**Friday, January 10**

3:00 PM  Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena
Virginia Sheep Industry Board Meeting (Open to the public)

6:00 PM  Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena
Virginia Sheep Producers Association Board Meeting (Open to the public)

**Saturday, January 11**

**ADULT SESSION**

8:30 AM  Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena
Registration and Commercial Exhibits

9:30 AM  Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena
Morning Session –
“Key Components to Flock Health: Do’s and Don’ts”
Dr. Hollie Schramm, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

“Guard Dogs: Selection and Care Strategies for Success”
Lee Wright, Rolling Spring Farm, Glade Spring, VA

“Alternative and Niche Marketing Opportunities”
Nick Forrest, Oxford, OH

“NRV Sheep & Goat Club Experiences with Wool Marketing”
Cecil King, Pulaski, VA

“Update from ASI”
Mr. Jimmy Parker, ASI Executive Board-Region II Director, Alabama

12:00 PM  Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena
Roy Meek Outstanding Sheep Producer Award Presentation
Virginia Sheep Producers Association Annual Meeting (including vote on by-laws revision)

12:15 PM  Lamb Lunch

**Saturday PM**

1:00 PM  travel to VT Meat Center on campus for workshops and demonstrations using lamb carcasses and product

“Understanding our Product- American Lamb vs. the Competition” and
“Cooking with Lamb”
Nick Forrest, Oxford, OH

“Lamb Carcass Merit 101” and
“VT Meat Center Marketing Experiences”
Dr. Scott Greiner, Animal & Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech
Jordan Wicks, Animal & Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech

**YOUNG SHEPHERD SYMPOSIUM & YQCA CERTIFICATION**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Youth Session will be concurrent with adult session and focus on Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) quality assurance training. Hands-on and interactive sessions will be included. 4H and FFA youth of all experience levels are welcome.

**AM**

9:00 AM  Registration

9:30 AM  Morning Session –
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training

12:00 PM  Lunch – provided

**PM**

1:00 PM  Afternoon Session – VT Meat Center on campus

Hands-on lab practicals associated with YQCA

3:00 PM  Adjourn

See registration information following
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED OF ALL YOUTH WISHING TO PARTICIPATE!

**ADULT PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

SATURDAY SYMPOSIUM
Received by January 3, 2020
Complete separate form for each participant only if different addresses.

NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________

CITY ____________________________ STATE _______________ ZIP _______________

DAYTIME PHONE ____________________________ E-MAIL ____________________________

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE NAMES (please list):

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Number of FULL REGISTRATIONS ________
(includes lunch, breaks, proceedings)
@$25 each, TOTAL = $________

(this form not for youth attendees)

Please return with payment for registration (make check payable to VSPA; credit cards not accepted) no later than January 3 to:
Virginia Sheep Producers Association
Dept. of Animal & Poultry Sciences
362 Litton Reaves Hall (MC 0306)
Blacksburg, VA 24061
Phone: (540) 231-9159 Email: sgreiner@vt.edu
YOUTH PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Youth component of the Symposium will provide Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21, and includes both classroom and hands-on instruction. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
By January 3, 2020

To register, go to this website:
https://tinyurl.com/YOUTH-Register-Here

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND
(no cost to attend for youth)

Questions or additional information on the youth session can be directed to:

Katherine Carter
Phone (540) 231-2257; email carterke@vt.edu

Scott Greiner
Phone (540) 231-9159; email sgreiner@vt.edu

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION:
Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena
500 Plantation Road
Blacksburg, VA

The Virginia Shepherds' Symposium is open to all sheep producers from the region. It provides in-service training opportunities for extension personnel, educators and other professionals in sheep and related agribusiness industries. Youth are an important segment of the sheep industry and are invited to attend.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Residence Inn, Blacksburg
Phone (540) 750-4400
850 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg, VA
Rate: $109 plus tax

Rooms block has been reserved at the hotel listed above. These rooms will be held until December 31, 2019. Please state you are with Shepherds Symposium to receive block rate.

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*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.