

# CALF SCRAMBLE

**ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 29, 2008**

**ENTRY FEE:**

**(Paid through Calf Scramble Program)**

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Judy Tiemann

COMMITTEE: Wilbert Frank, Jr., Mary Ann Maxwell, Martin Maxwell, Gary Prause, Bradley Rinn, Meredith Cook, Tommy Wise, Stacy Thiel, Martin Maxwell, Jr., Brandee Froebel, J.C. Payne, Pam Cox, Cory Cox, Jacob Diezi, Tim Raska, Kree Williams, John Maresh, Tamara Maresh, Brian Tiemann, Ron Eilers, Shamaine St. Julien, Jayson Hill

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2007 CALF SCRAMBLE RECIPIENTS**

1. **CERTIFICATES** - Each winner in the Calf Scramble contest will receive a \$1,000 purchase certificate. The scramble winner **MUST** use the certificate to purchase a registered beef heifer prior to December 31, 2007. The scramble certificate can **NOT** be combined with any other calf scramble certificate. If you wish to show your scramble heifer in the major livestock shows you **MUST** purchase your animal prior November 1, 2007 and have the registration paper in your name before November 1, 2007. The registration paper **MUST** reflect your name as the owner of the animal on or before November 1, 2007. Check with major livestock shows for more detailed information.

The scramble winner must select the registered beef heifer he or she desires to purchase. The purchase certificate is then used to purchase the animal. The County Extension Agent or the Ag Science Teacher (the same one that is stated on the original application for participation), **MUST** sign the certificate once they have made an inspection of the animal to be purchased. . The certificate also requires the signature of the scramble winner. Upon completion of selection, the scramble winner must present the certificate to the seller/breeder for completion of all necessary information including the seller/breeder's signature. The certificate can then become the sole possession of the seller/breeder to submit for payment of animal.

The payment will not exceed the amount of the certificate which is \$1,000. If a heifer is purchased for less than the certificate amount, a check will be issued to the seller/breeder for the actual cost of the animal. If the heifer purchased is more than the value of the certificate, then the additional cost will be at the expense of the winner.

The completed certificate, along with a health paper, brucellosis vaccination and the original registration paper, **MUST** become the property of the Austin County Fair Association by January 10, 2008. The seller will not receive payment until required documents are in the possession of the Austin County Fair. A copy of the registration paper containing an official stamp of the Austin County Fair Calf Scramble will be provided to each winner to be used upon entry into any qualifying show in the state of Texas.

2. **PURCHASING** - The beef heifer to be purchased with the certificate **MUST** be a purebred or full-blood and registered in the respective breed association records.

\*\*\*\*NOTE **C**The scramble winners will be allowed to purchase their animal from any breeder offering registered beef cattle.

The calf must have been born between January 1, 2007 and May 31, 2007.

All heifers **MUST** be dehorned or polled to be eligible to show. The heifers **MUST** be dehorned by the tag-in, which is held in May. Any growth implants used by the rancher or exhibitor **MUST** be approved for use in breeding heifers. Heifers should **NOT** be bred prior to March, 2008.

If a scramble heifer can not be halter broken, it will become the responsibility of the scramble winner to notify the breeder and the committee by January 31, 2008. At that time, if it is determined by the Calf Scramble Committee that the animal can not be halter broken, then the scramble winner has two weeks from January 31, 2008 to replace the heifer under the supervision of the Calf Scramble Committee.

If a scramble heifer is not manageable by the scramble winner at the May tag-in then the project will be terminated and \$1200.00 in cash will be required to be paid to the Austin County Fair within thirty (30) days.

All scramble winners must bring their heifers to the first meeting of the year held in January (date to be determined on an annual basis).

### **MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS**

1. A monthly report is due to the scramble committee by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month beginning with the first report in February, 2008. Each winner will be required to submit an adequate amount of copies of each monthly report to the Calf Scramble Committee. A copy of the monthly report will then be sent by the Calf Scramble Committee to each of the sponsors, a copy will also be sent to the County Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher, and a copy will be kept on file by the Scramble Committee. All reports **MUST** be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to the  
**Austin County Fair Calf Scramble Committee at  
939 Witte Road, Bellville, TX 77418.**

Pictures **MUST** accompany at least three monthly reports - preferably with your January, May and September reports. Please limit the pictures to no more than two (2) pictures per sponsor. A copy of each picture is needed for the Calf Scramble Committee and may be used in the final judging of the Best Monthly Reports.

The winner is required to read all correspondence received from the Calf Scramble Committee, abiding by **ALL** rules and responsibilities set forth by the committee and the Austin County Fair Association. All winners and their heifers are strongly encouraged to attend beef project meetings on a monthly basis during the months of March, April, June and July. The winners will be notified of all meeting dates and topics for each of the meetings.

