



# Washington County Fair

## 2023 Bucket Calf Mentor Requirements

### Bucket Calf Project

The Bucket Calf Program was started to expose youth to the basic care and responsibility of raising and showing cattle. This program is for Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd graders (4-8 years old). The program involves getting a calf at less than a month of age, bottle feeding it, halter breaking it, and finally showing it at the Fair. The calf should be around five months old when shown at the fair. This program offers younger kids an opportunity to start getting involved in showing livestock.

### Bucket Calf Mentors

Youth will be selected as a Bucket Calf Mentor by committee members, County Extension Agents and Agricultural Education Teachers. Those selected will work with youth participating in the project. The mentors will be required to visit participants at calf location, attend meetings, present as a group at an educational project meeting, attend the project progress shows, and attend the show at the Washington County Fair Bucket Calf Show.

### Requirements:

- All youth must be an active 4-H or FFA member in Washington County (Brenham or Burton).
- Application selection preference will be made for youth with experience showing beef or dairy cattle. However, all youth interested and who meet the requirements are encouraged to apply.
- Youth must be in the 7th grade-12th grade to participate.
- All youth must be in good academic standing (passing or as specified by school).
- All youth must completely fill out an online application and have it submitted electronically no later than **April 3, 2023**. [Mentor Application](#)
- All youth must have parental consent.
- All youth must attend a mandatory meeting on **April 16, 2023 at 2:30PM**.
- All youth must present an educational program as a group at one educational project meeting.
- All youth must make at least one exhibitor home visit prior to the first Progress Show on **July 30, 2023**.
- All youth must attend the project's progress shows on **July 30, 2023 and August 13, 2023**.
- All youth must attend and assist with the Bucket Calf Show at the Washington County Fair on **September 17, 2023**.

**Application (you will NOT sign up on Showworks):**

[Mentor Application](#)

**Exhibitor Request and T-Shirt Request (Please fill out even if you do not have a request. Write None in required fields.):**

[Mentor/Participant Request](#)

**All Mentors are required to fill out a Mentor Visit Log for every home visit.**

[Mentor Visit Log](#)



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## 2023 Bucket Calf Meetings and Show Dates

- Meeting #1**      **March 26, 2023, 5:00pm @Washington County Fair Sales Barn**  
**Informational Meeting**  
**Getting Started**
- April 3, 2023**      **\*DEADLINE TO COMPLETE MENTOR APPLICATION AND**  
**SUBMIT MENTOR/PARTICIPANT REQUEST FORM:**  
**[Request Form](#) and [Mentor Application](#)**
- April 16, 2023**      **MANDATORY MENTOR MEETING at 2:30pm @Washington County Fair**  
**Sales Barn**
- Meeting #2**      **April 30, 2023, 5:00pm @Washington County Fair Sales Barn**  
**To be determined by Mentors**
- Meeting #3**      **May 21, 2023, 5:00pm @Washington County Fair Sales Barn**  
**To be determined by Mentors**
- Meeting #4**      **June 11, 2023, 5:00pm @Washington County Fair Sales Barn**  
**To be determined by Mentors**
- Progress Show**      **July 30, 2023 OR August 13, 2023, 6:00pm –Held at fairgrounds**  
**MANDATORY PROGRESS SHOW-BRING YOUR CALF**  
**What to expect at the show**  
**\*Turn in completed Record Log [Record Log](#)**
- WCF Show**      **September 17, 2023 – Held at fairgrounds in Barn #3**  
**Check-in: 12pm-1pm**  
**Show begins at 2pm**  
**\*Ice Cream Sundae Social with Awards for participants and mentors**  
**following the show\***