

COASTAL BEND CLASSIC

Youth Livestock Clinics and Shows

Saturday, December 3, 2011
San Patricio County Fairgrounds, Sinton, Texas

What is the Coastal Bend Classic?

The Coastal Bend Classic (CBC) is an educational opportunity open to all interested youth and families in 4-H & FFA participating in livestock projects. The mission of the CBC is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as it relates to facility maintenance, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, transportation, show preparation, and quality assurance.

Quality Counts, a livestock quality assurance program, is highlighted to ensure the safe and legal use of medications and feeds to facilitate the ethical care, development, and exhibition of livestock.

Parents and leaders are encouraged to remember that livestock projects (regardless of specie) are to be used as a tool in the process of teaching positive youth development.

Who is eligible to participate?

All 4-H and FFA members are invited and encouraged to participate in the CBC. Youth participants MUST participate in one of the specie clinics to be eligible for the show. However, it is not a requirement to stay and participate in the afternoon show if you just want to attend the morning clinics. Parents and adult leaders are also encouraged to participate in the clinics and workshops.

Registration

All youth participants are requested to register by November 21, 2011 online at <http://d114-h.tamu.edu> (look for the Coastal Bend Classic page under the Events & Contests menu). Youth participants will be allowed to register on site the day of the event; however, the entry fee will increase. Once you have registered online by November 21, 2011, you are asked to send in your registration fee payable to: **Coastal Bend Classic** and mail to: **District 11 4-H Office, attn: Sharon Thompson, 10345 Hwy 44, Corpus Christi, TX 78406**. An email confirmation will be sent when your payment is received.

The first 150 youth participants pre-registered will receive a FREE CBC t-shirt.

Cost

The registration fee for the CBC is \$15 per youth participant if postmarked by November 21, 2011. After November 21, 2011, the registration fee will be \$20 per youth and may be paid the day of the event. NOTE: The one time registration fee allows for an unlimited number of entries in the afternoon shows. PARENTS ATTEND FOR FREE!

Schedule

- Friday arrival from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday arrival from 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
- All educational clinics (beef, sheep, goat, swine) will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Lunch will be available (concessions available onsite)
- Major Livestock Show Updates & Quality Counts Update at 1:00 p.m.
- Specie showmanship followed by specie shows will begin at 2:00 p.m.
- NEW THIS YEAR – A swine clinic will be held from 9 am – 12 noon; however, no swine show will be offered in the afternoon.

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors must be 4-H members or FFA students to be eligible to show (8-18 yrs of age).
2. Exhibitors MUST attend one of the specie clinics to be eligible to show; however, exhibitor can show multiple animals in multiple specie shows.
3. There will be 3 age divisions for showmanship:
 - a. Juniors: 8-10 years old as of August 31, 2011
 - b. Intermediates: 11-13 years old as of August 31, 2011
 - c. Seniors: 14-18 years old as of August 31, 2011
4. Exhibitors will weigh and classify your own animal (scales will be provided). Judge will have the discretion to reclassify an animal if he/she deems the animal was classified incorrectly.
5. All weight cards must be turned in by 8:45 a.m. on Saturday morning.
6. Classes will be divided by breeds/divisions and by weight (age on heifers) at the discretion of show officials to provide a fair opportunity for all exhibitors.
7. Animals may be reweighed by show officials.
8. Judge's decision is FINAL.
9. Cattle Shows will be blow and go.
10. Exhibitors MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN SHAVINGS FOR PENS (shavings will be available for sale on site).
11. Exhibitors are encouraged to stall inside barns. Animals may be stalled inside barn overnight (for Friday arrivals); however, there will be no security at the barn.
12. The ethical and humane treatment of livestock is expected at all times. Any evidence of unethical or inhumane practices could be cause for dismissal from the CBC.
13. Positive and respectful sportsmanship is expected of all exhibitors, family members and attendees during the CBC. Anyone demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct may be asked to leave the event.

Other Important Details

- A full concession stand will be available at the fairgrounds on Saturday
- No alcoholic beverages allowed at the fairgrounds
- RV/trailer hookups are available by contacting San Patricio County Fairgrounds at 361-364-9580
- Cattle hoof trimmer will be available (for a fee)
- Show supply trailer/booth will be available
- Door prizes and awards at show will be given based on sponsorship availability.

Local Hotels

- Best Western, 8108 US Hwy 77, Sinton, 361-364-2882
- Motel 6, 8154 US Hwy 77, Sinton, 361-364-1853
- Budget Inn, 1505 US 77, Odem, 361-368-2166
(approx 7 miles from Sinton)
- Holiday Inn Express, 13425 Brookhaven Drive, Corpus Christi (Calallen), 361-242-3330
(approx 15 miles from Sinton)
- Comfort Inn and Suites, 3838 US 77 North, Corpus Christi (Calallen), 361-241-6363
(approx 15 miles from Sinton)
- Hampton Inn, 11233 Hwy 37, Corpus Christi (Calallen), 361-241-9300
(approx 18 miles from Sinton)
- Days Inn Portland, 1703 US Highway 181, Portland, 361-643-2222
(approx 25 miles from Sinton)
- Hampton Inn Portland, 1705 North 181, Portland, 361-777-1500
(approx 25 miles from Sinton)
- Best Western Refugio Inn, Highway 77 & Houston Street, Refugio, 361-526-4600
(approx 27 miles from Sinton)