



Hi Everyone,

As I'm sure you know we have licensed judges with the ABA and the APA that are called "dual licensed" judges as they are licensed by both the American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association. This means they can judge anything that shows up in the showroom that is listed in both of these associations "standards". They have two job classifications.

We would like to invite all of you busy 4-H leaders and other poultry leaders that are working with your members that are showing "purebred exhibition poultry" as well as members that raise and show commercial production birds to become "**dual youth leaders**". This means you would be a 4-H leader with a focus on both the commercial production industry as well as a Youth Exhibition Poultry Association (YEPA) youth leader geared to the purebred exhibition poultry hobby. You also would have two job classifications.

As a YEPA youth leader you would have access to the many learning tools we share with our leaders and youth members. I believe this would be a big help when the kids move up to the level to showing exhibition birds.

#1 – YEPA publishes a monthly newsletter with up to date news about what is going on in their poultry world with articles from our youth leaders, our judges and shows you and representatives of YEPA will be attending, some in your own area and some out of state area's where a leader will almost always be present. Plus we publish articles, pictures, and show achievements from our members. This part of the newsletter is posted on our website ([www.youthexhibitionpoultry.org](http://www.youthexhibitionpoultry.org)). A very special section called "for members only" is emailed to each member and our leaders with helpful articles and hints to help them achieve goals in the showroom and well as their breeding program. All of this is specifically geared to exhibition poultry and the APA and ABA Standards. To give our members and leaders an advantage this is not shared publicly but only amongst our members and leaders.

#2 – We have a special educational record books that will help our members learn about the poultry hobby and the specifics of what they should be studying as their own age levels. This special program is called the ACE PROGRAM and one of the main focuses of YEPA. When they finish each level, called Coop Tender, Flock Tender, Flock Master, Poultry Master they are recognized for their achievement and receive a patch and certificate for each level achieved. Their achievements are posted on our website also.

#3 – We have a special "showmanship points" program for our members. They earn points as well as a pin for each show they attend and place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the class they compete in. After they earn a certain number of points they are awarded a special patch showing their achievement in showmanship. These points are earned when attending a Sanctioned Showmanship Meet. Also, members that are working in the ACE Program can, at the age of 16, can request to take a test to become a "certified showmanship judge" by YEPA.

#4 – If a member has done all of their record books in the ACE Program and have completed the Poultry Master level they have the opportunity to become a Pre-Apprentice Poultry Judge through a joint program we have with the APA and the ABA. The benefits offered by the APA and the ABA are outstanding.

#5 – We have a partnership with several breed clubs and we work closely together to educate our members about these specific breeds. As a YEPA youth leader you would be a part of this partnership program.

#6 – We are a partner with the USDA. Special patches are awarded through our joint association to youngsters that study and learn about poultry diseases. This is the only club that has this opportunity provided by our USDA partnership.

If you are interested please feel free to contact me either by email ([chickenbarn@att.net](mailto:chickenbarn@att.net)) or by PM on Facebook. I will be happy to send you the application and discuss the benefits and any questions you have about our association.