



FREESTONE COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO CALF SCRAMBLE

Entry Packet for Advisors

APRIL 10, 2023

FREESTONE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 592 Fairfield, Texas 75840

MEMO TO: 4-H Advisor and FFA Sponsors or Ag Science Teachers

SUBJECT: Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble

Enclosed is information pertaining to the 2023 scramble.

Being in a leadership position, you are aware of the time and money involved in a project animal. Fairfield, Teague, Wortham, and 4H; we ask that each of you select 6 members in your program to participate in the calf scramble making a total of 24 with 12 participating each night with 6 calves as winners. Please advise your 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 members understand the huge responsibility and amount of time involved in this project. Each recipient will initially receive a \$500 certificate to go towards the purchase of a project animal of any species (i.e. – beef heifer or steer, swine, sheep, goat, chicken, or rabbit).

Note: The calf scramble is for 14, 15, 16, and 17 age individuals due to insurance requirements. Individuals must be 14 years of age before beginning date of the Freestone County Fair and Rodeo, June 12, 2023.

It is important as 4H Advisors and Ag Science Teachers that you understand the scramble, how it works, and what is expected from the participants.

*All entries must be submitted by 4H Advisor or Ag Science Teachers by the May 26, 2023 FCFA entry deadline to Michelle Welch.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call 903-390-7028.

Entries:

Fairfield -6, Wortham – 6, Teague – 6, and 4H – 6. Total – 24 with 12 participating each night for 6 calves which will already be haltered.

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

Sincerely,

Freestone County Fair Association Board of Directors

RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE: 14 thru 17 years (June 12, 2023 will be the age determination date)

Scramblers will be chosen by the FFA sponsors and 4H Advisor.

Winners of the 2023 Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble Contest will receive a certificate toward the purchase of the animal species of their choice.

1. The Freestone County Fair Association 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 minor's release must be complete. Parent or legal guardian must sign the release. The release must be notarized. Your final 6 completed minors' releases, entry forms, and responsibilities sheets must be submitted by 4H Advisor and Ag Science Teachers on the May 26, 2023 FCFA entry deadline to Michelle Welch
3. Projects must be declared on entry form to be eligible for scramble.
4. Exhibitors are restricted to Freestone County.
5. A contestant must have reached their 14th, but not their 18th birthday, by or on June 12, 2023 and cannot exceed their junior year in high school.

ARENA RULES

1. Participants will take nothing into the rodeo arena with them. Halter will be on the 6 calves when they are released into the arena. (It is suggested that the supervisors of all participants instruct them on how to encourage the calf to lead or back using the halter.)
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 one of the calves released. The participant catching a calf is required to lead or back 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 two or more participants catch the same calf, the first participant to touch the calf keeps possession to try and cross the line.
6. A participant who secures and properly leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
7. 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 Freestone County Fair 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 Ag-Science Teachers or the 4H Advisor. The Freestone County Fair Association payment will not exceed the amount of the certificate. If animal purchased is more than the Freestone County Fair Association 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, goat, chicken, or rabbit must be purchased by the FCFA county validation dates for the 2024 Freestone County Fair Association Livestock Show and Sale.
6. Market animal projects may not be entered in any show prior to the Freestone County Fair Livestock Show that requires the winning animals to be sold at auction.

Turn in your applications to your Ag Science Teachers or 4H Advisor

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Winners must write a minimum of four (4) to 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 Ag Science Teachers or 4H Advisor.
 - 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 communication, abiding with all rules set by the Freestone County Fair Association
3. Type a 500-word essay entitled "MY CALF SCRAMBLE PROJECT" to be **turned in by teachers or advisor at the FCFA Fair entry deadline date 2024.**
4. Keep record book of project. Record books are **to be turned in to teachers or advisor at by first day of the FCFA Fair 2024.**

