

CATCH-IT-LAMB CONTEST

Tuesday, August 4 – 7 p.m.

Catch-it-Lamb Chairpersons:

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General Rules

INTRODUCTION

- The catch-it-lamb program is under the direction of the catch-it-lamb superintendent(s) and catch-it-lamb committee.
- Superintendent(s) and/or catch-it-lamb committee will **not** be responsible for any injury or accident.
- Object of the contest is to provide a means whereby younger 4-H members may participate in catching, caring for and showing an animal at the county fair.
- Sponsors will provide a \$125 sponsorship fee upon successful completion of the project.
- The program will be limited to a maximum of three members and three lambs per age group.

ELIGIBILITY AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Kit Carson County 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H program only are eligible to participate in the contest.
2. Four-H members 8-12 years of age by January 1 of exhibit year are eligible to participate. **(Must fall within age group by January 1 of exhibit year.)**
3. Contest may be split into two age groups if warranted. One group will consist of contestants who are 8 through 10 years of age and the other group will consist of those who are 11 through 12 years of age.
Note: This division will be made at the discretion of the program superintendent(s) based on the number and age of contestants registered. The 8-10 age range will be classified as junior contestants and the 11-12 age range will be classified as senior contestants.
4. No more than two lambs may be caught by any one 4-H member during his/her 4-H career. Four-H members may be eligible to participate once in the 8 to 10 age range and once in the 11 to 12 age range.
5. Four-H members will catch lambs at fair, but do not keep the lamb they caught. Four-H members will purchase their lamb and follow the 4-H program weigh-in date and requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Completed application (including signatures) must be received no later than Monday noon of fair week.
Note: You do not have to wait until fair week, applications may be turned in to the Extension/Fair office at any time prior to Monday noon of fair.
- Contest will be held Tuesday evening during the Ranch Rodeo. Contestants must be in front of the grandstands by 7:00 p.m.

ARENA CONTEST RULES

1. No more than two 4-H members per lamb will go into the arena to participate in the contest.
2. Lambs will be placed in a pen in front of the grandstands. Halters will be provided for the contest. The halter may not be used as a lariat. To establish ownership, the contestant must halter and lead, drag or push the lamb to the trailer.
3. The halter must be placed on the animal so that it can lead from the right or left.
4. While one contestant has hold of a lamb, no other person may touch the animal or take the contestant's halter to the member who has hold of the lamb.
5. If two or more contestants take hold of the same lamb at the same time, it will be returned to the middle of the catching arena and released.
6. If a lamb gets away from a contestant with the halter attached, it may then be caught again by any other contestant; however, the halter of the contestant who lost the lamb must not be used to catch it. Furthermore, the second, third, etc. contestant who catches the lamb must remove the halter on the lamb and place his or her halter on the animal.
7. If a contestant cannot halter the lamb and get it to the trailer within 10 minutes after taking hold of the animal, the lamb will be returned to the middle of the catching arena and turned loose for other contestants who have not caught a lamb.

LETTER WRITING

- Following fair you will be notified by letter who your sponsor is, including address of your sponsor.
- You are **required** to write your sponsor **three** times during the year. Letters must be received by September 15, May 25 and July 15. A copy of each letter must be sent to the Extension/Fair office in order to receive credit.

PURCHASING AND DESIGNATING MY LAMB

1. **Important:** You **must** have a buddy lamb with your catch-it-lamb however it is not required to show the buddy lamb at fair.
2. You are required to designate your catch-it-lamb at the weigh-in in May.

3. If the lamb you designate does not make weight and you have another lamb that makes weight you may transfer that lamb to your catch-it-lamb project. In the event you do not have another lamb then you can switch with a sibling or step-sibling living in the same household. Necessary transfer forms must be completed when you weigh in Monday of fair.

RECORD KEEPING

1. You will receive a catch-it-lamb record book from the Extension office when enrollment requirements are met for the 4-H calendar year.
2. Your completed catch-it-lamb record book is to be turned in to the Extension/Fair office by Thursday noon of fair. It is a **must** to complete a record book.
3. A copy of your three required letters must be included in your record book.
4. Judges will be selected by the catch-it-lamb superintendent(s). It is necessary to complete a record book on your lamb in order to be considered sponsorship money.

WEIGHT AND FAIR REQUIREMENTS

1. The same qualifications apply to the catch-it-lamb contest as to other projects, including weight requirements in order to sell your lamb at the 4-H livestock sale.
2. General rules and regulations of the Kit Carson County Fair will prevail where applicable.
3. You must show your catch-it-lamb in the catch-it-lamb class at fair, even if it does not make weight requirements.
4. Contestants **must** be present at the catch-it-lamb awards presentation on Saturday in order to receive the \$125 sponsorship money.