

# Entry and Food

Ages 8-18

\$10 for competition

\$15 for competition, boxed lunch, & YQCA seminar

\$8 boxed lunch for parents & coaches!

Payment due the day of the event

**FEBRUARY 22, 2020 FROM  
9:00AM-4:00PM**

## YOUTH SWINE DAY

**SWINE CLUB AT  
VIRGINIA TECH**

### Contest

Test your knowledge  
of swine through our  
stationary quizzes!

Attend the YQCA  
Seminar after the  
contest!

**Alphin Stuart Livestock Arena  
500 Plantation Rd, Blacksburg, VA  
24060**

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**Registration  
form  
attached to YSD  
packet,  
Postmarked  
February 7th**

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December 4, 2019

To: 4-H and FFA Instructors

From: Jacob Jenkins, Virginia Tech Swine Club Event Coordinator and Youth Swine Day Chair

RE: Virginia Tech Swine Club's 2020 Youth Swine Day

Swine Club at Virginia Tech has scheduled their Youth Swine Day event for **Saturday, February 22, 2020** on the Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg, VA. This letter includes all information and rules regarding the contest and YQCA training seminar.

In order for individuals to participate they must be enrolled members of either 4-H or FFA. There are both Jr. and Sr. divisions for the contest, so please enter your teams and individuals appropriately.

The Jr. and Sr. Youth Swine Day (YSD) Contest will begin at **9 am**, with check-in for the event starting at **8:00 am**. The contest itself will end at approximately 12:35 pm. **Lunch and a Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) workshop will be available to those who have registered and paid for it before registration ends.**

The entry fee is \$10 per individual for the YSD contest; this includes ONLY the contest. The entry fee for the contest combo, which includes the YSD contest, a lunch, and a YQCA training seminar is \$15 per individual. Please note that the YQCA training will occur after lunch for individuals who decide to attend the YQCA training. Attending the YQCA training qualifies youth livestock exhibitors to exhibit any livestock species within the State of Virginia. Entries must be postmarked by **February 7, 2020! Entries postmarked after February 7, 2020 Will Not Be Accepted**. No entries will be accepted on the day of the competition, but substitutions may be made.

**Youth Swine Day Contest (Jr. & Sr.):** The Youth Swine Day (YSD) contest is a contest specifically related to **swine: swine knowledge, production, carcass evaluation and industry related questions**. Knowledge regarding other livestock does not pertain to this contest. Similar to a stockmen's contest, the 15 minute classes include a 25 question, multiple choice general swine knowledge test, with separate Jr. and Sr. versions (100 points); identification of feeds, equipment, breeds, and retail cuts of pork meat/meat products (50 points each class); judging of retail pork meat cuts and live animal classes (50 points each class); a keep/cull class, and a biosecurity & swine health class (50 points each class). This year we have shortened our class times by 5 minutes. The general knowledge test is the longest, and more difficult portion of the contest. Since we have shortened the class time lengths we want to assure that students have enough time to finish their tests. Therefore, students taking the test will have two 15 minute rounds, back-to-back, in which to complete their test. Samples of contest study materials can be found at the 4-H Youth Livestock Program website, through VCE (Virginia Cooperative Extension), as well as through Pork Checkoff. This year a general study guide will be provided

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to coaches via email once we have received their registration forms. Please note that the study guide will not be giving direct answers and that we may require knowledge not provided in this study guide for the contest. The study guide will merely be a general guideline to understand the sorts of questions we will be asking. The contest will be held February 22, 2020. Contestant divisions and eligibility are detailed in the rules found below.