5. Produce a Scrapbook for display in the Home and Garden Building during the fair week.
6. Winners must exhibit their project animal at the 2024 Freestone County Fair Livestock Show, unless circumstances approved by the FCFA Board of Directors, and their supervisor make this impractical. All project animals are subject to the rules and regulations of the Freestone County Fair Association Livestock Rules.
 - a. You are required to display a sign by your project at the Freestone County Fair Association Livestock Show saying your project was sponsored by the sponsor of the night of your calf scramble (My project was sponsored by _____ during the 2023 Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble.)
7. The Ag Science Teachers or 4H Advisor will be making periodic project visits. If a visit is made and the animal is found to be in poor health, the advisors or 4H sponsor reserves the right to take appropriate action to make sure the animal begins to receive proper care. The Freestone County Fair Association 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

Freestone County Fair Association

P. o. Box 592

Fairfield, Texas 5840

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 26, 2023

CALF SCRAMBLE WILL BE HELD: June 16-17, 2023 (During the Rodeo Performances)

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 May 26, 2023 entry deadline in order for you to be considered a scrambler of Freestone County Fair Association 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 Freestone County Fair Livestock Show: _____

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

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

Please circle one: heifer steer swine goat sheep chicken rabbit

(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? (circle one) 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 Freestone County Fair Livestock Show? -

How much time do you think is required each day with the project animal to be able to show it successfully (win or lose) at a livestock show? _____

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

Home or **Other Location** (please circle one) ***Please provide the physical address:** _____

As a 4-H or FFA member, what do you plan to gain from this project? _____

In 250 words or less, tell us why you deserve to participate in the Freestone County Fair Association Calf Scramble.

'Scrambler will be selected at the Advisors' and 4H Leader' discretion.

Signature of Scrambler: _____
Signature of 4-H Leader / FFA Advisor:

ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED WITH ALL SIGNATURES IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED A SCRAMBLER OF THE FREESTONE COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO CALF SCRAMBLE

Freestone County Fair Association
CONSENT FOR MINOR TO PARTICIPATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § KNOWN ALL MEN BY THE PRESENT:
COUNTY OF FREESTONE §

THAT WE, _____, (parent/legal guardians; strike out inapplicable), whether one or more, of _____ (insert minor's name) a minor for the purpose of enabling said minor of the age of _____ to participate in the Calf Scramble at the Freestone County Fair and Rodeo, do hereby agree and consent that the aforesaid minor child may participate in the Freestone County Fair and Rodeo CALF SCRAMBLE competition held during the ANNUAL Freestone County Fair and Rodeo in Fairfield, Freestone County, Texas. We further warrant that we are the natural parents and/or legal guardians of the aforesaid minor child, and that this consent and waiver is freely and voluntarily given by us, and with knowledge of the facts.

AND WE FURTHER hereby release, waive, discharge, and indemnify and forever hold harmless the Freestone County Fair Association, Freestone County Fair and Rodeo Association, Freestone County Livestock Show, and Freestone County Fair Association Board of Directors, each and all (herein sometimes collectively called "The Organizers"), from any and all liability and/or damages, however caused and whatever nature, to us and for the aforesaid minor child resulting from his or her participation in the Calf Scramble competition during the Freestone County Fair and Rodeo.

AND WE FURTHER AGREE that in all suits and actions which may hereafter be instituted by said minor while participating in said Calf Scramble Competition, the consent to said shall constitute a complete and total bar to any recovery by us whether acting on behalf of ourselves personally or as next friend, etc. of the minor child aforesaid, and may be either alone or together; and that the Organizers (either alone or together) may further urge and take advantage of, in bar to any such recovery by us (acting in any capacity), all and singular the defenses which might be urged and taken advantage of by then (either alone or together) in bar to recovery by said minor in any suit instituted on account of such injuries, for the benefit of said minor alone.

SIGNED THIS _____ day of _____, 20_____

Contestant Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

Relationship to Contestant

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ and _____, who after each being by me first duly sworn, stated and deposed on their respective oaths that they, respectively, have executed the above and foregoing instruments for the purposes therein expressed and as their free act and deed, and that the statements therein made are true and correct; to certify which WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public within and for the State of Texas

SIGNED STATEMENT

This statement must be signed and returned with Calf Scramble Entry Form and Consent for Minor to Participate Form by May 26, 2023

I _____ and
(print name - Calf Scramble Participant)

I/We _____
(print name(s) - 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.

Signature - Calf Scramble Participant

Date: _____

Signature - Parents / Legal Guardians

Date: _____