



## **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Hoge Invitational Livestock Judging Contest**

**TO:** Vocational Agriculture Instructors, FFA Chapter Advisors, and 4-H Coaches  
**FROM:** Dr. Blake Bloomberg and Dan Hoge  
**WHEN:** Saturday, March 2, 2024  
**WHERE:** East Campus | 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva, IL 61434  
Registration: Student Center, Building A – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
Contest Start Time: 8:15 a.m. – Agriculture Arena Complex

The Black Hawk College – East Campus Livestock Judging Team cordially invites you to participate in the **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Hoge Invitational!**

The contest will offer four divisions which will run simultaneously; all divisions will offer classes in beef, swine, and sheep or Boer goat. As always, the same team and/or individuals will not be allowed to compete in both divisions.

**Jr. and Sr. Reasons - \$100 per team; \$25 per individual**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade and less will be considered Jr.  
Current FFA member of same school  
Current 4-H member of same county; no College  
Three or four team members  
Top 3 Overall Scores = Team Score  
No. 2 Pencil required  
Placing Card will be used  
Lunch included

**Jr. and Sr. Questions - \$80 per team; \$20 per individual**

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Current FFA member of same school  
Current 4-H member of same county; no College  
Three or four team members  
Top 3 Overall Scores = Team Score  
No. 2 Pencil required  
Placing Card and Scantron Form will be used  
Lunch on your own

One class in each species will have performance data that may include:

**Cattle EPD's**

Birth Weight  
Weaning Weight  
Yearling Weight  
Maternal Milk  
Breed Relevant Indexes

**Swine EPD's**

Loin Eye Area  
Back Fat  
Number Born/Number Weaned  
Days to 250 lbs.  
Sow Productivity Index

**Sheep Data**

60 Day Weight  
120 Day Weight  
Type of Birth – single, twin, triplet  
Type of Rearing  
Codon 171

The contest will be held at the East Campus location, just five miles south of Kewanee, Illinois. Lodging is available at the following locations: AmericInn – Kewanee (309) 856-7200  
Best Western Annawan Inn (309) 935-6565

Register online – [www.bhc.edu/danhogeinvitational](http://www.bhc.edu/danhogeinvitational) Results and awards will be presented following the contest. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact:

Dr. Blake Bloomberg (309) 368-3648 [bloombergb@bhc.edu](mailto:bloombergb@bhc.edu)

We're excited to offer exceptional classes for your student's evaluation and look forward to seeing you on the 2<sup>nd</sup>!