



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2017

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Dear 4-H Leaders & Ag Teachers:

The last weekend in August, Hurricane Harvey impacted our entire county and so many of our 4-H, FFA, & fair volunteer families along with our schools, our sponsors and our buyers have damage from the storm - we will be there for each other, we will work together and we will recover.

Welcome back to another 4H and FFA Fair year. The committee members have been hard at work planning various activities and events for the 2017 - 2018 Fair year in hopes of making the 80th Anniversary of the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo a great family event for our county.

You are our first point of contact to the youth who exhibit projects in the fair, so please announce the following information at your monthly club/chapter meetings to the exhibitors and their parents. Also, remind your members to access the website for updated information which will be posted as it becomes available and to stay tuned to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest news and updates. If you have questions or need more information, please contact us.

SEPTEMBER - WELCOME BACK!

SEPTEMBER 14 - MANDATORY 2018 LIVESTOCK RULES MEETING for all 4H Club Managers and FFA Teachers at 6:30 pm in the Youth Building.

OCTOBER - FALL IS IN THE AIR!

OCTOBER 19 - GCF&R MARKET TURKEY ORDER DEADLINE. All exhibitors planning to show market turkeys at the 2018 Fair **MUST** have their order form and money turned in to the Fair Office by 4 pm on this date. **BRING YOUR ORDER IN EARLY TO AVOID MISSING THE DEADLINE!!!**

OCTOBER 21 - GCF&R STEER VALIDATION & TAG-IN - from **8 am to 11 am** at the fairgrounds. All steers planning to be shown at the 2018 Fair **MUST** be presented on this date during the specified times. County Steers must be tagged prior to validation & tag-in (please refer to the rules). Please contact Claudia Tibaldo at 409-925-7107 if you have a county steer which needs to be tagged.

OCTOBER 28 - COMMERCIAL HEIFER & BREEDING BEEF VALIDATION & TAG-IN - from **8 am to 12:00 noon** at the fairgrounds. All **Commercial Heifers** planning to be shown at the 2018 Fair **MUST** be presented on this date during the specified times. A completed Breeder's Certificate should be brought with the exhibitor. All **Breeding Beef** (Registered & Non-Registered) planning to be shown at the 2018 Fair **MUST** be presented on this date during the specified times. For Approved Registered Breed heifers, cows and bulls (please see the 2018 Rules): Original registration papers and one clear copy **MUST** be brought with the exhibitor. For Non-Registered or papers pending heifers, cows and bulls: A completed Breeder's Certificate should be brought with the exhibitor. **Breeder's Certificates are available at the Fair Office and MUST be completed PRIOR to tag-in. These forms are a 3-part NCR form and cannot be faxed or emailed.**

***UPCOMING FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:** November 11 - Steer & Heifer Clinic; Happy Thanksgiving!; December 1 & 2 - Winter Fest; December 3 - Market Goat & Lamb Validation; December 7 - Market Broiler Orders Due; December 9 - Goat, Lamb, Steer & Heifer Clinics; December 13 - Market Turkey Pick-up; Merry Christmas!

WINTER FEST will be here before we know it and what a great opportunity for 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters to earn community service hours by helping out. Please let us know if your club/chapter is interested in helping us make the 5th Annual WinterFest a great success for the community!

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 31st. BECOME A PART OF THE FAIR, PURCHASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

Well that wraps it up for now. See ya later!!!

Melody D. Bender, Fair Coordinator

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