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Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) Train-the-Advisor Trainings

The MAQA Train-the-Advisor Trainings are:

Jan. 10 Ramada Inn Stevens Point	608-263-4304
FFA Half time Conference Session starts at 8 a.m.	
Jan. 19 Jefferson County Extension Office	920-674-7295
Feb. 5 Iron County Courthouse, County Board Room	715-561-2695
Feb. 17 Marshfield Ag Research Station	715-421-8440
Feb. 17 Winnebago County James P. Coughlin Center	920-727-8643
Feb. 19 Eau Claire County Extension Office	715-839-4712
Feb. 23 Richland County – UW Richland Campus	608-647-6148

This year's topic is Animal Handling. All trainings begin at 7 p.m. and end around 9 p.m, except for Jan. 10. This training is held in conjunction with FFA's Half-time conference and starts at 8 a.m.

These train-the-advisor sessions are for anyone interested in teaching or facilitating the Meat Animal Quality Assurance program to help youth livestock exhibitors in beef, sheep and swine learn how to produce a safe and wholesome product. It is encouraged that counties form a team of educators to conduct this program in their county. These trainings are not certification sessions for youth! Youth can attend if they would like to help teach the program.

This train-the-advisor sessions are for UW Extension Faculty, Agri-Science and Vo-Tech Instructors, Veterinarians, Project Leaders, parents or any interested volunteer.

In 2008 this trainings is **required** for Extension personnel, Veterinarians and Agriculture Education Instructors in order to teach youth and have access to the database.

Volunteers need to attend a training conducted by the Youth Livestock Specialist at least once every 3 years; otherwise **trained** extension agents, and Agriculture Education Instructors can update them the other years through a county training. Agents, Agriculture Education Instructors and veterinarians also have to attend a training at least once every 3 years conducted by the Youth Livestock Specialist. It is highly encouraged to attend trainings frequently as the activities and material change each year.

To register for these events call the phone number at the site you would like to attend. If you have further questions about this program, contact Bernie O'Rourke, Youth Livestock Specialist at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Also check out the animal science website.

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/quality.cfm>