- The test portion may math related questions that students should be prepared for. The answers will still be provided in multiple choice form. Therefore, a basic four-function calculator is permitted during the contest.
  - Topics for math related questions may include dressing yield percentage calculations, feed ration percentages, weight gain calculations, EPD calculations, etc.. Topics are not limited to these.
- Participants will not be expected to give oral reasons on the judging classes.
  - Participants may have to give written reasons why they have placed the class the way they have. Additionally, questions may be asked about hogs in the live class which are not related to judging; such as breed of the pig, sex, etc..
- Biosecurity and swine health class will present information in paragraph style and the competitor must choose which scenario is the most fitting answer choice.
  - Anything may be asked on this portion related to biosecurity. It also may ask about relevant current biosecurity issues, prevention, situations etc.
- Note that this contest is an independent event and not a preliminary or qualifying contest for 4-H or FFA.
- Contestants MUST have a signed permission slip sent with the registration or via email in order to be eligible to attend YSD.
- Swine Club at Virginia Tech, Virginia Tech, or any affiliated member, is not liable for any incident that may occur to any party before, during, or after Youth Swine Day. Registering for the contest means that you have read, understood, and agree with this rule.

### **Attire:**

Contestants are required to wear closed toed shoes. It is advised that individuals dress warm (heavy sweatshirt, gloves, coat, etc.) as it is drafty in the barn and the event is held in February. Additionally, Youth Swine Day T-shirts will be available for purchase after the event. These T-shirts will be sold on a first come-first serve basis while supplies last. The shirts are not expected to be worn during the contest, but rather to serve as a memento of the contest and the good times the students had at it. The shirts will NOT be available for purchase before the contest. They will become available for coaches to purchase during the contest, lunch, or after the event is over for the day.

### **Lunch:**

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The lunch provided will be a catered self-serve style meal. It will include pulled pork BBQ, vegetarian green beans, vegetarian macaroni & cheese, a garden salad, and an Oreo dessert. Beverages of sweet and unsweet tea will also be provided. Nutritional information can be provided upon request. If your child has any food allergies or dietary regulations, we will be happy to substitute a lunch for them if you contact a YSD representative in advance. **Lunch is provided for contestants who have paid the \$15 dollar registration fee ONLY.** Lunch will also be available for coaches and parents for an additional cost of \$8. If you would like a coaches lunch, please specify how many coaches would like to receive a lunch on the official registration form. Coaches lunches must be made in advance so ordering can be made appropriately. Additional contestant or coach lunches will **NOT** be available for purchase for any entries postmarked after February 7.

### **Entry Forms:**

**Complete and mail the hard copies of the registration, signed permission slips, media release, and signed rules to 3490 Litton Reaves Hall, 175 West Campus Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24061.** Make checks payable to Swine Club at Virginia Tech with your county, school, or chapter as the memo. Entries **MUST** be postmarked by February 7 at the latest in order to be received on time. In addition, copies of signed permission slips, media releases, and signed rules sheets may be photographed and sent to [jjacob8@vt.edu](mailto:jjacob8@vt.edu) to avoid postage costs. The YSD Committee Chair will notify you when we have received your information for confirmation. If you have not been notified that we have received your information please contact a representative or re-send the information. Please be aware that if we have not received your registration forms etc. by email by the postmark date of February 7, we cannot guarantee that we will have enough materials for your attendance. Please plan and mail accordingly.

### **Special Accommodations:**

If any student requires accommodation due to a condition such as, but not limited to; food allergies, physical disabilities, mental or learning disabilities, or medical conditions that may interfere with their ability to perform in the event, please contact the Event Chair to notify them. Special accommodations will be made if necessary, at the discretion of the Event Chair. They may also be available upon request. We strive to accommodate all contestants to make the event as fair as possible for everyone.

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**Schedule of Events**

8:00-9:00 am.....Registration

9:00-9:15 am.....Welcome & Introduction

9:15-12:30 pm.....Contest

12:35-12:40 pm.....Pre-Lunch Meeting

12:40-1:15 pm.....Lunch

1:15-2:00 pm.....Results & Awards

2:00-3:00 pm.....YQCA Training

3:30 pm.....Sending

**Please complete the registration, permission, and media release forms below and have it postmarked by February 7, at the latest.**

We hope to see you there!

