



Dear Eastern Regional Participants,

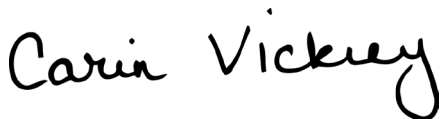
It's almost time for the NJSA Eastern Regional at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg, New York, - October 2-3 2026! To make this event run smoothly, please read a few reminders listed below.

1. Upon arrival, please make sure that you follow the signs that are posted so that unloading can go smoothly.
2. Thursday is Family Fun Day at the NJSA Eastern Regional! Unload your hogs and spend the afternoon with your family and friends, having fun and exploring the Buffalo/Niagara area.
3. Camping is available on the fairgrounds. There are plenty of spots available. Spots will include electric and water hookup for \$30/night. New this year please register and pay for your camping spot by following this link <https://pci.jotform.com/form/252383586138061> prior to arrival.
4. Hogs may begin arriving at the fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1st and must be in place by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 2nd.
5. Please remember to bring a pen divider as exhibitors are required to pen two pigs per pen, with families penning together and barrows and gilts penning together. The size of one pen is 6' x 6'.
6. **Exhibitors will be penned alphabetically by last name, within their state. However, exhibitors may request to be penned by other junior members from the SAME state. Requests must be made by Friday, September 25th. Please use the following link to make your pen requests [penning request form](#).**
7. Registration will take place from 4p.m.-5p.m. on Thursday October 1st and 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 2nd.
8. Each exhibitor must have their **registration papers, health papers and a copy of their YQCA certificate or card** present at registration. Please bring the original health paper along with a photocopy and a photocopy of your registration papers, along with the originals to speed up the registration process. At registration exhibitors will receive weigh cards with a QR code to scan to submit the weights of their barrows and crossbred gilts.
9. The National Swine Registry Executive Committee has voted to implement the weighing of ALL junior purebred gilts. All exhibitors will be required to go to one of the designated scales in the barn for breed eligibility checks and be weighed by NSR staff members during the designated time as posted on the schedule. Weight cards will be obtained at check-in and turned in at the scales. Junior purebred gilt classes will be broken first by month of birth, then by weight within month of birth.
10. All purebred gilts will be weighed from 5p.m.-6p.m. Thursday October 1 and 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd.
11. There will be a Pumpkin Painting Youth Activity at 11:45 a.m-12:30 p.m.. on Friday, October 2nd.
12. The Skillathon competition will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. All participants must be checked in by 2:30 p.m. to compete. This event is for youth exhibitors only – no parents or spectators are allowed in the skillathon building. However, on Friday after all exhibitors have completed the contest, all parents and youth are invited to go back through the skillathon to review the questions and see the correct answers.
13. Showmanship will be held on Friday evening at 4:00 p.m. The showmanship order will be Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior. At the conclusion of showmanship, we will begin the NJSA Bred and Owned show.

14. The NJSA Family Pizza Party will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday night and is free to all NJSA members & families! Take a break from the show and enjoy a time to eat and fellowship with your family and other NJSA families!
15. Once again, the NJSA Eastern Regional will feature Family Movie Night! Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., following the Pizza Party, a movie will be shown in the Harvest Theater for all to enjoy.
16. All NJSA exhibitors and families are invited to the NJSA Family Donut Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Show Ring.
17. The Purebred Gilt show will start at 8am and show in alphabetic order starting with Berkshire with Crossbred at the end.
18. Crossbred gilts must weigh 375 lbs. or less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back. The top five crossbred gilts in each class will be re-weighed. Crossbred gilts must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any crossbred gilts weighing more or less than 15 pounds of the declared weight will be disqualified.
19. The Purebred Barrow show will begin immediately following the NJSA Grand gilt drive and will show in Alphabetic order starting with Berkshire with Crossbred at the end.
20. Barrows must weigh 290 lbs. or less and will have a 15 lb. weigh-back. The top five barrows in each class will be re-weighed. Barrows must weigh back within 15 pounds of their declared weight. Any barrow weighing more or less than 15 pounds of the declared weight will be disqualified.
21. The Awards Ceremony will begin at the conclusion of the Crossbred gilt show on Saturday in the Show Ring.
22. All gilts and barrows will be released as they are done showing.

We are excited to be heading back to Hamburg this year to a wonderful facility! If you have any questions, please contact NSR Youth Activities and Programs Manager, Carin Vickrey at carinv@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594. See you in Hamburg!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carin Vickrey". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Carin" and last name "Vickrey" clearly legible.

Carin Vickrey
Youth Activities and Programs Manager
National Swine Registry