We are hosting the North East Sheep Shearing School in March. Details below. We need 40 more sheep for the instructors and students to use. Anyone willing to trailer their sheep to our farm for the day or weekend in exchange for free shearing, tuition and meals?

North East Sheep Shearing School

Dates: Saturday, March 14 & Sunday, March 15, 2020
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Stone & Thistle Farm, 1211 Kelso Road, East Meredith, New York 13757 Phone: 607-278-5800 or warren@stoneandthistlefarm.com

Would you like to learn how to shear sheep? Whether you are a flock owner who is having a difficult time getting a shearer to come out or you have always wanted to do it yourself but are not sure where to start, this is the class for you. This class will give you the confidence to go home and get the job done. If you already know how to shear but are looking to take it to the next level, this class can do that too! Doug Rathke, a seasoned shearer, and seven additional seasoned instructors, know what it takes to learn the art of shearing. They know how to teach shearing so it can be understood and retained. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced shearer, there is something to learn. Many of those who have completed this course have gone on to earn additional income as custom shearers for nearby flocks.

What you will learn:

• Preparing for shearing • Understanding & appreciation of shearing gear • Selecting combs & cutters
• Setting up a hand piece • Setting up the shearing work area • Learning the basic shearing pattern and footwork
• Learning how to properly sharpen your tools • Modifying the shearing pattern for different types of sheep

Students must have their own sheep shearing equipment as this is a hands-on school. Questions about equipment? Doug can help guide you. Please call or text him at 320-583-7281.

Registration

• Early Bird Registration $195 (SAVE $20). Must receive payment by February 17, 2020 to get this price.
• Late Registration (after February 17, 2020) - $215

Register on line at https://www.lambshoppe.com/events/north-east-sheep-shearing-school
Accommodations

A block of rooms is reserved at the Quality Inn in Oneonta, NY 5206 State Highway 23, Oneonta, NY 13820 607-433-2250 Cost: $79 plus taxes. Other options are the chalet at Harmony Hill Retreat Center (up the road from the farm) https://harmonyhillretreat.com/mountain-chalet-retreat-cabin/ or local Airbnb stays in East Meredith such as Succurro Farm Retreat Apartment - $100 night or Catskills Forest Artist Studio - $106 night. Both are located a few minutes from the farm.

Meals: Saturday and Sunday Breakfast: Light breakfast available Saturday and Sunday mornings at Stone & Thistle Farm or you can get breakfast on your own before you arrive. Saturday and Sunday Lunch: Provided by Stone & Thistle Farm or bring a bag lunch Saturday Dinner: Provided by Stone & Thistle Farm or on your own $ donations appreciated to cover the cost of meals

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Stone & Thistle Farm: grass fed and pasture raised beef, lamb, goat, pork, poultry and rabbits. Sold at farmers markets and on the farm. http://www.stoneandthistlefarm.com/events.htm

Farm Stay: http://www.stoneandthistlefarm.com/bed&breakfast.html

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