

GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, INC.

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Dear Special Education Teachers,

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, has been proclaimed "Special Kids' Day" at the County Fair in recognition of the children in our community with special needs. We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all schools and facilities in charge of children with physical, emotional or cognitive disabilities to attend the fair. The schedule of events, *tentatively*, is as follows:

8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Check-in and bus parking. Visit the animal exhibits, face painting, buckets of bubbles, horseshoe toss, and treasure hunt.
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	RODEO - brought to you by the <i>Rodeo Committee</i> and <i>Hat Brand Rodeo Company</i>
10:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Lunch & Beverage will be provided
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Carnival Rides and games provided by <i>Merriam Midway Shows</i> . Ride the hayrides! Visit the animal exhibits, face painting, buckets of bubbles, horseshoe toss, and treasure hunt.

We are so excited to bring the "Special Kids' Day" event back and hope that you will be able to join us in **2024**. Reminder: Picnic tables are limited, so bring a blanket or two for your kids to enjoy their picnic lunch. Hot dogs, chips and a drink will be provided. If your students have special diets, they are required to provide their own lunch. Please have these items labeled for your students.

Please Note: Buses will be directed to enter the fairgrounds from Hwy 6 to unload. The Hwy gate will close promptly at 10:30 am and those who arrive after this time will need to take the Park Road to the Parking lot. Automobiles will need to turn on to the Park Road and enter the parking lot. **Only the student guests will receive tickets for the rides and games.**

In order to provide the maximum experience for our GCF&R guests with special needs, registration forms will only be accepted from classes with students in PPCD, Self Contained Classroom, Life Skills/Functional Living, behavior units and adult residential and respite care programs. Special Kids' Day is a very important day during the week of the Fair and we are looking forward to greeting your students. Please feel free to pass this information on to other teachers who meet the above criteria. The registration deadline is **March 7, 2024. Please complete the fillable registration form and return to us at gcferspecialdays@yahoo.com.** It is important that we receive your registration by the deadline in order to better prepare for your day. Confirmation of your registration will be emailed, so be sure to add us to your email address book and check your spam folder in case. **Please note:** If your school will not be attending this event, parents are more than welcome to bring their child out for this day. If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office at (409) 986-6010, email us at gcferspecialdays@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.galvestoncountyfair.com.

Sincerely,

Misty Cruse - Mueller

Misty Cruse-Mueller, Co-Chairperson
Special Kids' Day Committee

Helen Mueller

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SPECIAL KIDS' DAY REGISTRATION FORM ONE CLASS PER REGISTRATION FORM

SCHOOL _____

DISTRICT _____

TEACHER OR CONTACT _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING _____

NUMBER OF CHAPERONES _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN CARNIVAL RIDES? _____

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A STUDENT VOLUNTEER HELPER? ___YES ___NO

Please complete this fillable registration form & email to: gcferspecialdays@yahoo.com

Or mail to:

**Galveston County Fair & Rodeo
Attention: Special Kids' Day
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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MARCH 7, 2024

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