Winners and their heifers **MUST** attend the **AAG-IN** scheduled for May 3, 2008, as well as the mandatory progress show (evaluation of manageability) scheduled for August 7, 2008. At the August show, pictures will be taken of all scramble winners and their heifers to be used on the scramble display during the fair. Heifers are to be cleaned and clipped if possible and the winner should be dressed in show attire.

A **typed** final essay of 500 words entitled **What My Calf Scramble Project Meant To Me** **MUST** be submitted to the Calf Scramble Committee on or before September 20, 2008.

All winners **MUST** write a **FINAL THANK YOU NOTE** to each of their sponsors by November 1, 2008. The thank you note **MUST** be submitted to the Austin County Fair office just like all other fair thank you notes. This signals the Fair Office that you have completed your project and allows the office to release the original registration papers to the proper owner.

## **GENERAL SCRAMBLE RULES**

1. All scramble heifers and scramble winners are subject to the general rules and regulations of the Austin County Fair Association and the Beef Scramble Heifer Program. The scramble show at the 2008 Austin County Fair shall be limited to the 2007 Austin County Calf Scramble winners **ONLY**.

No trim chutes will be allowed on the grounds during the fair. Touch up clipping with the use of cordless clippers only will be allowed on the fairgrounds. All other clipping must be done prior to entrance onto the fairgrounds.

**LIABILITY** - The Austin County Fair Association of the State of Texas and any person associated with the Calf Scramble Committee will not be held responsible for any accidents, which may occur to any participant of the Calf Scramble, before, during or after this event.

2. Any scramble winner who moves out of Austin County will be required to pay \$1200 cash to the Austin County Fair Association 30 days prior to the move. A written notification of the move **MUST** also be presented to the calf scramble committee 30 days prior to the move. Written notification to each sponsor **MUST** also be submitted to the Calf Scramble Committee for disbursement to the sponsors prior to the move.

Registration papers will remain the possession of the Austin County Fair until all requirements are met and release papers have been signed by the scramble winner and a parent/guardian. If legal action is required to collect the \$1200.00 all collection/legal costs must be paid by the scramble winner.

3. Any assistant in haltering the calf from outside the rodeo arena during the calf scramble will result in the participant being immediately disqualified from the program.
4. Winners must exhibit their heifers at the 2008 Austin County Fair Scramble Show unless circumstances approved by the Scramble Committee and their supervisor make this impractical. Exhibits which must be shown by someone other than the owners must be approved in writing by respective committee chairmen. Forms will be available in the Fair Office or from the Committee Chairman. The **No Pass - No Play** rule will also apply to this project. If a substitute exhibitor is required, he or she **MUST** be a qualified 4-H or FFA member in good standing as well as meeting the requirements of the **NO PASS - NO PLAY** rule.

Winners must show under the same organization in which their scramble application was submitted. **EXAMPLE:** The application is submitted showing applicant as a 4-H

member - then the scramble heifer must be shown the following year under 4-H and the 6 meeting rule applies.

5. **A COMPLETED ENTRY CARD IS DUE IN THE FAIR OFFICE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 29, 2008. ENTRY FEES WILL BE PAID THROUGH THE CALF SCRAMBLE PROGRAM**
6. All heifers must have individual health papers (as per Texas Animal Health Commission) upon arrival at the Austin County Fair.
7. County Extension Agents, Ag Science Teachers and members of the Calf Scramble Committee reserve the right to inspect these projects at any time.
8. Awards in the scramble program will be presented as follows: GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER AS WELL AS **A**" THROUGH 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACES IN SHOWMANSHIP, HERDSMANSHIP, BEST MONTHLY REPORTS, BEST ENDING ESSAY, PHOTOGRAPHY AND BEST SCRAPBOOK, ONE FIGHTING HEART AWARD WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED.
9. Four overall point champions will be recognized and awarded belt buckles. The points will be accumulated from a point system which will include the following: Placings in the calf scramble show, placings in monthly reports, ending essays, scrapbooks, photography contest and showmanship. Points will also be accumulated from participation in other heifer shows.

The scrapbook competition will be judged in the following categories: Cover, application for participation, sponsor acknowledgment, thank you notes to sponsors, pictures, monthly reports, theme and ending essay. Each scrapbook must be completed and submitted to the committee by September 20, 2008. The scrapbook **MUST** contain a minimum of 25 pages. The cover must be decorated. Be creative!

Herdsmanship will be judged on the neatness and cleanliness of the stall space, timely activity, such as daily feeding and watering, cleanliness of the animal, display in **front** of animal and assistance and cooperation among scramble winners. It is highly encouraged that the herdsmanship be conducted by the scramble winner.

