DATE: March 31, 2014  
TO: Beef Camp Participants, 4-H Extension Agents, FFA Advisors  
FROM: MTSU Block and Bridle Club  
RE: Beef Camp

The Block & Bridle Club at Middle Tennessee State University is proud to sponsor **MTSU Beef Camp** at the Tennessee Livestock Center on the MTSU campus. This year’s event will be held on **June 12 – 14, 2014**. Check-in on June 12 will be from 8 – 10:00 am and the program will begin at 10:00. Beef Camp is open to all youth in grades 4th through 12th (as of Jan. 1) and requires a registration fee of $150 (includes bedding for cattle). We will be offering a 20% discount to families that have 2 or more children attending camp this year. For each additional child, the registration fee will be $120. You are required to bring a calf with you to beef camp. Registration fees, in combination with sponsorships, will cover the costs for lodging (three nights), meals, activities, learning sessions, awards, and a Beef Camp T-shirt. Everyone is invited to attend the showmanship contest on Saturday, June 14 beginning at 9:00 am (seniors show first). An awards lunch will be held immediately after the show.

Outstanding educational opportunities are planned for this year’s event. A few topics and activities that have been planned include:

- Skill-a-thon practice and contest
- Speech contest sponsored by the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association
- Stock Show University program to include clipping & grooming demonstrations
- Showmanship practice, demonstration, and contest
- Barnyard Olympics, swimming and other fun activities

**Please note 2 big changes this year:**

1. **Camp has been shortened by 1 day**
2. **Age divisions modified:** Junior (grades 4-6), Jr. High (grades 7 & 8), Senior (grades 9-12)

The annual Beef Camp Showmanship Contest will be held in conjunction with this year’s event. A **List of Essentials** along with **Rules and Regulations** enclosed. The registration form, medical release form, and registration fee should be postmarked by no later than **May 23, 2014**. Please make checks payable to **MTSU Block & Bridle Club**. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Carter at 615-898-2419 or jessica.carter@mtsu.edu, Katlyn Currie (615-477-0368), or Ashleigh Nash (615-566-7756). Beef camp information and forms are also posted on our webpage: [http://mtweb.mtsu.edu/bandb](http://mtweb.mtsu.edu/bandb) (click on the beef camp link). We hope to see you at Beef Camp!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jessica Gentry Carter  
B&B Advisor, Associate Professor of Animal Science
MTSU BEEF CAMP  
June 12 - 14, 2014  
Registration Form

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* Each beef camp participant will be given 3 lunch tickets (one for beef camp participant plus 2 family members). Any additional lunch tickets that are needed can be purchased for $5 each.

Medical Release Form

I (please print) __________________________ give permission for my child to be examined and/or treated by a medical professional in the case of an emergency.

Please list any allergies or additional health issues related to the student:

Parent-Guardian Signature: __________________________

Cost: $150 registration fee

Total amount: __________

Make checks payable to MTSU Block and Bridle Club (DEADLINE (postmark) – MAY 23, 2014)

Return Completed Form To:  
MTSU Block & Bridle Club  
School of Agribusiness and Agriscience  
P.O. Box 5  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Questions? Contact Dr. Jessica Carter, (615) 898-2419 or email: jessica.carter@mtsu.edu, Katlyn Currie (615-477-0368), or Ashleigh Nash (615-566-7756).
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Beef Camp Showmanship Contest

4th through 6th grade participants:
- Clipping is allowed, but no use of adhesives.
- Only wash and brush prior to showing. Parents, direct siblings, extension agents, or FFA advisors may assist.

7th through 8th grade participants:
- Animals should be fully fitted with assistance only from parents, direct siblings, extension agent, or FFA advisor.
- Participants will have 30 minutes to groom. Contest scoring will be based on 80% showmanship and 20% grooming.

9th through 12th grade participants:
- Animals must be fully fitted by participant only (no outside assistance). This will be supervised.
- Participants will have 45 minutes to groom. Contest scoring will be based on 60% showmanship and 40% grooming.

Notes to all participants:
A. All participants must bring a calf with them to beef camp.
B. All participants will show during the showmanship contest (Saturday) wearing the Beef Camp T-shirt.
C. Parents are welcome to attend on Saturday (show and lunch/awards program).
D. No parents, siblings, extension agents, or FFA advisors will be allowed to stay in the dormitories.

List of Essentials

- Linens (pillow, sleeping bag, blankets, sheets, towels, bath clothes, etc.)
- Clothes
  - Barn clothes, barn shoes, showmanship attire, rain gear, etc.
  - Swimsuit, tennis shoes, summer activity clothes
  - Spare change of clothes to bring to the barn
- Feed Pan
- Water Bucket
- Feed & Hay
- Grooming Supplies (chute, blower, combs, etc.)
- Show Supplies (halter, show stick, etc.)

*Bedding for the cattle will be provided in the barn