

# Western Nebraska Sheep and Goat Association

## Catch a Lamb / Kid Program

### Application / Qualifications/ Rules

1. Must be enrolled in 4H. Entries must be in by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Must be 8yrs old in calendar year of catch it contest and not more than 14
3. Must have resources to commit for 16 months ( April thru August of next year ) of providing proper care, including water, feed, and shelter, medical care if needed to 2 ewe lambs or 2 doeling kids. If they will not be providing for this on property their family owns they must provide a letter from the person(s) that will be providing this on their property. Stating their commitment (16 months) and how you plan to make it work.
4. A scramble to catch an animal will be held at the Scottsbluff County Fair, time and place will be announced Lambs or kids will be picked up the following April at the Annual WNS&GA Club Lamb and Kid sale.
5. Youth must keep a record book to be turned in at completion of program and animals must be weighed at both fairs and time of pickup to show rate of gain.
6. One animal can be shown in the market class, but the other or both if not showing in market **MUST** be shown in breeding classes, this year and the following year. Meaning that lambs will be shown in the ewe lamb breeding class and the following year in the yearling class, and Kids in the Kid doeling breeding class and next year as yearling doe breeding class. If shown in the market classes one animal maybe sold **BUT OWNERSHIP MUST BE RETAINED.**
7. Letters must be written monthly to the Sponsor(s) (or two letters should there be Co-sponsors ) that provided you animals, and a copy included with your record book. Your August letter should let the Sponsor know what animals weight, how you animals placed in classes.
8. After August the first year, letters need only be sent to your Sponsor every other month.
9. Your 4H leader, parents and Sponsor or other members of WNS&GA will discuss with you and help you decide if the animals are mature enough and of a size that can be bred in September --- November to produce your first offspring ! You can use sires at no charge from the association by contacting your Sponsor or Officers of the association to arrange and find the best ram or buck for your animal.
10. The last letter sent in the second August by end of month should include weight, general condition, how any offspring are doing, age of offspring, and placing in the yearling classes. Record books are due also and should include weights and rate of gain. Savings Bonds will be awarded for best record book, best communication skills (includes letters, photos, and personal contact with sponsor and best rate of gain calculated for the growing phase of the animals.
11. Remember that your 4H leader, Sponsor, and Members of the association are available if you have questions, concerns ,or need a helping hand.
12. Should the conditions **NOT** be met or the youth decide to dropout of program arrangements must be made to return animals to the Sponsor.

13. THE BEST RULE At the end of the project, if your conditions are met your Sponsor WILL send you a bill of sale for your animals and any and all offspring. Your flock or herd is started.

14. Please try to use photos in you letters and record book as possible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

4H Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

4H Club \_\_\_\_\_

You may use as many extra pages as you want for the questions below.

Do you have any experience with livestock briefly explain.

Do you have any experience with breeding livestock briefly explain.

Where will this project be kept and briefly explain what your plans are for feed, water, shelter. ect?

Why are you interested or wanting to try this program?

Are you interested in Sheep or Goats ( meat or dairy)or any one of the three.

I have read all of the Rules of the program and would like to apply. Should I catch an animal I understand that I am responsible for the animals entrusted to me. I will follow the rules and guide lines of the program.

Signed

Print name

Witnessed by Parent or Guardian

Signed by 4H Leader

Final awards and bills of sale will be sent by October 15<sup>th</sup>.  
For Now this program is limited to the counties of Scottsbluff, Sioux, Box Butte, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, in NE. Washington in Co., and Goshen in WY. Accepted applications of those that will try to catch an animal at fair will be contacted by July 15<sup>th</sup> . Those not accepted can reapply next year and will be given preference for the next contest.

## Policies of the Program

Applications must be in by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

These will be reviewed by a committee of a minimum of three sponsors.

Applications with no current livestock, onsite facilities, and interesting , well written applications will have preference. If there are less than twice as many applications as there are sponsors, all applications will be considered.

If there are more than twice the numbers of applications as there are sponsors the committee will pick best applications, but those that reapply will have preference the following year. (Example we have 24 applications and only 10 sponsors only 20 youth will try to catch an animal. This will also mean that we have twice as many try to catch sheep as we have sponsors. Twice as many to catch as we have goat sponsors also. If we have 7 sheep sponsors 14 youth try to catch and 3 goat sponsors 6 youth try to catch) Committee will inform chosen youth to scramble for an animal by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Those that are successful in catching at fair will then draw names of sponsors for the species of animal they applied for.

Sponsors will need to contact youth they are sponsoring before the Spring Club Lamb and Kid Sale . Youth will be at the sale to pickup their projects.

Sponsors should receive letters as per the program. Please be willing to advise or assist the youth if they have questions or need help. Please call on other members should you also need advice or assistance.

All sponsors will meet after each fair to just go over progress or lack of on their youth. They will meet after all record books are turned in to review and chose winners of final awards. This should be done by end of September. Awards sent by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sponsors should send out bill of sale to youth by October 15<sup>th</sup>.