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Dear NJSA Member,

Welcome to the National Junior Swine Association! We are so excited you've chosen to be part of the NJSA family.

Whether this is your very first year showing or you've grown up around the barn, there is truly a place for you here. The NJSA was established in 2000 for youth ages 21 and under with a passion for the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, and Yorkshire breeds of swine. Since then, it has grown into one of the most respected and impactful youth livestock organizations in the country — serving thousands of members nationwide.

But what makes NJSA special isn't just the numbers. It's the people.

Throughout the year, NJSA hosts regional and national shows, leadership conferences, contests, and educational programs designed to help you grow — not only as an exhibitor, but as a leader and a person. From showmanship and judging contests to skillathon, public speaking, photography, and team competitions, there are opportunities for every interest and every comfort level.

Our premier events — including the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS), The Exposition, and the NJSA Winter National — bring members together from across the country. These shows are more than competition; they are where friendships are formed, confidence is built, and memories are made.

For members ages 14–21, the National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC) provides a unique opportunity to grow as a leader while connecting with peers who share your passion for the swine industry. As you continue in NJSA, you may even consider serving on the Junior Board of Directors, mentoring younger members, applying for scholarships, or pursuing internship opportunities through the National Swine Registry.

NJSA promotes integrity, sportsmanship, and ethical practices in raising and exhibiting livestock. We believe in honoring tradition while also encouraging growth and innovation. Most importantly, we believe in you — your potential, your work ethic, and your ability to make a difference in this industry.

I encourage you to jump in. Try a contest. Meet someone new. Step outside your comfort zone. The members who get the most out of NJSA are the ones who choose to get involved. I promise you, the friendships and lessons you gain here will stay with you long after your junior career ends.

You can find the NJSA Handbook, show information, and important resources at nationalswine.com If you ever have questions, ideas, or just want to visit, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office at 765.463.3594.

We are so glad you're here and can't wait to see what you accomplish.

Welcome to NJSA — we're proud to have you.

Sincerely,

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