

Oconee County 4-H Goat Club

Our club is open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 years of age. Age is calculated as of January 1st of the current year.

Our club's focus is on the health, care, and management of all Goats; meat goats, fiber goats, dairy goats, and pet goats.

Children will learn how to milk a dairy goat, make goat cheese, hoof trimming, vaccinations, fitting and grooming, nutrition requirements, parasite management, herd standards to look for when purchasing a goat, and more!

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm, most meetings will last approximately 2 hours. All parents/care providers are encouraged to participate and attend the meetings ~ Goats are "Family" projects! If your child is less than 10 years of age, he/she must be accompanied by an older sibling or adult. Due to the meetings agendas, the meeting locations rotate. You can visit the websites below to ascertain the location each month, or call Club Leader Gaylene Carson @ 864-710-3703 or Oconee County Extension Agent Jason Caudill @ 638-5889.

www.billysboermeatgoatfarm.com

www.clemson.edu/extension/county/oconee

Meetings:

March 13th – Topic ~ Parasite Management and Meat Goat Standards. The meeting will be held at the Walhalla Agriculture Bldg. 301 So. Broad Street in Walhalla and will start at 1:00 pm. Immediately following the parasite portion of the meeting, we will take a field trip to Westminster to study Breed Standards of the Boer Meat Goat for those whom wish to attend. Fecal exams will be available, your first sample is free and additional samples will cost \$2.50 each. You will need to bring about ¼ cup of feces which can be stored in the refrigerator in a plastic baggie for up to 5 days before the meeting.

If you are interested in the South Carolina Wether Goat Project, information will be available at the March meeting.

April 10th – Topic ~ Hoof Trimming and Vaccinations. The meeting will be held at the 4-H Barn on Oakgrove Road between Walhalla and Westminster just off Hwy 183.

May 8th – No meeting in May. You are encouraged to attend the American Boer Goat Shows at the T Ed Garrison Cattle complex on May 8th and 9th. If you arrive on Friday between noon and 8 pm, you will have the opportunity to watch "professional" groom and trim their goats!

June 19th – Location and topic TBA