

# All-American Junior Show

By Deb Hopkins

The 2013 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at Michigan State University Livestock Pavilion from July 5-7, 2013. The All-American is the premier junior breeding sheep show in the country. The breeds participating this year are: Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Hampshires, Southdowns, Cheviots, Columbias, Shropshires, Oxfords, Montadales, Shetlands, Natural Coloreds, Romneys, Tunis, Dorpers and Lincolns. Several meat breeds will feature slick shorn classes once again this year at the All-American.

Judges for this year's event will be Farabee McCarthy, Sycamore, OH and Matt Scramlin, Holly, MI and Dave Clouser of Polk, OH will be joining us to judge the third ring on Saturday, as we are expecting exceptional numbers for this year's show. The National Junior Southdown Show, National Junior Natural Colored and National Junior Tunis Junior Show will be held in conjunction with the All-American Junior show this year.

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more than just a sheep show, as there are several activities for the whole family. The show features a lamb camp for the young sheep owners, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney for the exhibitors, a sheep Skil-a-Thon competition, a sheep judging contest, free pizza and BBQ dinners for exhibitors and their families, free show morning breakfasts and a cherry pie-ice cream social. Also, a team showmanship competition, wool show for all breeds, promotional contests for exhibitors featuring a power point presentation category and an adult photography category, a college scholarship program for older exhibitors, a pool party for the whole family and much more!

The American Lamb Board will be on board once again sponsoring the Promotional Contests and Skil-a-Thon this year and both of these competitions will feature topics about the American Lamb product. Honor Show Chows has become a major sponsor and are expected to be back with us in Michigan. Sydell has generously donated the trimming stand for the All-American Raffle fundraiser. A BIG THANK-YOU to all of these sponsors as without their assistance this show would not be possible!

Camping is available at the MSU Livestock Pavilion for \$10.00 a night with electricity. No pre-show reservations required – just check in at sheep show welcome desk upon arrival. Room blocks have been reserved at the following area hotels: Fairfield Inn-East, 2335 Woodlake Drive, Okemos, MI 48864 Phone: (517)347-1000; Candlewood Suites, 3545 Forest Rd., Lansing, MI 48910 Phone: (517)351-8181 and Comfort Inn & Suites, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI 48864 Phone: (517)347-6690. Cut off dates at the hotels are in early June and ask for the group rates under "All-American Junior Sheep Show."

Entries close on JUNE 1, 2013. There will be a higher entry fee for any late entries submitted after the deadline date and post entries at the show. Check out the All-American Website: [www.allamericanjuniorshow.com](http://www.allamericanjuniorshow.com) for entry and information.

The All-American Junior Show Committee has three major fundraising activities that are held to help raise funding for this special junior show. Coming back this year will be the All-American Fundraiser Auction at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale during the re-instated Supreme Championship drives. Following is information on these activities and the show would certainly appreciate your support in these fundraising efforts.

## **All-American Gift Basket Silent Auction**

Gift baskets will be on display during the duration of the All-American Show for bidding. Bidding will close on Sunday, July 7 at noon. Basket donations would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the show in East Lansing!

## **All-American Junior Show Raffle Tickets**

Cost \$5 each or 5 for \$20. 1st Prize: \$1000 cash prize; 2nd Prize, Sydell hydraulic trimming stand (\$530 value); 3rd Prize, outdoor pop-up canopy (12' X 12'). Tickets are available at the Continental Dorset Club Office, P.O. Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857. Many sponsoring breeds mail out raffle tickets with their office work and annual dues notices so when you see them PLEASE lend your support! Final drawing will take place on Sunday, July 7. Need not be present to win.

## **All-American Junior Show Fundraiser Auction** — Wednesday, June 26, 2013

(During the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion Show) at noon, in the swine barn at the Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, Mo. Please get any item donated for the auction to Carrie Taylor-Kelly, Millie Moore, Jo Bernard or Karey Claghorn before the event or bring to Sedalia. All donated items can be handed in at the FFA building where papers are checked. Come support the All-American Juniors!