



DECEMBER, 2017 - JANUARY, 2018

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Dear 4-H Leaders & Vo-Ag Teachers:

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching, but so are many activities to prepare for the 2018 Fair. Please announce the following information at your monthly club/chapter meetings to the exhibitors and their parents. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas & New Year season!

DECEMBER - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 1 & 2 - WINTERFEST - Join us for a day of fun for the entire family. Craft booths, Santa's Village, Contests, Fun Run, Mutton Bustin' and more. Check out the schedule of events on the attached flyer.

DECEMBER 3 - MARKET GOAT VALIDATION - 1:30 pm to 3 pm at the fairgrounds. All Goats planning to be shown at the 2018 Fair **MUST** be presented on this date during the specified times.

DECEMBER 3 - MARKET LAMB VALIDATION - 1:30 pm to 3 pm at the fairgrounds. All Lambs planning to be shown at the 2018 Fair **MUST** be presented on this date during the specified times.

DECEMBER 7 - MARKET BROILER ORDER DEADLINE - All exhibitors planning to show market broilers **MUST** have their order and money turned in to the Fair Office by 5 pm on this date. **BRING YOUR ORDER IN EARLY TO AVOID MISSING THE DEADLINE!!!**

DECEMBER 9 - GOAT & LAMB CLINIC - sponsored by the GCF&R Goat & Lamb Committees, 9:30 am for goats and 11 am for Lambs in the Livestock Pavilion on the fairgrounds at Jack Brooks Park. **Small Animal Scales** will be open for weighing goats and lambs from 9 am to 1 pm.

DECEMBER 9 - STEER & HEIFER CLINIC - sponsored by Colts 4H and the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, 1 pm in the Livestock Pavilion on the fairgrounds at Jack Brooks Park. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Pantalion at 409-682-5739. **Large Animal Scales** will be open for weighing steer and heifer projects from 1 pm to 3 pm.

DECEMBER 13 - MARKET TURKEY PICK-UP - from 5pm to 6pm (time subject to change) in Ed Pickett Hall.

Merry Christmas!

JANUARY - Happy New Year!

JANUARY 4 - MARKET RABBIT RECOMMENDED BREEDING DATE

JANUARY 6 - GOAT & LAMB CLINIC - sponsored by the GCF&R Goat & Lamb Committees, 9:30 am for goats and 11 am for Lambs in the Livestock Pavilion on the fairgrounds at Jack Brooks Park. **Small Animal Scales** will be open for weighing goats and lambs from 9 am to 1 pm.

JANUARY 6 - STEER & HEIFER CLINIC - sponsored by Colts 4H and the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, 1 pm in the Livestock Pavilion on the fairgrounds at Jack Brooks Park. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Pantalion at 409-682-5739. **Large Animal Scales** will be open for weighing steer and heifer projects from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

JANUARY 10 - MANDATORY SCRAMBLE MEETING will be held at 7 pm in the Youth Building for all 2018 Scramble Program applicants and their parents/guardians. 4H Leaders and Ag Teachers are

encouraged to attend. **The rules will be explained and applications will be handed out at that time.** If you have questions, please contact Forrest Dillon at 281-337-3972.

JANUARY 13 - MARKET SWINE TAG-IN - 8 am to 11 am at the fairgrounds. All swine planning to be shown at the 2018 Fair **MUST** be presented on this date during the specified times.

JANUARY 20 - GOAT & LAMB CLINIC - sponsored by the GCF&R Goat & Lamb Committees, 9:30 am for goats and 11 am for Lambs in the Livestock Pavilion on the fairgrounds at Jack Brooks Park. **Small Animal Scales** will be open for weighing goats and lambs from 9 am to 1 pm.

JANUARY 20 - STEER & HEIFER CLINIC - sponsored by Colts 4H and the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, 1 pm in the Livestock Pavilion on the fairgrounds at Jack Brooks Park. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Pantaloni at 409-682-5739. **Large Animal Scales** will be open for weighing steer and heifer projects from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

JANUARY 25 - DEADLINES:

1. Scramble Applications must be turned in before 6 pm. You must have attended the meeting on January 13th to receive an application. No late applications will be accepted.
2. 4H Club Manager and Ag Teacher deadline for turning in Exhibitor Entry Applications, Summary Sheet and Payment for their entire Club/Chapter **NO LATER THAN 6 pm.**

JANUARY 31 - Deadline to purchase 2018 fair memberships.

***UPCOMING FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH:** February 3 & 17 - Goat, Lamb, Steer and Heifer Clinics; February 8 & 20 - Student Volunteer Meeting Nights; February 10 - Horticulture Verification; February 16 - Las Vegas Night; February 20 - Scholarship Applications & Ag Mechanics Entry forms are due in the Fair Office; February 22 - Fair King & Fair Queen and Jr. & Little Mr. & Miss 4-H Entry forms are due in the Fair Office. March 8 - Deadline for Youth Project Show, Student Art & Cowboy/Cowgirl Entry Forms are due in the Fair Office; March 9 - Market Broiler Pickup; March 10 - Goat, Lamb, Steer and Heifer Showmanship Showdown.

REMINDER: ALL 4H CLUBS/FFA CHAPTERS WHO USE THE YOUTH BUILDING AND LIVESTOCK PAVILION FOR MEETINGS AND EVENTS, PLEASE HELP US KEEP THESE AREAS CLEAN FOR THE NEXT GROUP!!!

REMINDER: **SCRAMBLE RECIPIENTS** - DO NOT FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR PROOF OF PURCHASE FORM ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE RECEIPT OR BILL OF SALE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR MONEY. ALSO, DO NOT FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE FAIR OFFICE BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES. DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR STAMPED ENVELOPE ADRESSED TO THE SPONSOR SO WE CAN MAIL THEIR COPY OF THE REPORT TO THEM.

REMINDER: **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** FOR GCF&R NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2018. BECOME A PART OF THE FAIR, PURCHASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY! PLEASE REMIND YOUR PARENTS: Only the youth exhibitor who has a paid livestock exhibitor entry for the 2018 Fair will be allowed entry to the fairgrounds as long as the exhibitor wrist band is secured on their arm. All others must pay admission to enter the fairgrounds during operating hours even if you are only here to check-in or feed animals.

Well that wraps it up for now!!!

Melody D. Bender, Fair Coordinator *Julie Ramirez*, Assistant Coordinator
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