

March 1, 2024

To: 4-H and FFA Instructors
From: Swine Club at Virginia Tech

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

Swine Club at Virginia Tech has scheduled their Youth Swine Day event for **April 6, 2024**, at Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena in Blacksburg, VA. This letter includes all information regarding the stations and the schedule for the day.

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 event, so please enter your teams and individuals appropriately. Youth Swine Day (YSD) will begin at 10 am, with check-in for the event starting at 9:00 am. See below for the full agenda. The entry fee is \$15 per individual for the YSD Event; this includes lunch. The lunch provided will be pizza, chips and beverages. 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.

Farm Tour: To start the day we will be touring the new Swine Center at Kentland.

Stations: There will be two stations at the Virginia Tech Swine Center. One will be piglet handling and neonatal care. The other will involve using an ultrasound to detect pregnancies in sows. There will also be two stations at Alphin-Stuart. One will be an internal anatomy and nutrition. The other will be a variety of educational experiences including ear notching, reproductive anatomy, meat science, and other age appropriate activities.

Attire: Attendees are required to wear closed toed shoes. It is advised that individuals dress for the weather. Some of the stations are at the VT Swine Center

Entry Forms: Complete the online form by the March 27, 2024.

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxBtnKO-3zTgLVUJ37lLat6YNWmZ6j4OcTqO6GVDmIenutg/viewform>). There are limited spaces for each age group, and attendance will be allowed based on a first come basis, and a confirmation email will be sent. Make checks payable to Swine Club at Virginia Tech with your county, school, or chapter as the memo. Paying with a card the day of is also an option.

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

	Junior	Senior
9-9:45 AM	Registration	
10 AM -12 PM	Kentland Swine Center	Kentland Swine Center
12:15-1:15 PM	Lunch	
1:30-3:30 PM	Stations	Stations
3:45 PM	Wrap Up and Send Off	