

# KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

## LEAD CHALLENGE

### Developing Dynamic Leaders in Kansas Agriculture

#### 2017 KJLS LEAD Challenge Participant Guide

The KJLS LEAD Challenge is an educational, advocacy and leadership event that provides an opportunity to learn about current industry issues as well as production, husbandry and animal care issues, and then apply those learnings in a multi-event competition. Competition in the KJLS LEAD Challenge encourages KJLS exhibitors to develop not only the ability to show livestock, but also to develop a more well-rounded knowledge of animal agriculture.

New in 2017 and based off direct feedback from past participants, there will be three age divisions – junior (7 to 9), intermediate (10 to 13) and senior (14 and over). Age is based on the participant’s age on January 1, 2017. This year’s Listen & Learn sessions will have age-specific rotations and incorporate interactive learning opportunities. Skills Stations will be incorporated this year.

Below is a schedule of events for the KJLS LEAD Challenge:

#### **Friday, Sept. 29**

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Listen & Learn	Cottonwood Court
3:00 p.m.	Goat Showmanship	Ad Astra Pavilion
3:00 p.m.	Skills Stations Begin	Cottonwood Court

#### **Saturday, Sept. 30**

7:30 a.m.	Interview Competition Begins Sheep Showmanship <i>(to follow selection of top five market lambs)</i>	Cottonwood Court Sheep Arena
4:00 p.m.	Swine Showmanship	Swine Arena

#### **Sunday, Oct. 1**

8:00 a.m.	Beef Showmanship	Prairie Pavilion
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Awards will be announced between the Hereford and Shorthorn steer divisions on Sunday, Oct. 1.

During the 2017 LEAD Listen & Learn, exhibitors will participate in educational-based workshops with their age groups. Topics will be focused on current issues in the food and agricultural industries. Participants in the KJLS LEAD Challenge are required to attend the Listen & Learn sessions and will be awarded points for attendance.

The Skills Stations, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, will give exhibitors an opportunity to demonstrate and apply key learnings about livestock production, management skills and life skills in a competitive environment. Junior exhibitors will compete in 2 stations, intermediates in 4 stations and seniors in 6 stations.

The interview competition will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be three rooms for each age division, and all interviews will begin at 7:30 a.m. Participants will sign up for an interview time upon check-in on Friday prior to the LEAD Listen & Learn Session. The interview will be 5 minutes for junior exhibitors, 7 minutes for intermediate exhibitors and 10 minutes for senior exhibitors. It will primarily focus on the material provided during the Listen & Learn session but could also include discussion on topics included in the LEAD Challenge Skills Station Resource Packet. Dress code for the interview competition will be show attire with interview attire from the waist up (button-down shirt, cardigan, etc.).

### **KJLS LEAD Challenge Scoring**

There will be 100 points available for each age division. LEAD Challenge participants are required to show in Showmanship. All participants will receive a base amount of points for participating in Showmanship and additional points for callbacks and placings. Showmanship will never account for more than 20 percent of the overall LEAD Challenge score. Exhibitors will be awarded points in each category as follows:

1. Attendance at LEAD Listen & Learn: 10 points
2. Showmanship: 20 points
  - i. 6 points for participation
  - ii. 7 points for finals call back
  - iii. Up to 7 points for placing (Points will be based on final placing...first place = 7, second = 5, etc.)
3. Interview: 30 points
4. Skills Stations: 40 points

*\*For exhibitors showing multiple species, showmanship points will be used for the species in which the contestant earned the most points.*

*\*\*If an exhibitor is disqualified in one species for a KJLS rule violation, that exhibitor will receive an automatic NO SCORE for the showmanship portion of the LEAD Challenge (even if the exhibitor is showing other species and is not disqualified in those species).*