

MEMO TO: 4-H Club Managers and Agriculture Science Teachers

SUBJECT: Henderson County Calf Scramble

Enclosed is information pertaining to the 2020 scramble.

Being in a leadership position you are aware of the time and money involved in a project animal. We ask that you recommend students and members in your program to participate in the calf scramble. Please advise your students and members of the additional money that is needed to carry out a project animal as in feed, cost of animal and facilities to house the animal. Please make sure your students or members understand the huge responsibility and amount of time involved in this project. Each recipient will initially receive a \$250 certificate to go towards the purchase of a project animal. Upon successful completion of the project and submission of the required documents and scrapbook, an additional \$250 will be awarded.

Note: There is no longer a limit of applications accepted per club or chapter. Clubs or chapters may have multiple entry applications submitted. Participants and alternates will be selected from the applications received by a committee. Please note from applications received each club or chapter will have at least one participant in the scramble and as many alternates as needed. Please review the rules and responsibilities in this packet.

It is important as Club Managers and Ag Teachers that you understand the scramble and how it works and what is expected from the participants. Certificates may be used to purchase a steer, heifer, swine, goat or lamb.

\*All entries must be submitted by club or chapter leaders at the March 9, 2020 HCLS entry deadline.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call Extension office at 903-675-6130.

Enclosed are all of the papers needed to enter the calf scramble.

Sincerely,

Henderson County Calf Scramble Committee

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE: 11 thru 17 years (September 1, 2019 will be the age determination date)

The Scramble Committee reserves the authority to determine the number of certificates and awards to be given on the basis of participation in each division.

Winners of the 2020 Henderson County Livestock Show Calf Scramble Contest will receive an initial \$250 Purchase Certificate and upon successful completion of the project and submission of the required documents and scrapbook, an additional \$250 will be awarded.

1. The Henderson County Livestock Show Association of the State of Texas will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the Calf Scramble, before, during, or after the scramble.
2. Incomplete minors' releases will not be accepted. All information requested on the minors release must be complete. Parent or legal guardian must sign the release. The release must be notarized. Completed minors releases, entry forms and responsibilities sheets must be submitted by club or chapter leader at the March 9, 2020 HCLS entry deadline.
3. Projects must be declared on entry form to be eligible for scramble.
4. Exhibitors are restricted to Henderson County with the following exceptions:
  - a. Cayuga, Frankston and Mabank FFA's
  - b. Old Cayuga and Cayuga. These 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the Cayuga ISD or if home schooled, must reside within Cayuga ISD boundaries.
5. A boy or girl must have reached their 11<sup>th</sup>, but not their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by or on September 1, 2019 and cannot exceed their junior year in high school.

## ARENA RULES

1. Participants will take into the arena a rope halter which will be supplied by the Henderson County Livestock Show Association. Halter cannot be used as a lariat. Halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way. (It is suggested that the supervisors of all participants instruct them of the proper use of rope halter and how to place it on the head of calf before coming to the show to participate in the scramble.)
2. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his/her body or belt.
3. Each participant will attempt to catch and halter one of the calves released. The participant catching a calf is required to lead it across the finish line without aid.
4. If a participant has hold of a calf, no other participant will be allowed to touch the calf until it breaks away.
5. If a participant catches the calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to its head; otherwise, the referee will order them to let the calf go.
6. If two or more participants catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose.
7. A participant who secures and properly halters a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
8. Undue roughness will not be tolerated. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies scrambler.

