

2010 TN SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL

Featuring Australian Instructor

Bill O'Conner

April 30 & May 1, 2010

Tennessee Livestock Center

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Sponsored By:

TN Sheep Producers Association & Tennessee Farmer=s Cooperative, In Cooperation With
University of Tennessee Extension and the MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience

PURPOSE

The shearing school is designed for either beginner or experienced shearers who wish to improve their skills. Knowledge of sheep handling is useful. The course will cover handling and control as well as gear management.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

This shearing school is not designed for young children; in fact, participants must be at senior 4-H (high school) level. The Tennessee Sheep Producers Association does encourage participation by senior 4-H'ers and will pay the registration fee for the first five 4-H members who register.

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 30

10:00 am Registration

10:30 am Equipment Discussion

1:00 pm Start Shearing

Saturday, May 1

8:00 am - Will Continue Until All Sheep Are Sheared.

Meals and lodging are the responsibility of the participants.

You can attend for one day only, but it is preferable to attend both sessions.

INSTRUCTORS

Former Australian Wool Board Instructor Bill O'Conner will offer his refined basic technique to any student with some sheep handling experience. Mr. O'Conner will be assisted by Mark Powell, Wilson Farmer=s Co-op and Dr. Warren Gill, Director, MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience.

DIRECTIONS

The location will be the Tennessee Livestock Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Take I-24 to exit 81B, go to 2nd light, turn right onto Rutherford Blvd, go to the 7th light, turn left onto Greenland Dr., TLC will be 1/2 mile on left. Address is 1720 Greenland Drive. Website is <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~tlc/>

Phone number is 615-898-5575

Tips for Participants:

1. **REQUIREMENT:** Bring a small, (4' x 4' or larger) piece of old carpet or plywood for a shearing surface
2. Wear "old clothes"
3. Exercise for a few weeks before coming to the school
4. Bring your own shears, if possible. Some equipment will be available for sale.
5. Bring an oil can and some regular motor oil
6. Bring heavy-duty extension cords, if available

PRE-REGISTRATION

The cost for the Shearing School is **\$50 per person**. In order to make plans, pre-registration is required. Participation is limited to the first 20 paid applicants. Complete the form below and return to: James B. Neel

UT Animal Science Department

2640 Morgan Circle Drive

B012 McCord Hall

Knoxville, TN 37996-4588

Or register on the website: <http://animalscience.ag.utk.edu/Sheep/pdf/SheepShearingSchool-2010.pdf>

Pre-Registration

2010 TN Sheep Shearing School

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE: _____

Are you 4-H member seeking scholarship? _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

TN Sheep Producers Association

Note: Kentucky usually hosts a shearing school in case you can

=> make Tenn. School, contact Dr. Don Ely at dely@utk.edu or call 859-257-2717

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