

International Youth Grand Prix

Tuesday, July 1 – Friday, July 2

To celebrate fifty-five years of Ayrshire Youth Programs we are offering the International Ayrshire Youth Grand Prix Contest. The Grand Prix contest involves participants competing in a variety of mini contests over a 4-day period interspersed within the U.S. National Ayrshire Convention. The contests are designed to be fun, and challenging. Contest topics will include Cattle Judging, Body Condition Scoring, General Knowledge Exam, Linear Evaluation, Dairy Handling, Dairy Product & Identification Judging, Pedigree Judging, Pedigrees Evaluations, Ayrshire Photo Identification Contest, Hay & Crop Identification & Evaluation, Dairy Management Tools Identification, DHIA & Bull Proof Evaluation, Ad Design, Why Ayrshires Pitch, & Wildcard Classes.

Tuesday Lunch, July 1 ~ 11:30 AM

Convention early arrivals, youth, board and committee members will enjoy a deli style lunch buffet will be served with ham, turkey and chicken salad along with a garden pasta salad and caprese salad for those that are first to arrive.

Moonlight in Vermont Welcome Reception

Tuesday, July 1 ~ 7:00 PM

Convention officially kicks off with the Moonlight in Vermont Welcome Reception. Participants will get acquainted with old and new Ayrshire friends. The meal will include a taco buffet. A distinctive Ayrshire themed welcome gift will only be available at this event.

Boots & Buckles Youth Blowout

Tuesday, July 1 ~ 7:00 PM

Bring your finest pair of boots as this cowboy themed event will feature boots and buckles. Enjoy music and mixers. Youth participants will receive a limited edition 150th Jubilee belt buckle. The meal will include a buffet of chicken tenders and loaded tater tots with all the fixings.

Ayrshire Forum - Master Breeder Panel

Wednesday, July 2 ~ 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Enjoy a breeder discussion featuring questions and answers from some of North America's most respected breeders.

Tunbridge Royale

Wednesday, July 2 ~ 12:00 PM

Travel to the historic Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds where a variety of breeders will showcase their finest Ayrshires that have been transported in from the area. The afternoon will include a delightful meal, hayride through covered bridges, live music and Vermont products. Youth Grand Prix events will also take place at the fairgrounds.

New England Style Youth Beach Party

Wednesday, July 2 ~ 7:00 PM

Youth will enjoy a beach themed event, with a variety of interactive games. Before the festivities, enjoy all the classic comfort favorites with an Italian buffet including meat Lasagna, chicken parmesan, fettuccine alfredo, salad, and garlic bread.

150th Jubilee Celebration & Legends Panel

Wednesday, July 2 ~ 7:00 PM

Come celebrate 150 years with the American Ayrshire Breeders' Association featuring our spring season. The meal will feature an Italian buffet with meat lasagna, chicken parmesan, fettuccine alfredo, salad, and garlic bread.

Farm Tours

Thursday, July 3 ~ 7:30 AM

Join us for farm tours, which showcases how three Registered Ayrshire farms have found their niche in the dairy industry. You'll visit True Blessings, in Fort Ann, NY, home to tremendous red cow families and breeder of showring winners. You will then travel to Blue Spruce Farm, a three-generation family farm in Bridport, VT and home to DE LA PLAINE BINGO STINGER. You'll appreciate their innovative management practices as they are best known for being the pioneering Cow Power farm in Vermont. Blue Spruce will also host a hearty lunch to keep you fueled. Wrap

up the tour by traveling to Bristol, VT, and home of Four-Hills. The farm is known for decades of showing dominance and successfully adding Ayrshires to their large commercial operation. This experience will give you an insight into innovation, passion, and quality that define these three Registered Ayrshire herds.

National Ayrshire Youth Banquet & Auction

Thursday, July 3 ~ 7:00 PM

A summer themed celebration of the accomplishments of U.S. Ayrshire Youth will take place. The meal consists of a barbeque chicken breast buffet, with potato salad, coleslaw, and mac & cheese. Awards will include Production, Breeder of an Excellent Cow, Junior All-American, Quiz bowl, Jeopardy, Photos, Display, and Ad Contest winners. The event will conclude with a fun auction to support National Ayrshire youth programs.

National Awards Brunch

Friday, July 4 ~ 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM

This brunch will recognize national recognitions such as the French Trophies, Production Winners and All-Americans. This fall themed event will include a Thanksgiving style buffet featuring a green salad, maple mustard pork loin, turkey, stuffing, green beans, sweet potato mash and apple crisp.

Showmanship Clinics with World Renowned Judge

Friday, July 4 ~ 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Youth will have the opportunity to improve their showmanship skills with one of the world's most respected cattle judges and showman.

Grand National Sale Preview

Friday, July 4 ~ 1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

See the finest animals that we have brought together for the 150th Grand National Sale at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds located in Essex Junction, VT. Sale consignments will feature little known herds, with exceptional cow families that will surprise and delight viewers.

Kilt Gala

Friday, July 4 ~ 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Join us in honoring U.S. Ayrshire community leaders from all generations as we encourage all attendees to wear something plaid celebrating the roots of our breed and Scotland where the Ayrshire originated. We will reflect on past achievements and look forward to a bright future for our membership. Recipients of the prestigious Master Breeder, Distinguished Service and Young Breeder along with the Youth Grand Prix Contest winners will be recognized. Celebrate excellence and be inspired by the dedication and passion that drives our industry forward. For our winter theme dinner enjoy a buffet with seafood Newburg, roast beef, quinoa salad, cucumber & grape tomato salad, garlic fingerling potatoes, broccoli, and assorted desserts.