



4-H Sheep Day at Hestholl Icelandics

Saturday, October 19, 2024 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1002 Johnie Brook Road, Richmond, VT 05477



This year's Sheep Day begins at 11:30 a.m. when we get the barn prepared for the shearer to arrive. Everyone needs to disinfect boots and shoes as they come in and wash their hands with soap and hot water. Fred (the shearer) will arrive around noon. The rams will be shorn first, and younger children can watch from outside the pen. We will also trim the sheep's hooves while they are shorn.

Then the real fun begins!

Each ewe will be caught from the pen and put on a halter. She must be placed on a stand, hooves trimmed, FAMACHA scored, and body condition scored. She will be shorn and her wool must be carefully bagged with a tag with her name and the date put in the bag. Careful records must be kept of all of these steps and the shearing "table" must be swept off to get ready for the next sheep.

There will be something for everyone to do! We also like to have "before" and "after" pictures of each sheep. So, if there are any photographers, that can be your job! Everyone should get a chance to learn something at each station, even if you are not able to handle the sheep.

Program notes:

- Wear washable boots and eat lunch before you get there as it will be busy.
- Please check in and disinfect when you arrive. It's recommended that you also disinfect before you leave, especially if you have animals at home.
- Parking is limited, so please park at the bottom of the driveway or at the Park-and-Ride (2 miles away) and carpool up the driveway.

Agenda

11:30 a.m. Check-in

3:30 p.m. Sheep Day ends

This event is for 4-H members ages 8 to 18 as of January 1, 2025, and also for community members. Register by Tuesday, October 15, 2024 by calling Hestholl Icelandics at 802-999-7982 or emailing hestholl4@gmail.com. To request language interpretation/translation assistance and/or a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please call or email Wendy Sorrell at 802-656-7641 or wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu by Friday, October 4, 2024 so we may assist you.

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