

Ranching & Wildlife Competition

Project and Entry Forms Due in HLSR Office:	January 16, 2012	
Finalist Notification:	February 3, 2012	
Presentations by Finalists:	March 3, 2012	9:00 a.m.
Awards Presentation:	March 3, 2012	2:00 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Ranching & Wildlife Competition

- Purpose:** To engage Texas 4-H and FFA Members in activities that promote the preservation and enhancement of Texas wildlife.
- Eligibility:** Competition is open to students enrolled in grades 9-12 that are members in good standing of a Texas FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Chapters and clubs must be in good standing with state and national affiliates.
- Project Guidelines:**
 - Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) project.
 - Projects must focus on the conservation or enhancement of Texas wildlife habitat affecting multiple species or the preservation or enhancement of a particular Texas wildlife species. **No projects directed solely toward domesticated farm animals or exotic species will be allowed.** However, projects that focus on management strategies for domestic livestock and/or exotic species that benefit and enhance native Texas wildlife species (both plant and animal) will be allowed.
 - Projects must consist of a 36"x48" display board (36"x24" when folded). Display boards may contain text, photos, diagrams, charts, drawings and samples. All content must be attached and fit on the display board such that unfolding the board is the full extent of setup.
 - Name of contestant must be printed on back of the project board and may not appear on the front.
 - Projects should be self explanatory and may include the result of original research or a summarization of existing research in order to draw conclusions relevant to the topic.
 - Each exhibitor must clearly cite the work of others within the display and submit a separate bibliography in MLA format with a heading for primary references to be listed first, followed by secondary references. Examples of MLA format can be found at <http://aresearchguide.com/12biblio.html>. Failure to credit the work of others will result in disqualification.
- Display:** The highest ranking projects will be placed on display during the Ranching and Wildlife Expo at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from February 29 – March 3, 2012.
- Judging:** Projects will be judged on the quality and accuracy of the information presented and the relevance of the project to the preservation or enhancement of Texas wildlife.

Quality and accuracy of information	40 points
Relevance	40 points
<u>Presentation/appearance</u>	<u>20 points</u>
Total	100 points

- Finalists:** Exhibitors of the top ten (10) projects will be notified on or before February 3, 2012 and will be required to present their project before a panel of judges and an audience on March 3, 2012. Oral presentations will be limited to ten (10) minutes with at five (5) minute question and answer period with the judges. Visual aids for the oral presentation will consist of a PowerPoint presentation. Information in the PowerPoint presentation shall be limited to what was included on the display board. Judges scores from the oral presentations will be combined with preliminary scores from the judging of the display boards to determine final ranking of the top ten contestants. If an exhibitor is unwilling or unable to attend the presentation show management reserves the right to invite the next highest placing exhibitor to compete for the top ten positions.

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7. Awards: All exhibitors will receive a certificate of participation. Awards for the top ten (10) contestants will be presented on March 3, 2012 at 2:00 pm.

1st Place: Trophy and \$2,500 cash award

2nd Place: Trophy and \$2,000 cash award

3rd Place: Trophy and \$1,500 cash award

4th Place: Trophy and \$1,000 cash award

5th – 10th Place: Trophy and \$500 cash award

8. Entry Submission: Display boards and entry forms (located on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website under Livestock Show>Exhibitor Access>Exhibitor Handbook/Entry Forms) can be mailed to the following address and must be received by January 16, 2012. Online entry is not available for this contest.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Ranching & Wildlife Committee
P. O. Box 20070
Houston TX 77225-0070

If the mailing method requires a physical address, send to:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Ranching & Wildlife Committee
8334 Fannin
Houston TX 77054

9. Contact: Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: juniorauctions@rodeohouston.com or (832) 667-1124 or (832) 667-1139



Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Ranching and Wildlife FFA Competition Entry Form

Exhibitor Name:	Grade:
Email Address:	Telephone Number:
Mailing Address:	FFA Chapter:
Project Title:	
Would you like your project returned to You? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you would like your project to be returned, it MUST be picked up either following the Ranching and Wildlife Expo on Saturday, March 3, 2012 or from the HLSR main office by March 18, 2012.	

ONE FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH CONTEST ENTERED. EACH COACH AND CONTESTANT MUST EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION.

Part I

As valid consideration for entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund, HLS&R Institute for Teacher Excellence, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Foundation and the Corral Club, Inc., (collectively, "HLSR"), the undersigned hereby enter into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement").

- 1. INVITATIONAL SHOW:** The Houston Livestock Show is an invitational show and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or Contestant.
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognize and understand there are risks associated with entry into and participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death, and damage to property or privacy rights. The undersigned further acknowledge that they will be liable for all damage to persons, livestock, or property that is caused by them or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
- 3. RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE HLSR, their present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns (collectively, the "HLSR Parties" or individually, an "HLSR Party") from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, "Claims") relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agree that the HLSR Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned Contestant's entry into and participation in the Activities.
- 4. AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE HLSR PARTIES AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HLSR PARTIES' OWN NEGLIGENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE WAS THE SOLE, PROXIMATE OR PRODUCING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the HLSR Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned Contestant's entry into and participation in the Activities. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY" means to agree to assume the HLSR Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the HLSR Parties for Claims asserted against them.
- 5. PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY:** The undersigned GRANT PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understand that photographs or interviews may be used by HLSR for television, film, video, visual, or printed media. The undersigned agree to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY HLSR for any Claims related to photographs or interviews by the HLSR Parties or any media.
- 6. TEXAS LAW AND ARBITRATION:** The undersigned understand that this Agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a State Court in Harris County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. This Agreement controls notwithstanding any conflicting terms or conditions of any other agreement between the parties. The undersigned agree to these terms and conditions and acknowledge receipt of this Agreement. HLSR may require that all claims or disputes between Contestant and/or Contestant's parent or guardian and HLSR and/or its agents, officers, directors volunteers, members and assigns, in any way arising out of or related to this Agreement, shall be decided by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. 1, et seq. and in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA that are in effect at the time the demand for arbitration is filed, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise in writing. The decision of the arbitrator(s), which shall state findings of fact and conclusions of law, shall be final, conclusive and binding on the parties and judgment may be entered thereon in the District Court of Harris County, Texas to enforce the decision.

Part II

We, the undersigned Junior Contestant and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

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Signature - Contestant _____ Date _____ Name Printed _____

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Signature—Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Name Printed _____

RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR: _____



Judging Contest and Other: Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement

PLEASE EXECUTE AND BRING TO REGISTRATION. DO NOT MAIL WITH ENTRY.

- 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Floriculture Contest
- 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Meat Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Nursery / Landscape Contest
- 4-H & FFA Poultry Judging Contest
- 4-H & FFA Range & Pasture Plant I. D. Contest
- Quality Counts Multi-Media Contest
- Agriculture Product Identification Contest
- 4-H & FFA Wool Judging Contest
- Agricultural Mechanics Contest
- Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest
- Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest
- Intercollegiate Wool and Mohair Judging Contest
- Tractor Technician Contest
- Public Speaking Contest
- 4-H and FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Contest
- Ranching and Wildlife Competition

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Signature—Exhibitor	Date	Name Printed
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Signature—Parent/Guardian	Date	Name Printed
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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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Additional instructions for completing this form may be found at the official Internal Revenue website:
<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/formspubs/index.html>

REQUIRED
 Each 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Junior Exhibitor and Open Show Exhibitor must complete an IRS W-9 form and return it with entry. Premium payments will not be made without completed W-9 form.