

ABPC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YOUTH EXHIBITION POULTRY ASSOCIATION

Objective of the YEPA:

Our primary objective is that a young person who completes this program will have acquired the knowledge, skills and experience to participate fully and effectively in the poultry fancy as an adult. They will be able to decide what types of fowl they wish to raise, know how to select quality birds, how to house, feed and provide competent care of poultry. They will understand breeding and raising chicks, incubation and brooding. They will understand showing poultry, understand showroom procedures and be willing to share their knowledge with others. They will learn ethical treatment of animals and ethical knowledge skills in working with others. This program will provide them opportunities to practice sportsmanship, co-operation with other participants and *involvement in their home community and provide a community service.*

The student will be encouraged to study, engage in constructive activities, use his or her imagination, cooperate with other individuals and groups and develop individual talents and abilities.

How our Breed Clubs and the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association can work together:

By joining forces we can work together and in unison to promote our junior members to raise a healthy flock of their favorite breed of bird.

What goes into the record books: (ages 8 & up) The ACE Program= (Activities, Competition, and Education)

1. All **activities** that members have participated in such as clinics, seminars, educational contests and activities they have done in their local community such as taking their bird and chicks to school to introduce students to the poultry hobby, especially educating these youngsters about the enjoyment of raising your particular breed or to local swap meets to promote your club and the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association. They can interview a judge or breeder getting as much information as they can about your breed.
2. The member records their **competition** records from attending shows and entering birds gaining points in the exhibition of their breed. They save all coop tags for verification or they can glue the coop tags in the notebook.
3. The member records all that they have learned about raising their favorite breed in the **educational** section of the record book. They enter things such as the history of the breed, the problems and solutions of breeding techniques, and what they learned when they attended a clinic or seminar or a meeting of your breed club. (Note: many times the Activity they participated in can be cross referenced with the new skill or information they learned about raising, breeding, showing a poultry animal). Also in this section is a complete study of poultry health issues (parasites, diseases) terminology, recognizing and possible treatment and bio-security measures, as well as learning how to do a profit and loss financial statement.

These notebooks are thorough in educating our youngsters in the poultry hobby.

When a record book is completed by the member:

1. The completed record book is normally turned in to one of our youth leaders or sent to the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association national office. The book is then reviewed and graded. The book can then be submitted to your breed club for review on the information they have provided about your chosen breed.
2. Once the book is graded the youth member is scheduled to be tested on his/her knowledge from the information related to their particular level record book and their chosen breed of bird. This is usually scheduled to take place at a poultry show and the member is taken out on the showroom floor to discuss their knowledge of the materials they have provided in the book. We have pre-made test that are used for this purpose.
3. Testing is done by a knowledgeable breeder, a poultry judge, a youth leader chosen by the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association or in this case a member of your breed club that has been chosen by you. As a partner with the Youth Club you may be asked or would prefer to schedule the floor test of your member so you can test him/her about their knowledge of your breed or we will be happy to test them for you utilizing the APA and ABA Standards.

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Please visit our website for more information about the educational materials we have available for our youth members, the books & materials we have in our website store and our newsroom to see our newsletters. <http://www.youthexhibitionpoultry.org/>