# PURCHASING RULES

1. Certificates may be used to purchase a steer, heifer, pig, goat or lamb.
2. All animals purchased must be purchased according to the Henderson County Livestock Show Association rules and regulations.
3. Scramble winner must select the animal they desire to purchase and present certificate. **NOTE:** All information must be filled out by seller, along with the signature of 4-H Leader, Ag-Science Teachers or County Extension Agent. The Henderson County Livestock Show Association payment will not exceed the amount of certificate. If animal purchased is more than the Henderson County Livestock Show certificate, additional cost will be the winner's expense.
4. Winners cannot purchase animals from themselves or immediate family members or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships). Winners may not purchase animals that have been previously exhibited through any Calf Scramble program. Checks will not be issued to 4-H clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
5. Winner must use certificate to purchase their project animal. Steer, heifer, lamb, or goat must be purchased by the HCLS county validation date on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October. Swine must be purchased by the major swine validation date during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in November; date TBA. Breeding animals must follow the same purchase deadline per their respective species.
6. Market animal projects may not be entered in any show prior to the Henderson County Livestock Show that requires the winning animals to be sold at auction.
7. Send completed certificate to:

Henderson County Livestock Show Calf Scramble  
c/o Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
100 E. Tyler Street, Ste. 300  
Athens, TX 75751

# RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Winners must write a minimum of six (6) letters to their sponsors including pictures of their project animals. However, it is strongly encouraged that additional letters and pictures be sent to their sponsor. Copies of all letters must be sent to the Calf Scramble Committee.
  - a. A "thank you" letter must be sent within ten (10) days from the date of the Calf Scramble;
  - b. A "purchase" letter must be sent within ten (10) days of purchasing the project animal;
  - c. A letter updating their sponsor on their project animal and requesting their attendance at the livestock show; and
  - d. A final letter advising their sponsor of how the animal placed at the show and how it did at the sale.
2. Read all mail received from Scramble Committee, abiding with all rules set by Scramble Committee and Henderson County Livestock Show Association.
3. Winners and their project animals **MUST** attend all mandatory clinics set by committee.
4. Type a 500 word essay entitled "**MY CALF SCRAMBLE PROJECT**" to be **turned in by your club or chapter leader at the HCLS entry deadline date 2021.**
5. Keep record book of project. Record books are **to be turned in by your club or chapter leader at the HCLS entry deadline date 2021** as well.
6. Winners must exhibit their project animal at the 2021 Henderson County Livestock Show, unless circumstances approved by the Scramble Committee and their supervisor make this impractical. All project animals are subject to the rules and regulations of the Henderson County Livestock Show Association.
7. The Calf Scramble Committee will be making periodic project visits. If a visit is made and the animal is found to be in poor health the committee reserves the right to take appropriate action to make sure the animal begins to receive proper care. The committee also reserves the right to not allow a participant to scramble in the future if their animal is not being properly cared for.

# CALF SCRAMBLE ENTRY FORM

Henderson County Calf Scramble

100 East Tyler, Ste. 300

Athens, TX 75751

Application #

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For office use only.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

March 9, 2020

CALF SCRAMBLE WILL BE HELD: March 23, 2020

This calf scramble entry form along with signed consent for minor to participate and responsibilities and obligation forms need to be turned in by your club or chapter leader at the March 9, 2020 HCLS Entry deadline in order for you to be considered a scrambler of the Henderson County Livestock Show Calf Scramble.

Name of Scrambler: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in 4-H or FFA: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in which I participated in the Henderson County Livestock Show. \_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, what are your three most valuable qualities as a 4-H or FFA member?

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If a winner of a certificate, what animal would you select and why?

Please circle one: heifer steer swine goat lamb - **you must circle one to declare project.**

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the additional time and money involved in raising and caring for a project animal?

Yes      No

How much money do you think it will take to raise your project animal to the point that it is ready to show at the Henderson County Livestock Show? \_\_\_\_\_

As a winner of a Henderson County Livestock Show Association Calf Scramble Certificate (total of \$500.00), I will keep my project animal at:

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ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED WITH ALL SIGNATURES IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED  
A SCRAMBLER OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW CALF SCRAMBLE

Notary Public within and for the State of Texas

# SIGNED STATEMENT

This statement must be signed and returned with Calf Scramble Entry Form & Minor's Release Form by March 9, 2020.

I \_\_\_\_\_ and  
(Calf Scramble Participant)

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parents/Legal Guardians)

have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations, arena rules, purchasing rules and responsibilities of the Calf Scramble Program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

(Calf Scramble Participant)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

(Parent/Legal Guardian)