**2020 Youth Swine Day by Swine Club at Virginia Tech**  
 This form must be typed, printed, and submitted  
 manually. The hard copy must be sent with payment to address below  
 Entry forms and fees must be postmarked by: February 7, 2020  
 This Contest will be held on February 22, 2020

Chapter/County Unit:	
Chapter/Club Leader:	
Leader/Advisor E-mail:	

Chapter/Club Name:	
Chapter/Club Address:	
Chapter/Club City:	
Chapter/Club Zip:	
Chapter/Club Phone:	
Chapter/Club Fax:	

For Level, please indicate which level of competition the team is registering for:
Junior
Senior

Team A:	
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Level:	
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Member Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)	Year In School

Team B:	
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Level:	
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Member Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)	Year In School

Team C:	
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Level:	
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Member Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)	Year In School

Number of Contestants	
Number of \$8 Coaches Lunches	
Number of \$10 Registration Fees	
Number of \$15 Registration Fees	
Total Amount Due by 2/22	\$

<b>Please <u>write in</u> the method of payment and confirmation information!</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check:	Check No.: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	Disclosed Amount: _____

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Make checks payable to: Swine Club at Virginia Tech

**\*\*\*If any contestants require special accomodations, or have dietary restrictions**

Mail this form to:  
 Contact email: [jjacob8@vt.edu](mailto:jjacob8@vt.edu)  
 Swine Club at Virginia Tech  
 3490 Litton Reaves Hall, 175 West Campus Drive  
 Blacksburg, VA 24061

**please reach out to Jacob Jenkins at [jjacob8@vt.edu](mailto:jjacob8@vt.edu) \*\*\***

Coaches Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## The Official Document of Rules for the Youth Swine Day Contest at Virginia Tech

The following document includes all rules pertaining to Youth Swine Day; hosted by the Swine Club at Virginia Tech. Rules are stated in list form and are as followed:

1. Competitors must be within the 8-18 years of age range to be eligible to compete.
  - a. Junior Division: ages 8 - 13
  - b. Senior Division: ages 14 - 18
  - c. No contestant can have had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2019.
2. Competitors must be registered through an established 4-H or FFA chapter.
  - a. There will be no separate 4-H and FFA divisions
  - b. Competitors can only participate as a 4-H member or FFA member, not as both.
  - c. Teams must consist of 3 to 4 members from the **same** 4-H club or FFA Chapter. Teams can be made of members from different chapters ONLY if they are from the same county.
3. Registered participants that are more than 15 minutes late will not be eligible to compete in the contest, but are still eligible to participate in the YQCA training.
4. No alcohol, tobacco, or drug related paraphernalia are allowed.
5. Competitors must be registered and checked-in to be eligible to compete.
6. No cell phones or other electronics are allowed during the contest; with the exception of a basic calculator.
7. Cheating will be met with immediate disqualification from the contest.
8. Instructors/coaches and parents/guardians are not permitted in the arena or testing facilities at any time during the contest portion of the day.
9. Competitors may not leave the designated testing areas until the contest is over.
10. Competitors must turn in their answer sheets before they leave their station.
  - a. Answer sheets turned in late will not be accepted, and will be exempt from their individual (and team) overall score.
11. Crude language or behavior may be grounds for dismissal from the event.
12. Competitors must stay within their assigned testing groups for the duration of the contest.
13. Competitors may look at and smell testing samples; touching test samples is prohibited.
14. Registering signifies that competitors will abide by ALL the rules of the contest.
15. Violation of any of the rules listed may be grounds for disqualification from the contest.
16. I, and my legal guardian, understand that Swine Club at Virginia Tech, or any affiliated member, is not liable for any incident that may happen to me before, during, or after Youth Swine Day.

I have read and understood the rules listed above. I agree to abide by these rules and failure to adhere to them may have consequences.

**Participants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_