

## AG-MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

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ENTRY DEADLINE: September 8, 2017, 5:00 pm in the Fair Office

ARRIVAL TIME: October 12, 2017, 12 noon – 7:00 pm

CHECK IN: October 12, 2017, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00

JUDGING TIME: October 15, 2017, 12:00 noon

RELEASE TIME: Sunday, October 22, 2017, 7:00 am – 11:00 am

### RULES

1. All Ag Mechanics Projects are subject to the Brazoria County Fair Rules and Regulations.
2. Entry forms must be completed in full including **EACH** exhibitors' names and project.
3. The decision of the judge is final in all aspects of the show.
4. Ag Mechanic Projects are for Brazoria County 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, and VICA clubs only
5. Projects shall be exhibited only (1) time and must be constructed within one (1) year of Fair dates.
6. All projects must be constructed and exhibited by 4-H, FFA, or VICA. Club members.
7. 4-H, FFA, or VICA club standard signs must identify projects.
8. All projects must be cleaned and painted and/or treated, and in presentable and working condition. **PROJECTS MUST MEET ALL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. NO SHARP POINTS OR EDGES EXPOSED AT ANYTIME AND MUST BE PROPERLY COVERED BEFORE CHECK IN WILL BE PERMITTED.**
9. All trailers must have safety chains mounted to trailer tongue, to meet state requirements. Wheel chocks will be required while trailers are parked on fairgrounds.
10. All projects must have blueprints or drawings, progressive pictures, list of materials and a cost analysis.
11. Spaces for projects will be determined by the committee on the basis of project size plus 15% for tables etc. Exhibitor may use tables, tarps and or shade tents (no walls). No decorative fencing will be allowed or floors built for the project.
12. No electronic, video, and/or computerized presentations may be used.
13. Projects may not be welded or painted on Brazoria County Fairgrounds. All work must be completed before check-in (assembly only on fairgrounds). **NOTE: All projects and displays will be completed by Saturday at noon.**
14. **Flammable and/or combustible liquids or material are not to be used on any project (paint thinners, petroleum base liquids, etc).** Gasoline and Diesel for motorized equipment must be labeled.
15. If the projects require additional fuel, entrants must notify the chairman. Each club will be required to have the correct fire extinguishers to meet OSHA requirements.
16. Every precaution will be taken to protect projects; however, the Brazoria County Fair Association will not be responsible for loss or damage to projects.
17. Committee reserves the right to re-classify projects upon arrival. Any project deemed Home Decor will not be allowed to check in; therefore, not eligible for the show or auction. Committee decision is FINAL.

18. Combination locks can be used but committee MUST have combination. If combination is not provided, committee reserves the right to cut the lock off if deemed necessary.

19. Contestants should conduct themselves in a professional manner limiting communication with parents/teachers/leaders. All parents/teachers/leaders are strictly forbidden from entering the judging area until after the contestants have been dismissed. One warning will be given; the second offense will result in disqualification.

#### CLASSES:

- a. Ag Machinery (hay buggy, aerators, etc.)
- b. Ag Equipment (livestock feeders, hay rings, etc.)
- c. Shop Equipment
- d. Livestock Handling Equipment
- e. Trailer
- f. Recreation Equipment (BBQ pits, outdoor tables, etc.) \*No Interior Home Decor.
- g. Reconditioned and Refurbished equipment (tractors, ag implements, and small engines) no tractors newer than 1985.
- h. Wildlife Equipment (deer stands, deer feeders, etc.)

#### JUDGING SYSTEM:

- a. Workmanship 30 points
- b. Design & Materials 20 points
- c. Practicality 10 points
- d. Plans (Blueprints, Material List ) 20 points
- e. Finished Project 20 points

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is presented to schools, club, or individuals selected as having presented the best public image. Major considerations in the selection of winners will be as follows:

- a. Appropriate display and presentation of projects.
- b. Appropriate display of blueprints or drawings, progressive pictures, list of materials and a cost analysis.
- c. Housekeeping around project.
- d. Appropriate dress.
- e. Conduct, attitude and participation of exhibitors.
- f. Basic construction knowledge by exhibitors.

#### AWARDS

Rosettes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all classes.

Trophies: Grand Champion, Reserve

Grand Champion & Showmanship

Plaques: 3rd through 6th place individual high point

Cash Premiums - \$200 Grand Champion

\$100 Reserve Grand Champion

\$ 50 Showmanship

(Payment vouchers must be redeemed by 5 pm ,the last Saturday of the Fair.)

### **AG-MECHANICS SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Applicants must be a graduating high school student currently enrolled in a state-accredited Brazoria County School.
2. Applicant must be a resident of Brazoria County.
3. Applicant must have competed in the Ag Mechanics Project Show for at least two years in his/her 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade year.
4. Applicant must be planning to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited or approved college or university or approved trade school.
5. Applications can be picked up from the fair office and must be completed and received in the Brazoria County Office, P.O. Box 818, Angleton, Texas 77516 by September 8, 2017.
6. Selection of the scholarship winner will be made by the Ag Mechanics Project Show Committee and will be announced immediately following the show.