

ACADEMIC RODEO

MATH & SPELLING BEE

Check-In Entries

Extraco Coliseum

Math Bee:

Check In:	October 1	9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Written Tests:	October 1	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Results posted	October 1	1:00 p.m.
Winners will be recognized at Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.		

Spelling Bee:

Check In:	October 1	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	
Written Tests	October 1	10:30 a.m.	1 st & 2 nd grade
	October 1	11:15 a.m.	3 rd /4 th & 5 th /6 th grades
Results posted	October 1	1:00 p.m.	
Oral Competition	October 8	1:00 p.m.	

Eligibility of Exhibitors:

Entries for the Spelling and Math Bees include grades 1-6. Grades will be divided as follows:

1st grade

2nd grade

3rd & 4th graders

5th & 6th graders

Registration:

Each person entering the Academic Rodeo must pre-register their entries online. Entry information located at www.fairmanager.com. An entry fee of \$3 will be charged. Entry deadline is September 23, 2011. **(Late entries will be accepted the day of the event until capacity is full. Late entry fee of \$10 per participant, per event).**

Contest Rules

MATH BEE

- Contest is limited to the first 40 entries per category.
- This is a written test.
- Participants will be given a maximum of one hour to complete their entry.
- In the event of a tie, the first turned in will be the winner.
- All scratch work must be completed on the test booklet.
- No electronic devices are allowed to be used. Judges are in control of the competition and their decision is final.
- Grade level TAKS material used.

SPELLING BEE

- Contest is limited to the first 40 entries per category.
- This is a written test followed by an oral test for the finalists.
- Results of the written test will be posted at 1:00 p.m. listing the top 5 in each class (no ranking order); a total of 20 finalists.
- Words used in the Spelling Bee shall be selected from a list of words approved by educators. Words will be posted on the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo website.
- Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings from which the Pronouncer shall select the definition or definitions that they give.
- In the oral competition, after the Pronouncer gives the contestant a word, the contestant will have 15 seconds to begin to spell the word. **THE JUDGES MAY DISQUALIFY ANY CONTESTANT WHO IGNORES A REQUEST TO START SPELLING.**
- The contestant will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. However, no contestant will be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word.
- The contestant may request the Pronouncer to re-pronounce the word, define it or use it in a sentence. No other information about the etymology or history of a word will be given.
- Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be no change of letters and/or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters and/or their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
- Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest.
- If more than one spelling is listed for a word, any of these spellings will be accepted as correct if the word either matches the pronunciation and definition provided by the pronouncer, or if it is clearly identified as being a standard variant of the word that the contestant has been asked to spell.
- If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer will indicate which of them is to be spelled. If the listed word is not properly identified, either by defining it or by explaining the homonyms, any correct spelling of any homonym will be accepted.

PLAYOFF ROUND

- When the contestants are reduced to two, they will draw numbers to determine order.
- During the play-off round, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given the opportunity to spell the same word. When one of the last two spellers misses, and the other spells correctly in the same round, the one who spells their word correctly will be declared the winner of the play-off round.
- If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell.
- If more than one spelling is listed for a word, any of these spellings will be accepted as correct if the word either matches the pronunciation and definition provided by the pronouncer, or if it is clearly identified as being a standard variant of the word that the contestant has been asked to spell.

- If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer will indicate which of them is to be spelled. If the listed word is not properly identified, either by defining it or by explaining the homonyms, any correct spelling of any homonym will be accepted.
- Any question relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the Academic Rodeo Chairman immediately before the next contestant is given the next word to spell.
- No grievance will be entertained after the word has been given to another speller.
- When only two spellers remain, the grievance must be made immediately, before the second speller has started to spell the word.
- The Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Academic Rodeo Chairman and the judges are in complete control of the Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee. Their decisions shall be final.

Awards/Premiums

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion award will be awarded in each category in each event. U.S. Savings Bonds will be given to the Grand Champion (\$100) and Reserve Champion (\$50) winners in each event. Participation awards will be given as additional prizes. Awards will be given during the awards ceremony.

General Rules

All exhibitors are responsible for reading the General Rules section of this booklet.

