

ADGA JUDGES TRAINING CONFERENCE – Registration Form

June 8 – 10, 2018

SUNY Cobleskill, Cobleskill, NY 12043

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

ADGA ID Number: _____

Signature: _____

Participation in the training conference is limited to the first 25 candidates who pay the required fees.

Additional registrants will be put on a waiting list and contacted (first come, first serve) should a position become available. If you pay your fees and you find you will be unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we may inform the first person on the waiting list that a space is available.

Please check the following items that apply to your participation in this Training Conference:

Pre – Training Conference - Adult	Friday, June 8	\$75	
Pre – Training Conference – Youth	Friday, June 8	\$50	
Training Conference Candidate	June 9 - 10	\$350	
Training Conference Auditor	June 9- 10	\$250	
Training Conference Spectator	June 9- 10	\$100	
Volunteer – handle goats or supply goats	June 9		
Volunteer – handle goats or supply goats	June 10		

Please make your check payable to: ENYGC, Eastern NY Goat Club

Send Registration materials to: Robert Bartholomew, Jr., 174 Dales Bridge Road, Germantown, NY 12526

Further Details: What is a Training Conference?

The American Dairy Goat Association offers opportunities for interested individuals to expand upon their knowledge of evaluating dairy goats along the parameters developed in the Unified Dairy Goat Scorecard. This opportunity allows for individuals wishing to pursue their Judges License to be qualified to evaluate American Dairy Goat Association's officially sanctioned shows for does, kids and bucks. Successful candidates will achieve a passing score on four basic tests of proficiency.

The Judges **Pre-Training Conference**, held on Friday, June 8th will start at 9:00 am through 5:00 pm. This program is for breeders, youth and judge candidates and will be a full day of instruction. Participants will be engaged in prescribed content that includes parts of the goat, scorecards, terminology, breed standards, defects, oral reasons, judging techniques and ethics. The greater portion of this day is in a classroom environment. Lunch and beverages are included with the conference fee.

The Training Conference is a more formalized program of training and testing of judge candidates. There is one day of training (Saturday, June 9) and one day of testing which includes a written test, the placement of at least eight classes of live animals, and the presentation of oral reasons to evaluate a candidates accuracy and presentation skills. These tests must be passed at specific standards of performance in order for a license to be granted. For more information on licensing to be an ADGA Judge, please refer to the current guidebook.

The Training Conference can also be attended in the role of an auditor or a spectator. Neither of these classifications will result in licensure. An auditor is able to participate in all of the aspects of the conference of the judge candidate, however will not do the oral reasons unless time is available. The auditor can take the general knowledge test, is strongly encouraged to practice their oral reasons in the workshop training days to build their skills and comfort level, and then place classes on the second day along with the judge candidates.

The spectator is welcome to observe the training portions of the conference, and can place animals independently, but is limited to being an observer. Feedback can be offered on a limited basis.

Where can I stay in or near Cobleskill, NY?

Campus housing – Approximately \$40/night you have access to a suite with your own private room with a single bed. You share a bathroom with one other person, and a kitchenette with a refrigerator, microwave and stove, so you can prepare your own meals if you desire. Up to 6 people can occupy one suite. Please contact Cindi Shelley at shelleca@cobleskill.edu for more details.

Super 8 – Less than 2 miles from campus, closest hotel to the east side of town. Dunkin Donuts across the street! Check back for blocked rooms for our conference, 518.234.4888

Countryside Inn – Richmondville. 3 miles west of campus. Privately owned and has been used for campus certificate programs with satisfactory reviews. 518.294.0001. One online site reported no rooms, but call as there were availabilities for \$75/night.

The Inn at Cobleskill – Formerly the Best Western. Also less than 2 miles from campus, has an indoor pool, bowling alley and dining. Sits upon the hill looking over the town of Cobleskill. 2 shopping centers flank the road on the way to this hotel with a TSC, multiple eating establishments from fast food, Chinese, pizza and Italian, banks, auto stores, and 2 grocery shopping centers. Ownership has turned over – check the ratings online as we have heard mixed reviews since this happened 518.234.4321

Bed and Breakfasts and other things to do:

There are also a number of bed and breakfast establishments in Cobleskill, Sharon Springs and Cooperstown. If travelling with family who want to experience tourist activities, Cooperstown is only 40 minutes west and is home to the Farmer's Museum, and Opera, and the Baseball Hall of Fame. A beautiful hotel to stay at is the Otesaga, but it is one of the more upscale in the area. Sharon Springs is only 20 minutes from campus and is the "home" of the Beekman Boys and Beekman 1851. The businessmen behind this venture purchased a mansion in Sharon Springs, hired a dairy goat farmer to run the property, and revitalized their community with their fame from winning the Amazing Race, developing food partnerships with Target stores and assisting with attracting more tourist traffic to the town.