

Welcome to the 2019 Jr. Beef Project Year!

Important Information

1. If you have concerns or questions throughout the year, please call your district leader or Junior Beef Superintendent Doc Sterken (262-949-5890).
2. Again this year, the Carcass Show will include a live portion in the judging. Bring your animal broke (with a show halter and show stick), and be dressed to show your steer. The fee is \$5 per animal and must be paid at weigh-in in February.
3. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 16th**. Plan to attend (parents, too) the **FITTING, CLIPPING, and SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC** we are having at the Activity Center on the Fairgrounds, from 8:30-12:00. This is a great opportunity to learn more about working with your animal from other experienced members and adults. You may also bring your steer or heifer, if it is broke, along with a show stick and halter. At the end of the clinic we plan to hold a "show" in order to use some of the things learned throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded. There is no water at the fairgrounds at this time of year, so you will need to bring your animal clean. You will also need to bring bedding for your animal, and plan to stay at the end to help clean up. You must complete (and parent sign) the waiver/permission form which will be available at weigh-in. **If you would like to donate items for our snack or door prizes, please call Doc (262-949-5890) or Mary (262-949-5743).**
4. **July 17th** is the **STEAK COOK-OUT** this year. Star the date on your calendar! This is a major fundraiser and **mandatory** for all junior beef members. Thanks to the wonderful past members and their families, the previous events have been huge successes! This year we also need help the day before the event as well as during the steak cook-out.
5. DNA collection will take place at weigh-in. Hair is pulled and the money you helped raise at the steak cookout pays for this initial collection, which is \$6 per animal. Make sure to keep your weigh-in form and double check tags, numbers, etc.... Call the office if there is a problem. If you should lose a tag, it is imperative that you contact Doc as soon as possible so that it may be retagged. We will come to your farm and retag the animal before the fair. If your steer arrives at the fair without an ear tag it will have to have a DNA test at the owner's expense (approximately \$100).
6. All junior beef exhibitors are required to have current YQCA certification in order to exhibit at this year's Walworth County Fair. This certification is also required to show at State Fair. Details about YQCA certification are being emailed directly to members by the UW-Extension office and will also be posted on their website at: <https://walworth.uwex.edu/4-youth-development/projects/beef/>. YQCA certification must be completed every year.

Good luck in your project!
Doc Sterken, Jr. Beef Superintendent