



GBE CONTESTS



Contest Rules

There will be five events that junior members are eligible to participate in. You are not required to be an exhibitor to participate in the contests. The five contests in which you may participate are as follows: Must be present to participate.

Stockman's Contest
 Team Sales Talk
 Livestock Judging
 Photography
 Showmanship

Participants will receive points from the above contest and events only when they turn in or complete the criteria from each event. Points will be awarded for each of the events as pre-determined by a scoring committee. Contestants will be broken by age (as of January 1, 2025) and placed into divisions: Junior- 12 years and under, Intermediate- 13-16 years and Senior- 17 years and over.

Contestants will be eligible to participate as an individual, on a team (4), and for his/her chapter/club. Points which each contestant accumulates as an individual, and/or team (if they choose to participate on a team) will also go toward a total point score for their club/chapter. Teams do not have to be members from the same club/chapter; do note that points gained from the individual will go toward the individual and the club/chapter that he/she belongs to. Teams may be comprised of any age group of individuals from the counties eligible for competition at this event. Only members whose primary residence is in one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright counties are eligible to compete. Teams will be placed into divisions according to the oldest member's age. Example, if your team has one junior, two intermediates, and one senior; then your team will be competing in the senior division. As a member of a team, when you compete as an individual in contests such as Photography, Stockman's Contest, and Livestock Judging you will compete in your own age division. Only when competing in Team Sales Talk will you be ranked in the division of your team's oldest member and for overall teams within each division.

Scoring

There are two ways that you may earn points: by competing in contests or attending events. The first is through participation. Each contest or event that you participate in, you will earn 25 points. The second way to receive points is through your individual/team placing. The following are the points possible throughout the weekend:

Participation (25 pts):
 Showmanship (1 species participation only)
 Stockman's Contest: 25 pts + Placing Points Earned
 Sales Talk Contest: 25 pts + Placing Points Earned
 Livestock Judging: 25 pts + Placing Points Earned
 Photography: 25 pts + Placing Points Earned (Only top 3 individuals in each division)

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd
Points	10	8	6

Your score earned in each contest will then be ordered from highest to lowest and the highest score will earn first place and second place will have received the next highest score, etc.

Individual points will be distributed in a stair-stepped manner for the Stockman's Contest and Livestock Judging contest. For the Sales Talk competition, each team member will receive the team score based upon the team's overall placing. The points will be distributed in the following manner:

*Placing:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
Points:	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13

* Only those placing in the top 25 will receive points.

Contest Descriptions

The Stockman’s Contest will be comprised of multiple choice, true/false questions, and identification stations worth a total of 100 points. This is an individual contest; no notes, books, reference materials, or conferring with other contestants will be allowed. Tests will vary according to age divisions. In addition there will be 5 pre-selected tie-breaker questions, unmarked.

Team Sales will be made up of 4 members. Emphasis will be placed on team organization, communication skills, knowledge, and marketing techniques. Points will be assessed according to presentation criteria. Teams may sell an animal, a product or service of their choice. The product or service should be agriculturally orientated. If a team selects an animal to sell, no animal needs to be brought to the contest location, pictures and other marketing materials will suffice. Points will be subtracted for those members who do not speak during the presentations.

The Livestock Judging Contest will be comprised of 5 classes: 1 class of market hogs, 1 class of market lambs, 1 class of market steers and 1 class of goats. One class will be designated for questions for junior and intermediate exhibitors and reasons for senior exhibitors.

The Photography Contest allows those who cannot be in attendance during the Extravaganza to participate. You may submit up to four photographs. Photos may be of livestock, landscapes, people, around the farm or ranch, or from the 2024 Gold Buckle Extravaganza weekend or Ozark Empire Fair. Photos will be judged based on quality and content. Photos may be submitted until 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

The Showmanship Contest is a participation point contest, points are awarded by participation in a showmanship class (you receive points for only one specie). Preregister for Showmanship in Showworks or at the livestock office. \$10 to enter. Money is jackpotted to the top three individuals in each species. Broiler exhibitors can gain points for participating in holding their birds for the judge to evaluate and actively participating in broiler check in and weigh in. (Exhibitors do not have to pay an entry fee to gain broiler showmanship points and premiums will not be jackpotted).

