

# **Gonzales County Youth Show**

## **2023-2024 Bucket Calf Rules and Requirements**

**Our Mission:** To expose 5 to 8 year olds to the basic care and responsibility of raising a calf.

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2024 Gonzales County Youth Show Bucket Calf Program! The program involves getting a calf at a few days old, bottle feeding, halter breaking, and finally showing the calf. The calf will be around three to five months old when shown at the Gonzales County Youth Show.

### Rules

#### **Eligibility**

- Open to Gonzales County youth ages 5-8 years old, Kindergarten to 2nd grade. Participants turning 9 as of August 31, 2023 are ineligible. Participants that will be 8 and in the 3rd grade are ineligible to show for the Bucket Calf Program, but meet the requirements for 4-H and can show with Junior Livestock entries. Participants must be 5 by September 1, 2023.
- Participant **must** attend at least 2 of the 3 project meetings between October and January at the Gonzales High School AG Building.
- Meetings are held once a month on October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, and January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Gonzales High School AG Building.
- Participant must halter break and be able to lead a calf by the time of the Gonzales County Youth Show.

#### **Calf Requirements**

- Calf must be born between October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- All mentees must have the calf at the address the mentors visit by December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- It is strongly encouraged to get a clostridial and respiratory vaccine for the calf as recommended by your veterinarian.
- Calf must be bottle-fed. No nurse calves.
- Calves can be any gender/breed.
- Participants must feed and care for calves in Gonzales County.
- Each exhibitor may show only one calf.
- If the calf becomes ill and/or dies before the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, the committee must be notified immediately.

#### **Project Requirements**

- Online Entry Form **must be completed by September 25, 2023** and fee of \$20 due at October 2023 meeting.
- Participant is required to keep a record log which must be presented to the Bucket Calf Committee at the Practice Show.
- A picture of the participant and his/her calf must to be sent to the Bucket Calf Co-Chairs by December 20<sup>th</sup> or as soon as the participant has their calf.

- Participant is required to mail out 5 invitations to family, friends, and/or business acquaintances to watch them show. A picture of the letters and envelopes must be sent to the Bucket Calf Co-Chairs by February 9, 2024.
- Read and be familiar with the general rules stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Gonzales County Youth Show.

### **Mentor Mentee Pairings and Requirements**

- Mentors may be requested on the application, but cannot be older siblings or someone that lives at the same address as the mentee.
- Mentors are required to complete at least two home visits to work with the mentee and calf before the Gonzales County Youth Show.
- Parents are required to fill out the Mentee Bucket Calf Visit Google Form after each visit from a mentor.

### **At the Show**

- Participant is to attend the Practice Show with calf on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at JB Wells. Attendance here does not count towards the 2 required meetings.
- Calves will check-in at JB Wells the morning of the show, (either February 29<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>) and be released after they are shown. More information and times will be determined based off the show schedule set by the Show Board and will be sent out closer to the show.
- Calves will be stalled on asphalt so it is encouraged for the participant to bring bedding.
- There will be no personal fan use in the stalling area for Bucket Calves.
- Show sticks will be required for the show and are recommended to have during the practice show.
- The calves will not be sold at the show. It is up to each family what they do with the calf after the show.

### **Contact Information**

Please email pictures of your child and their calf and pictures from mentor visits to:  
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