



2010 Market Steer Skill-A-Thon

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

1 pm – 3 pm in the Equestrian Center

Skill-A-Thon Committee Superintendent: Steve Jones, U of A Cooperative Extension Service
Market Steer Skill-A-Thon Committee Chairman: Steve Jones

AWARDS

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| JUNIOR DIVISION: | Grand Champion | \$50 awarded by the Arkansas State Fair Arkansas State Fair Belt Buckle Grand Champion Rosette |
| | 2 ND | \$30 awarded by the Arkansas State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Rosette |
| | 3 rd | \$20 awarded by the Arkansas State Fair Ribbon |
| SENIOR DIVISION: | Grand Champion | \$50 awarded by the Arkansas State Fair Arkansas State Fair Belt Buckle Grand Champion Rosette |
| | 2 ND | \$30 awarded by the Arkansas State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Rosette |
| | 3 rd | \$20 awarded by the Arkansas State Fair Ribbon |

SKILL-A-THON GUIDELINES

ENTRY FEE: FREE

ENTRY DEADLINE: On-Site Entry Only

1. Competitions are open to individuals who have at least one approved livestock entry in the current year Arkansas State Fair.
2. Competition will be divided into two age divisions:
JUNIOR DIVISION: Ages 9 – 13 on the opening day of the current year Arkansas State Fair.
SENIOR DIVISION: Ages 14 & up on the opening day of the current year Arkansas State Fair
3. Each Division (Junior & Senior) will consist of a system of questions relative to the Market Steer Project. Curriculum materials and contact information is listed below. This contest is run under the direction of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Department in conjunction with members of the ASF Skill-A-Thon Committee.
4. No pre-entry is available for this contest. On-site entry only. Entry Fee is FREE! The Registration Table will open at approximately 12:30 pm. Each contestant will be given a scorecard which must be presented to Skill-A-Thon Officials to compete. It is the responsibility of the contestant to keep up with his or her scorecard. Contestants must remain in designated Contest Area until number is called. If special assistance is needed by the contestant, please notify Registration Desk at time of entry.

5. COMPETITION STRUCTURE:

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| JUNIOR DIVISION: | Five Stations | Five Questions each | 25 pts. per station |
| SENIOR DIVISION: | Five Stations | Five Questions each | 25 pts. per station |

- Contest will be a 100 point contest. (Four Stations x 25 potential points = 100)
- Table 5 will be designated as a Timed Tie Breaker Table. Score at this table will be used only in the event of a tie in Tables 1-4. The first tie breaker is score & second tie breaker is time.
- A Skill-A-Thon Committee Member will moderate questions at each table.
- Station Moderator will tabulate score at each station.
- Results will be announced and awards will be presented at conclusion of contest in the Equestrian Center. All scores will be posted after announcement of awards.
- Contest Stations will be available for open viewing after awards ceremony.
- Questions will be either right or wrong...no "judgment" made by station moderator. Five points for each correct answer / 0 points for each incorrect answer.
- Contestants will be given a reasonable amount of time to complete each station. Station Moderator will monitor and address excessive time at station.

CURRICULUM DETAILS

1. The Ohio State University: Beef Cattle Resource Handbook (Pub # 4-H 117R) is the official study guide for this competition. Question topics will be derived from this publication. In order to accurately prepare for this Skill-A-Thon, potential contestants are encouraged to study every topic covered in this resource.

BEEF CATTLE RESOURCE HANDBOOK PURCHASE INFORMATION

Ohio State University

<http://estore.osu-extension.org>

Phone: 614-292-1607

Cost: approximately \$15 - \$20

2. Each Division (Junior & Senior) will consist of a system of questions relative to the Market Steer Project.
3. Curriculum questions are developed and approved by the Arkansas State Fair Skill-A-Thon Committee Superintendent & the Market Steer Skill-A-Thon Committee Chairman under the direction and approval of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Department Management.
4. The Arkansas State Fair reserves to its Management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the Arkansas State Fair; and the right to amend, interpret or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the management may order.