GBE Awards will be presented to the:

- Top 3 Overall Teams in each of the 3 age divisions
- Top 5 Overall Individuals in each of the 3 age divisions

Champion & Reserve Showmanship and Round-Robin Showmanship winners will also be presented with awards. These are stand-alone contests.

Entry Form
2026 GOLD BUCKLE EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND CONTEST EVENTS

Name _____ Age (as of January 1) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Club or Chapter _____

Advisor or Leader _____

TEAM SALES
(Indicate what is to be marketed)

(Specie, product or service)

Team Name _____

Team Members:

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

Each Contestant Must Submit an Entry Form.
Teams are encouraged to submit entries together. No changes once submitted.

Incomplete entry Forms will be disqualified.

**IF A PARTICIPANT IS NOT EXHIBITING LIVESTOCK AT THE
GOLD BUCKLE EXTRAVAGANZA,
PLEASE NOTIFY THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE BY JULY 1 TO GUARANTEE A SHIRT FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.**

Photography Contest

The photography contest is open to all youth ages 8-21 as of January 1. Participants are not required to be present during the Extravaganza weekend to enter the contest. All photographs will be judged and displayed during the Gold Buckle Extravaganza weekend and/or Ozark Empire Fair.

The entrant must have taken the photo during the past year. Photos may not be altered or image enhanced in any way. Photos may be in black and white or color. Photos need to represent one of the following categories:

Livestock- The animal should be the dominant portion of the photo and should highlight it at an event or around the farm.

Landscapes- Photographs that focus on scenery around the farm or ranch.

People- Photograph displays the exhibitor and/or family, friends, or fellow 4-H/FFA member either involved in activities on the farm or ranch or at an event.

Around the Farm or Ranch- Photographs which highlights activities and scenes around the farm or ranch.

2025 Gold Buckle Extravaganza or Ozark Empire Fair

Barnyard Babies- Focus is placed on the young animals around the farm

Each participant may submit four photographs total. Photos may be any size but cannot exceed 8"x10". Each photo entered must be mounted neatly on black foam core or mat board. The entry form must be clipped to the back of the photo. Do not glue or tape. Photos become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair for the use in publications and promotions. There will be three age divisions: Junior-12 and under, Intermediate- 13-16 and Senior-17 years and over. Participant's age will be as of January 1, 2026. The deadline to have all pictures turned into the Livestock Office is by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23.

If you don't plan to attend the event, please send your entries to the address below. Mailed entries must be received by Wednesday, July 28, 2026.

Livestock Office

Ozark Empire Fair

3001 N. Grant

Springfield, MO 65803

For more information please call: (417) 833-2660

2026 Gold Buckle Extravaganza Photography Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

FFA Chapter: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Age Division (as of January 1)

12& under: _____ 13-16: _____ 17 & over: _____

Photo Category (please check one)

Livestock: _____ Landscapes: _____ People: _____

Around the Farm/Ranch: _____ 2023 GBE or OEF: _____ Barnyard Babies: _____

Location/Event where photo was taken: _____

Photo Title: _____

Team Sales Talk

The objective of this contest is to give youth experience in public speaking and further their knowledge of production agriculture. Emphasis will be placed on team organization, communication skills, knowledge and marketing techniques.

- The order of team presentation will be determined by drawing.
- Presentations need to be a minimum of three minutes long, with a maximum of 10 minutes including questions. The presentation will be stopped at the end of 10 minutes.
- Each individual on the team will be expected to speak during the presentation.

The objective of each team is to sell their **animal, product or service** to the panel of judges.

Teams may sell an animal of their choice or a product or service. The product or service should be agriculturally orientated. If a team selects an animal to sell, it is not required to bring the animal to the contest location, pictures and other marketing materials will suffice.

Extra promotional items (farm signs, posters, etc), props and incentive gifts to judging panel (key rings, caps, beverages, etc.) are prohibited.

Folders including information on the animal/product/service as well as additional marketing materials are permitted.

Points will be awarded as follows: Content-10 points, Ability to Communicate-10 points, Team Organization-10 points, Overall Effect-10 points and lastly Knowledge and Response to Questions-10 points.

Five points will be subtracted if all four team members do not speak.

Two points will be subtracted for each minute the team presentation goes less than three minutes.

Each judge will rank the teams based upon points allocated.

The composite ranking procedure will be used to determine final placing.

The highest overall effect category score will break ties.

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