



## Block & Bridle Club

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Dear UF Supporters,

On Saturday, November 1, 2014, the University of Florida's Block and Bridle Club will host a Beef Show Clinic at the University of Florida's Horse Teaching Unit. This service event will provide approximately 40 Florida youth to gain skills and knowledge needed to exhibit beef animals in livestock shows. It also allows the club member opportunities to build relationships with fellow club members in working together and develop their personal communication skills throughout event planning.

Block and Bridle is a nationally recognized service and career development organization comprised of undergraduate students who enjoy working with and learning about livestock. Through community service, educational projects, and career development activities members of Block and Bridle work closely with the Animal Science faculty, the Florida livestock industry, University of Florida, and youth of Florida who have an interest in livestock.

The Beef Show Clinic is a service project to help beginner and novice level beef exhibitors of youth ages to establish and hone their showmanship skills. The clinic provides workshops to teach basics of daily care, animal selection and breaking, preparation for show day, and how to show a beef animal. The clinic will also provide informational session about nutrition and showmanship contests where a judge will evaluate each class and assist the exhibitors with their showmanship skills. The top exhibitors in each class will receive rewards. A lunch will be held in conjunction with the clinic and at the end of the clinic and the exhibitors will receive a fun/informational packet to take home with things to read regarding showing, beef animals, and the industry! The clinic is meant to be fun, encouraging, informative, competitive, and provide valuable and useful knowledge to the participants!

On behalf of our club, I encourage you to support the UF Block and Bridle Beef Show Clinic as a way to offset the cost of running the clinic. You could choose to sponsor several items including a monetary donation, lunch and (or) part of it, t-shirts, or provide prizes like show sticks, combs, halters, or a folding chair just to mention a few items. We also ask that if you have any items to include in the take-home packets for each participant, please feel welcome. The t-shirt sponsor can have their logo on the t-shirt and all sponsors will be recognized throughout the clinic with their name/logo on clinic literature that we will have made for show day as well as their name announced at lunch.

Thank you in advanced for helping make the 2014 Beef Show Clinic a success. Please feel free to contact the Block and Bridle Club at [ufblockandbridle@gmail.com](mailto:ufblockandbridle@gmail.com) or Wayne Watson at 863-634-4110 or [waynewatson@ufl.edu](mailto:waynewatson@ufl.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Wayne Watson  
Beef Show Clinic, Chairman