Good Morning Gator Nation!!!

Thank you to everyone for attending our meeting on Wednesday, it was a huge success. Here are our updates for the week:

* **Barn Power Outage**
* **Lamb/Goat Lockers**
* **GCF&R Livestock Pre-Registration Now Open**
* **No Classes Monday / Academic Announcement**
* **Homecoming Week Activities**
* **Upcoming GCF&R Tag-Ins**
* **Texas Major Swine Ear Tag Deadline**
* **Scanning it @ the Barn**

**Activity Calendar**

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**FFA Meeting / Specie Clinic / Stock Show Calendar**

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**Barn Power Outage**

On Monday, 9 October, our contractors will have to cut power to the barn for 6-8 hours. We have requested that the barn gate be left open before the outage begins to allow everyone easier access. If for some reason the gate is left closed, the side walk-thru gate will be unlocked allowing access.

**Lamb/Goat Lockers**

If you have cattle and are currently lockering in the lamb & goat locker area, you must relocate your tack to the central locker area (area immediately behind the arena). We know that this is an inconvenience, but we have lamb & goats moving into the barn and they need access to their facilities. We are only 3½ weeks away from prospectively getting into the new barn.

Thank you to those of you who reassembled the lamb & goat washrack, it is **greatly appreciated!**

**GCF&R Livestock Pre-Registration Now Open**

The fair board has expressed the importance of everyone Pre-Registering prior to their respective specie tag-ins. This helps tremendously with expediting the tagging in process. As of Monday, 2 October, any specie can now Pre-Register, however, each specie has its own different deadline to do so:

2023 LIVESTOCK PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION –

MANDATORY - All exhibitors showing animals at the 2023 Fair MUST Pre-Register Online. The Online portal will go live on October 3rd and will close on the deadlines for each animal listed below:

Steers – by 11:59 pm on October 19th

Breeding Beef & Commercial Heifers – by 11:59 pm on October 26th

Turkeys – by 11:59 pm on October 27th

Lamb/Goat – by 11:59 pm on November 30th

Rabbits – by 11:59 pm on January 5th

Swine – by 11:59 pm on January 11th

Broilers – by 11:59 pm on January 12th

You may Pre-register all of your animals at one time or any time until the deadline for the animal closes. Pre-registration is not a paid entry or order for your animals. You must still follow order deadlines, breeding date for rabbits, tag-in rules for your animals and the entry deadlines. If you are planning to Family Tag your animals – all of the exhibitors MUST Pre-register Online for that animal by the deadline. You must then designate that you are doing a Family Tag for that animal at Tag-in, when you order poultry, or on the Rabbit Verification Form.

Instructions for Online Pre-Registration –

1. Go to the link: <https://glaveston.fairwire.com/>

2. Read the Welcome Message and click the number 1 Register Button.

3. If you are a family or group with multiple exhibitors you can sign in as a Quick Group to submit entries for multiple family members or a group of exhibitors and check out all in the same cart. Do not click the Team or Company Button.

4. Enter your child’s First and Last name and click “I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year” the first time you use the sign in. If you are returning to the system click “I have previously registered this year”. Click “Continue”.

5. Complete the Registration Form with your password and information. Click “Continue”. Confirm information and Click “Continue”.

6. Now it is time to Pre-register your animals. Choose your division and club.

a. If you are registering Steers, Lambs, Goats, or Swine – You will need to register each animal you are bringing to tag-in separately. This can be done by clicking the “ + ” to pre-register multiple animals.

b. If you are registering Commercial Heifers and Breeding Beef – please enter the birthdate of your heifer and register each animal you are bringing to tag-in separately.

c. If you are registering Commercial Heifer Pen of 3 – please enter the average birthdate of the heifers you are bringing as you will only need to register one time for all of the heifers you are tagging in as you can only show one pen.

d. If you are registering Rabbits, Broilers and Turkeys – enter your division and club. If you plan to show 2 pens of turkeys or 2 pens of rabbits you will need to register two times. This can be done by clicking the “ + ” to pre-register multiple animals.

**Once all of the required information is complete Click “Add entry to Cart”**

7. You may edit the entry that you made, click add more entries, empty cart, or save this cart for later. When you are ready to submit your entry/entries – Click “Check Out”. Type YES in the required box and Click “Submit”. This step must be taken in order for us to receive your information. You may now print a receipt and/or have a receipt emailed to you then Click “Finished”. This receipt shows the animals that are pre-registered.

8. No money is due at this time. Entry fees and other required paperwork must be turned in to your 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher at the designated time they have set to get this from you prior to their deadline to have everything turned into the Fair Office in January, 2023. Entries are not complete until everything has been received from your 4-H Leader or Ag Teacher. More information will go out to your Leader/Teacher on the entry process closer to Entry time.

Let an ag teacher or the GFC&R Livestock Office know if you are having any issues with the Pre-Registration system.

**No Classes Monday**

Just a reminder, Monday, 9 October DISD will be closed in recognition of Columbus Day. Also, next Friday, 13 October will be the end of the first nine weeks. This is a reminder for all of our students to make sure that their academics are in order. The nine weeks check does determine UIL Eligibility.

**Homecoming Week Activities**

**Homecoming Carnival**

We need pork butts for the fundraiser. Please get those to Mr. Menotti as soon as possible if you are able to donate. No frozen meat at this time please, it will not have time to thaw.

**Homecoming Float**

**IN ORDER TO RIDE ON THE FLOAT WITH FFA, YOU MUST:**

* Bring 2 bags of candy for yourself to throw
* Come to 2 decoration sessions (sign in AND out with the teacher)

**DECORATING SESSIONS:**

* Tuesday, October 10th during Gator Time in H102 *(making decorations)*
* Tuesday, October 10th from 2:35 - 4:00pm in H102 *(making decorations)*
* Wednesday, October 11th from 2:35 to Parade @ the Ag Barn *(putting decorations on the float)*

The theme of Homecoming is "In my Gator Era", and we have been told it is essentially a decade's theme. Our float will be 70's Disco themed, so wear your best disco outfit the day of the parade (Bell bottoms, go-go boots, sequins, bright colors, etc)!

**Upcoming GCF&R Tag-Ins**

GCF&R Steers will be tagging in on Saturday, 21 October from 8-10 am. We will load steers at our barn at 7 am and depart for the fairgrounds.

All GCF&R Steers must attend county tag in, **regardless if they are already Texas Major Tagged.**

GCF&R Commercial Heifers & Breeding Beef Heifers will tag the following weekend, Saturday, October 28th. We will send out more information on instructions for the morning of in next week’s newsletter.

**Texas Major Swine Ear Tag Deadline**

October 31st is the last day to purchase a Major Swine Ear tag in the LATE window. If you have not purchased your major tag the window is quickly closing.

**Scanning in @ the Barn**

Technology is working through figuring out the bugs with our system. We need everyone to continue clocking-in twice daily at the barn. If you are having issues, let your ag teacher and/or specie advisor know that way we can get the glitches in the system figured out.

Thank you for your time and attention. I will be out Thursday afternoon 10/12 – Monday 10/16, so next week’s newsletter will be coming out early. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great weekend, and as always,

**GO GATORS!**

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