

**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION  
2008 HEIFER SCRAMBLE**

**PURPOSE:**

To provide 4-H and FFA boys and girls the opportunity of selecting, caring for, feeding and training breeding beef heifers for show and ranch purposes.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

The Beef Heifer Scramble is open to 4-H and FFA members of a Fort Bend County 4-H Club or Fort Bend County FFA Chapter, and under the supervision of Fort Bend 4-H Adult Leaders, Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents. Scrambler must have reached their 13th birthday or be no older than 16 years of age by October 1, 2008. Scrambler must be able to show the heifer at the 2008 Fort Bend County Fair and must be enrolled in public school at that time.

**CONDITIONS:**

Applications for potential scramblers must be signed by both parent or guardian and vocational agriculture teacher or county extension agent and be in the Fair Office on required date. (Check with Fair Office on date). **ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER SCRAMBLER WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL SCRAMBLERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A MINOR'S RELEASE AND RETURN WITH APPLICATION.**

There will be three scrambles. Calves caught during the scramble will not be the ones used to complete the program.

Each scrambler who catches a calf will receive a \$500.00 certificate to be used for purchasing a REGISTERED Breeding Beef Heifer. This animal should be purchased by March 1. The heifer shall be born during the calendar year in which the scramble heifer certificate was won.

Successful scramblers will be required to send monthly reports to Sponsors of the calves, Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent, and the Fort Bend County Fair Office. These reports should be accurate and neatly presented for they will be judged in a Scramble Heifer Notebook Contest. Winners will be awarded vouchers. 1st Place: 2nd Place: 3rd Place:

An essay with a minimum of 200 words **must be** written and delivered to the Fair Office. The essay is to be written about your scramble heifer. This essay can be combined with the monthly scramble heifer reports, together with photos, etc. to be entered into the Scramble Heifer Notebook Contest. The deadline for the essay/notebook contest is Friday, September 5, 2008.

**SCRAMBLE HEIFERS  
CLASS 525 - BEEF SCRAMBLE HEIFERS      NO ENTRY FEE**

1. Entries and awards in this department are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock Department Rules and Regulations, unless otherwise specified.
2. Scramble Heifers are eligible to enter in the TCCA Show. Exhibitors must fill out an entry form and check in with the TCCA secretary at the designated check in time for the TCCA Show.
3. Check out Time is Sunday, October 5, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. There will be no early check out. **Scramble Heifers entering in the TCCA Show may not check out with TCCA heifers.**
4. Scramble Heifer Show will be a "Blow and Go Show".

## **Calf Scramble Event**

1. Ranks as one of the favorite events of the Fort Bend County Rodeo.
2. Event is designed to encourage enterprise, offer opportunity and teach responsibility.
3. Three shows- 12 youngsters line up to compete to catch one of 6 calves released.
4. Winners are rewarded with a \$500 certificate to purchase a registered beef heifer calf to fit, feed and show in next years show.
5. Agriculture science teachers, County Extension Agents, 4-H leaders and parents supervise scramble winners throughout the project.
6. Winners personally feed groom and care for their animals. They show their animals at local fairs and shows in preparation for the Fort Bend County Fair
7. Participants compete for prizes and recognition with scrapbooks, essay contest and other categories. ( \$500 cash; trophies- good housekeeping)

## **Other Need to Know Items:**

1. Registered breeding beef heifer should be purchased by March 1, but no later than March 15, 2009
2. Heifer shall be born during the calendar year in which the scramble heifer certificate is won.
3. Parent's total cost of purchase, feeding and etc. may exceed \$2000
4. Must have a place to keep animal
5. Your scramble heifer cannot be sold as an auction item
6. Participants responsibility to Scramble Heifer:
  - A. Purchase beef heifer timely
  - B. Prepare monthly project reports beginning the month calf is purchased. Reports shall be sent by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month to the following: Fair Office, sponsor and instructor
  - C. Write a 200 word essay entitled :What I learned about Raising a Scramble Heifer"-submit to Fort Bend County Fair Office by September 5.
  - D. Personally show your scramble project in the Fort Bend County Scramble Show.
  - E. Keep sponsor informed - Without them we have no show.

**A P P L I C A T I O N**  
**BEEF HEIFER SCRAMBLE**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR 2008**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please Print)* *(as of 10/1/08)*

SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I am presently an active member of the \_\_\_\_\_ FFA  
or \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club

I understand that this is only an application and that there will be only thirty-six (36) boys and girls selected to scramble this year. I have read the general rules attached.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Agriculture Science Teacher

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Leader

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY 4-H LEADER OR FFA ADVISOR, PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND APPLICANT.

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2008