



Spring 2007

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ESMGPA

ESMGPA Annual State Meeting Scheduled

The ESGMGA Annual Meeting is slated for April 29, 2007 at Morrison Hall on the Cornell University Campus with the following agenda:

11:00—12:00	Business Meeting
12:00—1:00	Pizza and Conversation (\$3.00 per person for the pizza, bring your own soft drinks)
1:00—3:00	Panel Discussion—Bring Questions and Go Home with Answers! <i>(This will be a moderated discussion where your specific questions are the focus of the discussion)</i>
3:00	Adjourn

Hey Kids:

Get Free Money for Your Project or Education

Due to the disappointing lack of response for the Kimber Hamm Youth Scholarship and Development Fund the application period has been extended to April 30th. If no applications are received by this date, no funds will be dispersed for 2007.

This development fund is an excellent way to help our kids with their goat projects, education, equipment needs and the application process is easy!

Eligible Projects Include:

College Expenses
Goat Equipment
Goat Projects
Attendance at Goat Seminars
Attendance at Goat Camps

Check out the application on the following page!

**Kimber Hamm -- ESMGPA
Youth Scholarship and Development Fund
2007 Application**

INSTRUCTIONS:

This program is available to youth involved in the meat goat business who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Children of current ESMGPA members in good standing
- Between the ages of 8 and 21

Chosen applicant(s) may receive up to \$500 in scholarship prizes or meat-goat related equipment

Interested youth should complete the application packet and mail to: ESMGPA, PO Box 924, Corning, NY 14830.

General Information: (Please Type or Print Legibly)

Name of Applicant:

Address:

Telephone #: _____ **Email (if applicable)** _____

Applicant's Age: _____ **Amount Requested:** \$ _____

Proposed Project Name:

Brief Description of Proposed Project:

Essay:

This essay should describe who you are as a person and how you are involved in the meat goat business. Additionally, the essay should explain why you should be granted this scholarship or equipment, and how this award will improve your involvement in the meat goat industry.

This essay should be approximately 500 words in length, typed or neatly written.

Region Four Goat Seminar Drew Large Crowd

Thanks to Jim Bailey and Norman Paeth an outstanding educational event was held in Region 4 this past January. Due to the time of year and the flu epidemic, Jim and Norm were expecting a small crowd to attend. They were shocked when over 70 people were on hand to learn about goat health and management. Many of these attendees were new to the industry and eager to gain information.

Great job Jim and Norm!

ESMGPA Showcased at New York Farm Show, February 2007

For the first time ESGMGA was an exhibitor at the New York Farm Show. Over 200 applications for membership were given to individuals and the interest in the industry was overwhelming. Many thanks to Jim and Connie Bailey who were hoarse by the time the three days were over.

National Animal Identification System (NAIS) on Hold

Partly because of the vast disapproval from livestock owners across the United States the NAIS is on hold pending more information, research, feedback, and recommendations from all interested parties. No mandatory program is anticipated in the near future.

Meat Goat Out of State Exhibition Regulations

Due in part to the over 200 names collected by petition, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has recommended to Commissioner Brennan that the tuberculosis and brucellosis requirement for out of state meat goats exhibiting in New York State be discontinued as long as these animals reside in a TB and brucellosis free state. This is great news for our out of state ESGMGA members.

Kids—4—Kids

Calling all Kids!!!

If you are interested, or know of another kid interested, in starting a meat goat project—listen up!

Requirements:

You must be between 8—19 year of age
You or your parent(s) must be a member of ESMGPA

What Needs to Be Done:

A doe kid is donated to the winning youth, who in turn must donate back the goats first doeling to another kid (human ☺).

How You Get Stated:

You need to write a 500 word essay telling me about yourself and your farm. Explain why you want a meat goat, and why you are interested in the meat goat industry. You also need to explain how you are going to house and feed the kid, along with what your future plans are. Send your essay to:

**Melissa Ziemendorf
5844 Baer Road
Sanborn, NY 14132**

If you wish, you may email your essay to
Zibaer@aol.com. Make sure the subject line says
kids4kids

All Essays Are Due No Later Than April 30th

~ Upcoming Events You Might Find Interesting ~

April:

- 29th: ESMGPA annual meeting, Morrison Hall, Cornell University. Business meeting and panel discussion answering breeders' specific questions
- 30th: Final day to submit an application for Kimber Hamm Youth Scholarship and development program
- 30th: Final day to submit an application for Kids-4-Kids.

May:

- 20th: Northeast Livestock Expo 2007. Windsor, Maine. Agricultural tradeshow, consignment sale and ABGA sanctioned show. Contact Curtis Prime for more information 207-242-3341 or crlprime@aol.com.
- 26th: New York Northeastern Boer Goat Show & Junior Wether Series—Day 1, Syracuse NY (ABGA Sanction)
- 27th: New York Northeastern Boer Goat Show & Junior Wether Series—Day 2, Syracuse NY (ABGA Sanction)
Contact Jane Willis, show secretary: 607-547-2660

June:

- 1st: Clipping Clinic 8:00PM, Schuyler County Youth Site, Watkins Glen, NY
- 2nd: Showmanship Clinic, 9:00AM, Schuyler County Youth Site, Watkins Glen, NY
- 2nd: ESMGPA Region Three Meat Goat Show, Schuyler County Youth Site, Watkins Glen, NY. Contact Gayle Gardner, show secretary: 607-535-6595

July:

- 27th: Clipping and Showing Workshop, Syracuse, NY, 7:00PM
- 28th: New York Boer Goat Show and Junior Wether Show—Day 1, Syracuse, NY (ABGA Sanctioned)
- 29th: New York Boer Goat Show and Junior Wether Show—Day 2, Syracuse, NY (ABGA Sanctioned)
Contact Kay Kotwica, show secretary: 315-889-5333

August:

- 7th: ESMGPA Exhibit at Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, NY
- 8th: ESMGPA Exhibit at Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, NY
- 9th: ESMGPA Exhibit at Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, NY
- 15th: ESMGPA Region Three Meat Goat Show, Bath Fair, Bath, NY. Contact Gayle Gardner, show secretary: 607-535-6595

September:

- 29th: ESMGPA Open Meat Goat Show, Syracuse, NY. Contact Kay Kotwica, show secretary 315-889-5333
- 30th: ESMGPA Meat Goat Educational Clinic (Non-Showing Meat Goat Topic to be Determined), Syracuse, NY.
Contact any ESMGPA Officer or Director for more information
- 30th: ESMGPA Annual Picnic, Syracuse, NY. Contact any ESMGPA Officer or Director for more information.

**Do You have a special request for an event or educational seminar?
Just let one of the officers or directors know what you would like and
we will see if we can make it happen!**

If You Forgot to Renew its Not Too Late!

If You haven't paid your 2007 Dues simply send this form with payment

Membership Renewal
ESMGPA
PO Box 924
Corning, New York 14830

Type of Membership:

Individual (one vote): \$15.00 Annually

Family (two votes): \$25.00 Annually

Dues for renewal of membership are payable 31 January

Name(s) of Member(s): _____

Type of Membership: _____ Family (\$25.00) _____ Individual (\$15.00)

*I Wish To Make a Contribution to the
ESMGPA Kimber Hamm Youth Scholarship and Development Fund*

_____ \$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ \$20.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$Other

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to ESGMGA and return to ESGMGA, PO Box 924, Corning, NY 14830

If any personal information has changed please indicate the changes below:

Please Print Clearly

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

