Good Morning Gator Nation!!!

With October wrapping up a lot of daily items are starting to pop up. Please pay close attention to the GCF&R Pre-Registration deadlines as they do vary by species. Here are our updates for the week:

* **GCF&R Steer Tag-In Tomorrow**
* **Fort Worth Entries**
* **Upcoming Lamb, Goat, & Heifer Tag-In**
* **First Steer Clinic**
* **AET Thursdays**
* **Summer Snapper Slam**
* **Horse Judging Practices**

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

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**GCF&R Steer Tag-In Tomorrow**

Reminder, County Fair Steer Tag in will be tomorrow, Saturday (10/21). Exhibitors be at the barn at 7:00 to load your cattle. I will be picking one off site steer up, so you likely will not see me, the truck or trailer when you arrive. As soon as we get him loaded, I will double back to the barn to pick the rest of you up.

Parents are **NOT** required to attend if you are alright with me signing on your behalf if your student is under the age of 18.

**Fort Worth Entries**

We are about to finalize all of our entries for the 2024 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. Since FWSSR has an earlier deadline than the other Texas Majors, and it is imperative that we get all of the paperwork completed and submitted to the business office in order for checks to be processed within the time requirements. We currently have the following exhibitors entries:

Alfred Diaz III – Market Steer

Callen Ussery – Market Steer

Emma McCollum – Breeding Heifer

Jeremiah Larr – Market Steer

Maile Davison – Market Goat

Ty Gillespie – Breeding Heifer

**If you are not listed above and intend on showing at Fort Worth please e-mail me directly at** [mrobinson@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:mrobinson@dickinsonisd.org)

**Upcoming Lamb, Goat, & Heifer Tag-In**

This is the final reminder that major show lamb, goat, and heifer validations are next week! Please read through the email below for details. If you bought tag(s) and will not be using them, please let county extension know.

**Lamb/Goat Validation**: October 25, 4:30-6:30pm, @ Galveston County Fairgrounds

**Heifer Validation:** October 26, 4:30-6:30pm, @ Galveston County Fairgrounds

**The following must be present at validation:**

* **Animal** being validated
* **Registration Papers** for registered breeding animals (not needed for commercial/wether dams/does or market animals)
  + See section below for more information
* **Parent/Guardian** – must be present to sign paperwork
  + Parents ***unable to attend*** must come to Extension Office before validation to sign a waiver
  + Parents may sign for exhibitor if child cannot attend
  + Ag Teachers CANNOT sign on behalf of parent

**Exhibitors with REGISTERED breeding projects must:**

* Obtain original registration papers
  + Lambs/Goats: Only exhibitor(s) as owner(s) with NO RANCH/FARM names; **Ownership date on or before October 1**
  + Heifers: Exhibitor must be listed as SOLE owner; **Ownership date on or before November 1**
* Verify that the identifying markings (tattoo/brand/tag) exactly match what is physically on the animal. If they do not match, you can:
  + Change registration papers to match animal
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* Submit a color copy of registration papers to CEA/AST by their deadline
  + If showing under Galveston County 4-H, submit to [leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu) by October 22, 2023

For more information, visit <https://galveston.agrilife.org/4h/major-show/>

**First Steer Clinic**

Our first steer clinic is coming up next week on Thursday, (10/26). All Steer exhibitors are required to attend. Though we will not yet be able to hold an arena practice due to the current conditions, we will still meet, weigh, take pictures, and go over a few items, and then clean the common areas.

Remember that all clinics are posted on the above schedule for the remainder of the school year.

**AET Thursdays- H103 3:30-4:30** **(started  10/26)**

This is important for new ACTIVE members that are Freshmen-Sophomores who plan to get their Lonestar Degree their Junior/Senior year and MOST important for the ACTIVE Juniors/Seniors that are 3rd year members this year- you'll be eligible to attend State FFA Convention this summer to receive your Lonestar Degree on the big stage.

Eligible members must have an SAE project for 3 years (most common is livestock but there are other options).

**Summer Snapper Slam**

Summer snapper slam is coming up faster than we think. The team running the event would like for everyone to have their sponsors and donations completed by February to be able to be part of the event.

We need to raise $2,500 in sponsorships and donations to qualify our chapter. The first 5 students to bring Ms. Hastings a sponsor of $500 or more will automatically get to go on the trip. Once we hit the $2,500 mark she will send out applications to everyone else who is interested. We do take donations but anything less than $500 will not receive the advertising or other fun perks sponsoring the event brings them like being able to join us on the boat.

Please see the attached PDF for more information. For any questions please see or e-mail Ms. Hastings.

Thank y'all for your help!

**Horse Judging Practices**

Anyone who is interested, Ms. Hastings will be fielding a Horse Judging Team this year. Practices will be on Thursdays in her classroom after school.

If anyone has questions or concerns please reach out to one of us. Have a great weekend, and as always…

**GO GATORS!**

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