

The Duval Message



Duval County 4-H

September 2008

Hello Everyone!

Another summer gone by. I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. It's the beginning of a new year and I am anxious to share all the great programs and events that will be coming our way. I am anxious to meet with you again and for those just joining, I welcome you!

Samuel D. Gavito



PAPERLESS ENROLLMENT COMES TO DUVAL COUNTY 4-H!

The 4-H Connect online registration system is now also Texas 4-H's online enrollment system. Beginning September 1st, Duval County 4-H will be part of District 12's conversion to online registration, and we will begin the process of enrolling our members and adult leaders through the internet. We are excited about this change, and all the possibilities it will offer us and, hopefully, you as well. To enroll or for any questions you might have on this matter, please contact Sam Gavito at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591.

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**ATASCOSA COUNTY FAIR
ASSOCIATION**

Annual Prospect Steer, Heifer, Lamb and Goat
Show

Saturday, October 4, 2008 – Sunday, October 5,
2008

Poteet Strawberry Festival Grounds
Hwy 16, Poteet, Texas
Non-Sanctioned Show

Entry Fees & Deadlines

1. Steers & Heifers - \$20.00 per head
2. Lambs & Goats - \$15.00 per head
3. Showmanship - \$5.00 – pay at check-in
4. Early entry deadline is October 1, 2008
5. Entry fees **MUST** be paid with early entries.
6. No refunds for entries.
7. No late fees.

Limited Electricity!!
Bring your generators!!

For information call:
830-769-3066



**2ND ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS SHOWDOWN
HEBBRONVILLE, TX
JHC FAIRGROUNDS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008
STEER & HEIFER PROSPECT SHOW**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2008
LAMB & GOAT PROSPECT SHOW**

**ENTRY FEES: \$30.00 PER HEAD
NO LATE FEES**

**AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO CLASS
WINNERS & BREED CHAMPIONS.
BUCKLES GIVEN TO EACH
SHOWMANSHIP WINNER AND OVERALL
GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPIONS.**

**FAIRGROUNDS OPEN 6PM FRIDAY OCT. 10, 2008
GENERATORS WELCOMED**

**WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH 1ST
ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS SHOWDOWN COOK-OFF**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

JOHN MORENO 956-285-9890

KRISTY MORENO 361-737-5070

CHRISTINA MORENO 361-227-1781

**SOUTH TEXAS SHOWDOWN
1ST ANNUAL B-B-Q COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008
JIM HOGG COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS**

COOK-OFF DIVISIONS

***BRISKET**

***PORK SPARE RIBS**

***CHICKEN**

***PAN DE CAMPO**

ENTRY FEES:

BRISKET, PORK SPARE RIBS, & CHICKEN \$25.00

PAN DE CAMPO \$10.00

**75% OF ENTRIES FROM EACH DIVISION WILL BE
PAID BACK TO 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE WINNERS OF
EAH DIVISION.**

For more information or for cook-off packets call:

Valo Alaniz 361-527-0306

Ricky silguero 361-876-3218

Or John Moreno 956-285-9890

Duval Classic Prospect Show

Non-Sanctioned Show

Steer, Heifer, Lamb and Goat Shows

November 8th & 9th, 2008

Benavides FFA Farm

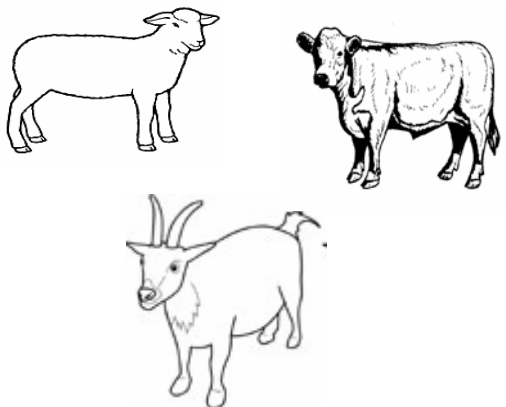
located off of Hwy 2295 next to High School

Entry Fees: \$20.00 per head.
Entries must be received by
November 7, 2008

A late fee of \$5.00 per head
will be charged

For more information on
these shows, contact:

Samuel D. Gavito, Duval
County CEA-Ag at 361-256-
4591 or 361-207-1160



2009 Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble

The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo invites District 12 4-H'ers to take part in the 2009 Calf Scramble. The dates for their upcoming show are March 13-28, 2009. District 12 is scheduled for March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in being a contestant, please contact Sam Gavito at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591 to obtain the 2009 Calf Scramble Letter, Schedule, Rules and Regulations, Release and Medical Care forms. Please be sure that you read and complete the Release and Indemnity Agreement and the Authority for Medical Care forms. Note that the Release and Indemnity Agreement must be notarized. These forms are all due to the County Extension Agent's office by **September 19, 2008.**

Selection of Contestants

1. Contestant must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2009 and not be enrolled beyond their Junior year in High School. FFA and 4-H members must be active participants in a FFA or 4-H program and reside in the State of Texas.
2. There will be 6 performances during the Show, approximately 20 contestants and approximately 10 calves will be selected for each performance. Contestants and calves will be placed in the arena as determined by STFR.
3. Contestants will be selected only by his/her County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
4. Contestants must weigh at least 100lbs and be in top physical condition.

