

2011 HARRIS COUNTY FAIR CALF SCRAMBLE CONTEST

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

- Houston Farm and Ranch, Inc. or the Harris County Fair is not responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble before, during or after the event.
- Calf Scramble entries must be submitted by the applicant's Agriculture Science teacher or 4-H leader no later than September 19, 2011.
- Applicants will be considered on a first-come, first served basis. Selection will then be based on the applicant's adequate facilities, availability of resources and their desire to raise and show an animal.
- Once the necessary paperwork has been received and verified by the Calf Scramble Committee, qualified applicants will be notified of their acceptance as a participant or alternate. This official notification will be sent to you by the Harris County Fair Office only.
- All applicants are required to complete a Minor's Release and Indemnity Agreement and return it **WITH** the application. An application will not be considered without this signed and notarized release form.
- All applicants are subject to the General Rules of the Harris County Fair and Special Rules of the Junior Livestock Show.
- Applicant must not have purchased an animal prior to the scramble event.
- The Calf Scramble Committee reserves the right to determine the number of calves, number of participants, and awards to be given on the basis of committed sponsorships.
- Though the event is titled "Calf Scramble Contest", the participant that catches a calf has the option to purchase a heifer, steer, pig, lamb, goat, rabbits, turkeys or broilers as designated on his/her application.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must have reached their 13th birthday, but not their 18th birthday by October 1, 2011 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
- Applicant must be enrolled in and considered eligible in a Harris County 4-H or FFA at the time of application and if selected, at the time of scramble.
- Applicant must be a resident of Harris County or zoned to a Harris County School.
- Applicant must be financially able to supply any additional funds that may be needed to purchase the animal and to feed and care for it.
- Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing an animal.
- Applicant and his/her parents/guardian must be willing and the participant must be eligible to spend the required time away from school and other activities to exhibit and care for the animal at the 2012 Harris County Fair.
- Applicants who have previously won a scramble certificate through participation in a previous Harris County Fair Calf Scramble are not eligible to participate in the 2011 Calf Scramble.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT

- Participants must be able to run and perform procedures necessary to scramble.
- Applicant must weigh at least 100 pounds.

- Participants appearing to have a broken limb or evidence of a recent injury (cast, ace bandage, support brace, etc.) will automatically be disqualified and replaced by the first eligible alternate.

DRESS

- Participants must wear long pants and comfortable shoes. A belt is not required but strongly suggested. Please remember that you will be running in dirt, so the more comfortable you are, the easier it is to run.
- Shoes with any type of knob or cleat are not allowed.
- All contestants will be provided with a t-shirt. No jewelry or hats allowed.

SPECIAL RULES

- Approved applicants are considered eligible by the Harris County Fair for participation in the Calf Scramble at the time the entry was made. Any Ag Science Teacher or 4-H Leader that has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the Scramble Office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled Scramble in which the ineligible participant was to participate. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of said FFA Chapter or 4-H Club of entries for the following Fair year.
- If a participant is unable to scramble for any reason, an alternate will be assigned by the Calf Scramble Committee.
- There will be four (4) **MANDATORY** meetings for participants as stated below.
- Mandatory Meeting #1 (All Participants) - Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 6:30 pm – McAnelly Hall – Review Scramble information and turn in eligibility forms.
- Mandatory Meeting #2 (All Participants) - Friday, October 21, 2011, 6:45 pm – McAnelly Hall – Scramble Check-In
- Mandatory Meeting #3 (Scramble Winners Only) - Immediately following the Scramble – McAnelly Hall – Meet Sponsor and take pictures
- Mandatory Meeting #4 (Scramble Winners Only) – Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 6:30 pm – Rip’s Retreat Building – Discuss requirements for buying an animal, reports required and receive Scramble Purchase Certificates. Thank you notes to sponsors will be written at this time. Bring a blank thank you note with a stamped envelope.
- Failure to attend any of these mandatory meetings will result in disqualification from competition and forfeiture of any prizes awarded. Excused absences **MUST** be cleared with the Scramble Chairman prior to meeting time and date.

DUTIES AFTER CATCHING A CALF

- The animal must be a FFA or 4-H project. The winner **MUST** exhibit the animal at the 2012 Harris County Fair. An animal purchased as a Junior Market Show project may not be entered in any show prior to the 2012 Harris County Fair that requires the winning animals to be sold at auction.
- Appropriate entry materials must be submitted through the exhibitor’s club or chapter for the exhibitor to show in the 2012 Harris County Fair.
- Scramblers may purchase the animal of their choice in accordance with the General Rules of the Harris County Fair and Special Rules of the Junior Livestock Show and as designated on their application.

- Scramblers cannot purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members or their ranches. Checks will not be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
- Scramblers cannot purchase an animal that they have previously shown at the Harris County Fair in any given year or any animal that has previously been recorded in their name or in an immediate family member's name.
- A Scrambler who decides to purchase a beef heifer or steer will be awarded a Purchase Certificate in the amount of \$650.00.
- A Scrambler who decides to purchase a pig, lamb or goat will be awarded a Purchase Certificate in the amount of \$200.00.
- A Scrambler who decides to purchase rabbits, turkeys or boilers will be awarded a Purchase Certificate in the amount of \$75.00.
- Proof of purchase price must be provided in order to redeem Purchase Certificates.
- In the event the purchase price of the animal does not exceed the amount of the Purchase Certificate, the scrambler must provide proof of feed and care expenses in order to receive the remaining balance of their certificate.
- Once each month, starting with March 14, 2012, the Scrambler is required to complete a progress report on his/her animal. If an animal has not been purchased, a progress report is still required, stating any activities leading up to the purchase of an animal. The original report and one copy, along with a stamped, unsealed sponsor-addressed envelope, shall be turned in to the Harris County Fair office by the 14th of each month. If the report is mailed to the Harris County Fair office, it must be postmarked by the 14th of the month. Any report received after the due date will be stamped "late" and will be reflected in the final evaluation of your scrapbook. The Scrambler should also keep one copy of the report and submit one copy to his/her 4-H leader or Ag Science Teacher. These reports will be submitted monthly for seven (7) months with the last report due September 14th. In addition to these reports, a 250 word essay describing his/her experience during this project and bound in a scrapbook will be due October 1st. The scrapbook shall contain essay, copies of monthly reports and any photos of project. The Scrambler with the best scrapbook will receive a check for \$150.00. This check will be awarded at the beginning of the 2012 Harris County Fair Calf Scramble Contest.
- A winner who fails to fulfill their obligations will have their Scramble Certificates revoked, will be required to repay the certificate value to the Harris County Fair and will be required to provide a letter of explanation to the donor and the Fair office. Failure to comply with these rules could also result in forfeiture of Calf Scramble entries for one year for that club/chapter. If repayment is not made within 30 days of the 2012 Harris County Fair, the Fair reserves the right to repossess the scramble animal.

If there are any questions regarding the Calf Scramble program or the application, you may contact:

Scramble Chairman,
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