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May 20, 2009

TO: All Harris County 4-H Club Managers

CALF SCRAMBLES
2009 Harris County Fair
2009 Youth Expo of Harris County
2010 Fort Worth Livestock Show
2010 San Antonio Livestock Show
2010 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
2010 Star of Texas

It's once again time to identify 4-H members who would like to participate in the calf scrambles. Enclosed is the criteria, application, and confidential report. The confidential report, to be filled out and returned by the club manager, is to provide me with an overall assessment of the applicant at the club level.

Please make the enclosed packet available to all 4-H members interested. The application and Confidential Report are both due by 4:00 p.m. August 14, 2009. Final selection of Harris County 4-H members to be submitted to these scramble activities will be made through the 4-H office.

This will be the only announcement letter mailed on the above Calf Scramble Opportunities. If any further information is needed or if I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office at 281/855-5619.

Sincerely,

Misty Young
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Harris County

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Enclosures

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MEMO TO: Calf Scramble Applicants and Parents

The Calf Scramble program is one of the most rewarding opportunities 4-H youth have to participate in. Each year sponsors put up millions of dollars to support youth who are interested in raising a scramble project. Most shows actually have a waiting list of sponsors due to the tremendous effect the scramble programs have on youth development.

However, participating in a calf scramble is serious and at times difficult work. After all the pictures and glamour at the show comes the year long commitment of preparing your project to return the next year. The steps you take toward fulfilling your end of the scramble bargain will not only influence sponsors willingness to support future scrambles, but also the scramble committees decision to continue the program.

Please read the enclosed Selection Criteria to be sure you meet the qualifications and are prepared for what will be required. Then complete the 2009-2010 Calf Scramble Application and provide your Club Manager with the Confidential Report. Both items must be in my office by 4:00 p.m. on August 14th to be considered.

Remember, if you are selected as an alternate it is still important to show up because it is possible that you will be able to scramble.

If you have any questions, please call me at 281/855-5619.

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Enclosure

2009-2010 Harris County 4-H Criteria Calf Scramble - Selection Criteria

4-H Criteria:

1. Must not be enrolled beyond their Junior year in high school.
2. AGE:
Harris County Fair - must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2009
Youth Expo of Harris County - must have reached 13th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2009 and not enrolled beyond the junior year in high school
Star of Texas - must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2010
Ft. Worth - must have reached their 14th but not their 17th birthday on January 1, 2010
San Antonio - must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2010 and not enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
HLS&R - must have reached their 14th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2010 and not enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
3. Scramble certificates were valued at the following last year:
Harris County Fair - \$600.00
Youth Expo of Harris County - \$500.00
Star of Texas - \$1,000.00
Ft. Worth - \$500.00
San Antonio - \$800.00
HLS&R - \$1,250.00
4-H member must be financially able to provide the extra money, if needed.
4. Must weigh at least 100 pounds and be in top physical condition.
5. Will the 4-H member be conscientious in submitting regular monthly reports to the 4-H Office, particular livestock show and to his/her sponsor.
6. Must be an active and dependable 4-H member enrolled in the Harris County 4-H Program.
7. Must be making passing grades in school work.
8. Must have a desire to own and show an animal.
Fort Worth, HLSR, Harris County Fair, & Star of Texas - Beef heifer
SALE - Beef, dairy, swine, sheep, and goat
Youth Expo of Harris County - for any market or breeding animal project
9. Parents must be interested in the 4-H member owning a registered breeding animal and agree to support him/her in this project.

10. 4-H member must have suitable facilities for caring for and developing a heifer. Do they have adequate pen, shed, shade, water and feeding facilities available. Do they have sufficient pasture for a breeding animal? Do they own a trailer to haul this animal to necessary events or activities?
11. Must be able to feed and care for the calf the length of time prescribed by the Livestock Show.
12. Be able to provide sufficient feed.
13. Both 4-H member and parents will agree to comply with all of the rules of the Calf Scramble.
14. Will agree to follow the feeding and management suggestions made by their volunteer 4-H leader or County Extension Agent.
15. Must agree to consult the County Extension Agent when selecting/purchasing the project.

2009-2010 Calf Scramble Application

Must be received by August 14, 2009 to be considered

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Club _____ Years in 4-H _____ Birthday _____

Grade in school for upcoming year _____

1. Circle which scramble(s) you would like to apply for.

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| a. Harris County | d. Houston |
| b. Fort Worth | e. Star of Texas |
| c. San Antonio | f. Youth Expo of Harris County |

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Applicants Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Give the Confidential Report to your Club Manager
2009-2010 Calf Scramble
Confidential Report
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Applicant: _____

To be completed by Club Manager. Please rate the following items on the above named 4-H member with regard to your evaluation of them as a candidate for the calf scramble program. Use the following scale: **E - EXCELLENT, G - GOOD, F - FAIR, P - POOR**

1. Member in good standing _____
2. Completes 4-H projects _____
3. Responsibility/follows through _____
4. Leadership _____
5. 4-H participation _____
6. Parental support/stability _____
7. Ability to pay for monthly expenses _____
8. Understands commitment of Scramble project _____
9. Facility for cattle project _____
10. General assessment _____

Comments: _____

The information on this “Confidential Report” is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed/Club Manager: _____ Date: _____

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Applications will not be considered until this form has been received.