



HARRIS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

**COSTUME/FUN EVENTS HANDBOOK
AND RULES**

2024



Harris County Fair & Rodeo 2024

FUN EVENTS Schedule

****SUBJECT TO CHANGES****

OCT 23 – 27, 2024

Gerald D. Young
Agriculture Center


Thursday October 24, 2024

30 min* following turkeys	Poultry Costume Contest	Show Ring
30 min* following Breeding	Rabbit Costume Contest	Show Ring

Friday October 25, 2024

30 min* after Swine Show	Pig Costume Contest	Show Ring
30 min* following Goat Show	Lamb and Goat Costume Contest	Show Ring
30 min* following steers	Steer Costume Contest	Show Ring


Saturday October 26, 2024

 30 min* following prospect steers	Cattle Costume Contest (Heifer/Prospect Steers)	Show Ring
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- If all contestants are ready, the costume contest will start early. If you may take the whole 30 minutes to prepare, please let someone know.

subject to change
Revision date: 8/9/2024

COSTUME CONTEST RULES

- a. Contest is open to Exhibitors who participated in the livestock show. Therefore, the exhibitor must meet the eligibility requirements for the Harris County Fair and Rodeo General and Livestock Rules.
- b. Animals must have been exhibited in a class at the fair by the same exhibitor. For example: A goat exhibitor can show their goat in the lamb/goat costume contest but may not show another exhibitor's heifer in the cattle costume contest.
- c. Costume contests are available for: Poultry, Rabbits, Lamb/Goats, Swine, and Cattle. Cattle will have 2 contests: one for Premium Steers and a different contest for Heifers and Prospect Steers on the following day.
- d. Cost to enter is \$10 cash at the ring gate.
- e. If all contestants are ready at the ring before the 30-minute allocated break between the previous class, the contest will start early.
- f. There will be a Junior and Senior class per each costume contest.
- g. All entries must be titled or named.
-  h. Exhibitors may be asked a question about their costume. (Examples: to describe it, what inspired it, etc.)
- i. Nothing is permitted that would jeopardize the animal's health or well-being. For swine we expect most of the attention to be placed on the Exhibitor versus the animal and the swine's costume should consider the fact that swine are not "haltered" (the costume can't hurt the animals or get hung up if the animal goes against rails, panels, etc.).
- j. Animals that are obviously stressed or hard to control due to the costume will be subject to disqualification.
- k. Any paint on the animal must be non-toxic, washable and must be washed off the animal before the next day.
- l. The animal must be able to move freely, see and breathe without restrictions.
- m. Only one costume entry per exhibitor per species specific contest.
- n. The exhibitor may and should wear a costume that complements the animal's costume.
- o. Exhibitors will not be given set up time beyond 1 minute while in the ring.
- p. Exhibitors will be asked to walk around the ring with their animals to present their costume to the judge/s.

q. Costumes may not leave residue, trash, hay, or other materials that would need to be cleaned before the next show.



r. Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be awarded to the best costume per species contests and age division. Costumes will be judged based on creativity, humor, and best craftsmanship. The award for 2024 is subject to an improvement/change.