The stall display should be contained to the **front** of the stall **ONLY** and should **not** contain any lights, electrical features, mirrors, glass or reflection type material. The display shall **not** exceed 36" in width and 72" in height and **MUST** have an adequate cut out in the center of the display for tying the heifer in the stall. **NO** stall dividers will be used except at the discretion of the committee.

Scramble winners are responsible for daily care of animals and stall space. Scramble heifers are to be fed, watered, cleaned and in the stall space by 9:00 a.m. and must remain in the stall until 5:00 p.m. each day.

Signs for the stall area will be provided by the Scramble Committee. The signs will contain information about the animal as well as the exhibitor, club or chapter, sponsors and breeder.

Original registration papers will be the property of the Austin County Fair Association and the Scramble Committee until the Calf Scramble Project is completed in October 2008 at the Austin County Fair.

Final thank you notes to all sponsors must be submitted to the Austin County Fair Office by November 1, 2008. Once this has been completed, the original registration papers released and mailed to the owner. The project **WILL NOT** be deemed complete until this requirement has been met.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE STATED CALF SCRAMBLE RULES WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM AND A REIMBURSEMENT OF \$1200.00 CASH MUST BE PAID TO THE AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE TERMINATION.**

**ALL DECISIONS BY THE CALF SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL IF ANY SITUATIONS ARISE WHICH REQUIRE SAID COMMITTEE TO MEET AND TAKE ACTION.**

**CALF SCRAMBLE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**  
**RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. This contest is optional. Once this contest is entered, you **MUST** participate on a monthly basis. Failure to participate during any **one month** will result in disqualification from the contest. This contest was designed as a monthly event and will include the months of February through September.
2. Scramble winner must submit one (1) 35mm picture per month. Larger size photos are optional.
3. To be eligible, **ONLY** one (1) standard size (4x6) photo is required with each monthly report.
4. Each picture should display the progress of your scramble heifer.
5. The photo of the heifer should be taken by the exhibitor. If the photo is taken by someone else then the picture should include both the heifer and the scramble winner.
6. The back of each photo(s) should contain the name of the scramble winner, the sponsor(s) name and the date the photograph was taken. Labels may be used to display the information
7. Photo(s) will be analyzed as a means of promoting the calf scramble project, as well as the beef cattle industry.
8. Any type of enhancement to photographs will be left to the discretion of the scramble winner.
9. Pictures submitted for this contest will be displayed in the scramble display during the Austin County Fair.
10. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third and fourth places in this contest.

**2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
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**PRIOR TO 2008 CALF SCRAMBLE**

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Any boy or girl who has reached his or her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by or on September 1, 2008 and has not exceeded his or her junior year in high school. The boy or girl must reside in Austin County or be enrolled in a public school district, private school or home schooled in Austin County and also be enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Austin County. The participant must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds, or he/she will be deemed ineligible for competition in the calf scramble program.
2. **PARTICIPANT APPLICATIONS** - Application for participation must be submitted by interested persons to the Austin County Fair Office at P.O. Box 141, Bellville, Texas 77418 or to the Scramble Committee at P.O. Box 303, Industry, Texas 78944. All applications for participation are **DUE on or before September 20, 2008**. The Scramble Committee reserves the authority to determine the number of calves, number of participants, and awards to be given on the basis of committed sponsorships.
3. **MINOR RELEASES** - A completed and notarized minors release **MUST** be submitted along with the application. An incomplete minors release **WILL NOT** be accepted. All information must be complete and the form must contain the signature of both parents. However, one signature will be sufficient in the event the parents are divorced or if one parent is deceased. It must be noted if one of the above situations applies. **THE APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED AND NOTARIZED MINORS RELEASE.**  
  
Applications, minors releases and essay forms may be obtained from the Austin County Fair Office, County Extension Office, Ag Science Teachers or the Scramble Committee.  
  
Participants may apply as many times as desired but will become ineligible to participate once he or she has been awarded a certificate to purchase an Austin County Fair Scramble Heifer.
4. **SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS** - Participants will be selected on the basis of adequate facilities, availability of resources and desire to raise and show a registered beef heifer. The selection process will also include the review of the scramble application and a written or typed essay prepared by the applicant. The essay will be required to contain information regarding the above mentioned special requirements.
5. A calf scramble agreement form **MUST** be completed prior to the scramble. At least one parent/legal guardian and the participant will be required to have their signature notarized. The forms and notary will be available at the sponsor reception on Saturday prior to the Calf Scramble. All participants and at least one parent must be present by 5:30 p.m. or forfeit right to participate in scramble.
6. **LIABILITY** - The Austin County Fair Association of the State of Texas and any person associated with the Calf Scramble Committee will not be held liable for any accidents which may occur to any participant of the Calf Scramble, before, during or after this event.