Contestant Practice

1. For the safety of contestants, supervisors should implement a rigorous training program, including:
 - a. Running: two miles per day
 - b. Wind Sprints: daily, 20-30 yards with several repetitions:
 - c. Calf Catching Practice: use a large pen or arena with 300-350 pound calf;
 - d. Rope Halter: learn to use a rope halter, including how to carry and put the halter on a calf.

You can access more information by going to
www.RodeoAustin.com.



60TH ANNUAL SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO CALF SCRAMBLE



The San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. will provide many exciting opportunities for Calf Scramble participants. If you are interested in this event and need a packet, please contact Samuel D. Gavito - Duval County Extension Agent, Ag. Forms will be **due** in our office by **September 19, 2008**.

The following forms will need to be filled out by EACH contestant:

- Minor's Release, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Form - both sides must be completely filled out, signed and notarized.
- Medical Form - answer all questions completely and sign.

Only original signatures and notary stamps are accepted, no faxes please. Forms arriving after the deadline, incomplete, faxed, or copies of signatures will not be accepted.

The District 12 performance schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL RULES

1. The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo of San Antonio, TX will not be responsible for any accidents, which may occur to any contestant in the Calf Scramble before, during, or after the Scramble. All information requested on the Minor's Release must be complete, faxed forms or copies of signatures WILL NOT be accepted.
2. Contestants will be selected ONLY by their AST or CEA.
3. Each contestant must complete a current Minor's Release. **BOTH PARENTS must sign the Minor's Release.** If the parents are divorced or if one is deceased, one signature is sufficient and "divorced" or "deceased" must be noted on the Minor's Release. If one parent cannot sign in front of the Notary, an affidavit must accompany the Minor's Release. Incomplete forms will not be returned. The Supervisor of the contestant will be notified and the first available alternate will be assigned to the position.
4. Medical survey forms will be required of each contestant. These forms will be mailed in December to the contestant's Supervisor. A form for each contestant must be completed and mailed to the Livestock Department by January 15, 2009. In addition, contestant's requiring medical attention 30 days prior to their scramble date must provide a doctor's release at check-in. Contestants will not be allowed to scramble if either of these requirements is not met.
5. Those contestants that cannot compete on the day posted for their FFA Area 4-H District may switch with another contestant prior to January 15, 2009. The request to change must be made in writing and sent to the Livestock Office. **(Minor's Release Form has an "Additional Dates Available" section for this same purpose if the scrambler knows in advance of a schedule conflict.)** The Livestock Office will keep these requests on file and will accommodate if possible. In the event that a change is possible, both parties will be notified immediately. No changes will be made after January 15, 2009. Contestants that cannot be accommodated will be responsible for attending the date as posted or will be replaced by the next eligible alternate.
6. The Interscholastic League State Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education, has formulated a plan to permit Calf Scrambles and still protect the participant's amateur standing. This is accomplished by placing the matter under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Department of the participating school and the AST. Participants are prohibited from receiving anything of cash value for winning the athletic portion of the program.

CONTESTANT RULES

1. Contestant must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2009 and not be enrolled beyond their Junior year in high school. FFA and 4-H members must reside in the State of Texas, be active members, in good standing of an FFA Chapter or 4-H Club, and attend school in Texas.
2. There will be 19 performances during the 2009 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, 24 contestants (12 FFA and 12 4-H) and 12 calves will be selected for each performance. Contestants and calves will be placed in the arena as determined by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.
3. Contestants can participate in only one (1) scramble performance, either FFA or 4-H, per year. Contestants may apply through 4-H or FFA, not both.
4. Contestants can be awarded only one (1) San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Calf Scramble Purchase Certificate during his or her FFA or 4-H career.

**2008-09 Texas FFA and 4-H
Swine Validation Program**

DEADLINE for Swine Tag Orders
is **SEPTEMBER 22, 2008.**

Fee for tags is \$10.00
Late Tag Fee is \$12.00

Please contact our office at
361-256-4591



IMPORTANT!
Change in Dates

Those of you who have already received the 4-H Calendar, please take note of the following date changes:

District 12 4-H Roundup - Saturday,
May 9, 2009 in Kingsville

Multi-District Judging (Horse) - April 4,
2009 in College Station

Multi-District Judging (Livestock et.al.)
May 2, 2009 in College Station

Leadership Lab - June 22nd - 25th, 2009
Camp Thicket - Rio Grande Valley

WANTED

4-H RECRUITERS

Wouldn't you, as an individual, or
as a club, like to be a recruiter?

No, NOT an Army or Navy
Recruiter, but a
4-H RECRUITER!

The job is not difficult. You've been
in 4-H and have learned new skills
and techniques, made new friends,
and enjoyed activities. All you
have to do is share these
experiences by telling classmates
about them and letting them know
that 4-H is for "All Youth"
regardless of where they live.

Tell them to contact the Benavides,
Freer, Mesquite, Ramirez or
San Diego 4-H Club Managers for
more info on how to join.

REWARD

- ◆ Make new friends from your county and other surrounding counties!
- ◆ Learn about animal projects!
- ◆ Participate in projects such as food & nutrition, photography, fashion show and Much More!!