.

Since we will be stalling together there is no need for you to bring stall panels, sign holders or stall cards. Matt Mitchell, our Junior Association President, may be contacting a few of the families to bring your stall panels and sign holders. These will be used at the end of each row. The PA Junior Association will supply the stall cards.

You will want to bring a fan. Please remember that fans must be hung off of a fan holder. National Junior Angus Association rules state that fans cannot be placed on a fan stand behind the cattle. Also remember a wheelbarrow. If you are bringing one animal, you can probably share with someone else, but it would still be wise to bring a fan to have it handy if you need it. You will also want to remember to bring a rubber mat for your animal as those are not provided.

At night, cattle will need to be stalled in the tie-out area. No animals should be left in the barn.

Be sure to follow rules for health requirements and identification. Information was included in your acceptance letters from the National Junior Angus Association.

We are asking PA Juniors that live close to be move in on Wednesday, June 15 so that on Thursday, June 16 we are ready to be hosts to our guests from other states! We are allowed in the building on Wednesday from 11 am – 8 pm. Tack can be moved in the barn on Wednesday, but cattle may not be in the barn until Thursday. On Wednesday, we will be setting up for the show. We can use as many hands as possible on Wednesday as we need to get everything set up on that day. On Thursday, we need PA Juniors on hand to help welcome, direct and get folks to their stalls. (It will be helpful if you could bring your animals into the barn on Thursday morning so you have the remainder of the day to help out. Remember - exhibitors from other states will also be arriving at this time.) We will have a Welcome area to cover and hospitality area to staff. If everyone helps a little bit as needed it will make the show go smoothly.

On Thursday, please wear any PJAA t-shirt, but try to save or keep your blue 2016 ERJAS t-shirt clean for opening ceremony. This way our guests from other states can find someone from PA to assist as needed! Please remember if you do not know the answer to a question - please reply that you don't know, but you will find out and then look for a member of the Executive Committee or an Advisor to assist.

Members of the Executive Committee are Junior Show Chairs Shelby Dean, Claudia Hissong and Kayce Myers with Adult Chairs Kate Livingston (Menges by show time!) and Tammy Weaver. Committee Chairs are Alexis Cash, Kyle Livingston, Matt Mitchell, Daniel Rohrbaugh, Caleb Schmuck, Elizabeth Voight and Madison Weaver. You may also contact a PA Junior Angus Advisor – Nancy Livingston, Theresa Myers, Barb Ragnelli, Cathy Rohrbaugh and Lori Voight.

As mentioned previously, you will need to wear a 2016 ERJAS t-shirt for Opening Ceremonies. If you don't have one already, you can purchase one at the show. You can check with Daniel Rohrbaugh or check the hospitality area. (We will also be selling the Angus Monopoly games as well as cookbooks in the hospitality area.) Pennsylvania will walk together as a group for Opening Ceremonies. You should have received information in your Acceptance Letter regarding our community service project for the show which is the Special Olympics. These items will be collected during Opening Ceremonies when each state is introduced in the show-ring. If possible, please try to support this as there will be Special Olympic Athletes in attendance.

Please be sure to support the Trade Show area. We'll have vendors offering show supplies, fashion apparel, livestock equipment and feed/supplements.

For those of you who are interested in joining the PA Junior Angus Association, we offer a \$5 lifetime membership. You may also be interested in attending our PA Angus Breeders Show in July. It will be held at the Huntington County Fairgrounds July 14-16. We have an open show and a junior show. Entries are due June 20th and are now available. If you are interested in attending and there are no entry forms on the PA Angus Association website, please reply to this email and we can ensure you get an entry form. We also have a cattle judging contest, educational program, junior games and a rubber ducky race and fun auction to support our Auxiliary. It's a fun weekend for everyone.

(this email was sent to the email addresses provided at the time of your entry registration - we will ask the PA Jr Angus Secretary to also send to the membership to ensure no one is missed)

Thank you,

PA Jr. Angus Advisors