

2019 Kinder Critters Timeline

August 6, 2018



“Promoting excellence in education
and showcasing the talents of all our youth”

Completed	Dates and Deadlines	Notes
	<p>August to October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Familiarize yourself with this contest, scheduling, and other factors that may be affected by your school or group calendar and activities. Print rules and schedule to post where you can find information easily. Mark your calendar with important dates and deadlines. 	<p>Contest Pages have rules and schedule for the specific contest and any resource information.</p> <p>A Timeline for the specific contest is on the page as well.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Please note that during August through mid-October, the Academic Rodeo Director will work remotely and not be physically present in the ETSF Office. This is Fair Time and the primary focus in the ETSF Office is the Fair. The AR Director will have access to e-mail and phone during this time. E-Mail is the easiest method of contact, but when calling the ETSF line with an Academic Rodeo question, ask for Academic Rodeo. If the Director is unavailable when you call, leave a voice mail message. A response will come as soon as possible. 	<p>E-Mail: dnewman@etstatefair.com Phone: 903.597.2501, ask for Deborah Newman or Academic Rodeo</p> <p>There is NO Fax line available.</p>
	<p>September 21 – 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ “2018 Virtual Academic Rodeo” on display at the East Texas State Fair 	<p>2018 Photos, Computer Entries, Writing Entries</p>
	<p>October 15, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Deadline for School/Group Registration online. There is a link on the Academic Rodeo Main Page. 	<p>Academic Rodeo Getting Started Page -online form</p>
	<p>October 15-31, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Study the rules and deadlines for your contest. Understand the limits on number of students that may be registered and any limits to students in particular grades. Make students aware of rules and any resources for preparation. Mark any deadlines on your calendar. 	<p>Contest Page for specific contest</p>
	<p>October 18, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sponsors of each contest receive e-mail with contest information. Contact Academic Rodeo IMMEDIATELY if you do not receive an e-mail for your contest by this date. 	<p>If you do not receive, check SPAM folder or Junk Mail. Some school servers, filter out Academic Rodeo e-mails.</p>

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	<p>November 12, 2018</p> <p>◆ Drop Date for Kinder Critters Contest for those schools who have registered but have decided they will not participate. An online Add/Drop Form is available for this. PLEASE drop as soon as you determine you will not participate.</p>	<p>Online ADD/DROP Form on General Info page</p>
	<p>November 13, 2018</p> <p>◆ Student Registrations due for Kinder Critters Contest. Use Excel version of Student Registration Form to submit by e-mail. Instructions for completing the form was also provided in the Contest e-mail in October.</p>	<p>Excel workbook with ALL forms is sent to all contest sponsors by e-mail in October.</p>
	<p>November 16, 2018</p> <p>◆ Entries due in Kinder Critters Contest Bring signed Code of Conduct form for your students. <i>Note: Kinder Critters are due in the Fall to allow ample time for judging and for results to be released in early January.</i></p>	<p>Bring to ETSF Office (See Map on Getting Started or General Info pages) Code of Conduct form is available on the General Info page.</p>
	<p>November 22-23, 2018 – THANKSGIVING Holiday The East Texas State Fair Office and Academic Rodeo will be closed.</p>	
	<p>December 24 - January 1</p> <p>◆ The East Texas State Fair Office will be closed on holidays and may be closed other days as well. Typically, the office is closed between December 24 and January 1. December 10 - January 4: Academic Rodeo Director will not be in the office, but can be contacted by e-mail during this time.</p>	
	<p>January 4, 2019</p> <p>◆ Results for Kinder Critters Contest to be announced on website.</p>	<p>Results page</p>
	<p>January 15, 2019</p> <p>◆ Outstanding Educator nominations are due.</p>	<p>Outstanding Educator Page - PDF form</p>
	<p>February 11, 2019</p> <p>◆ School Lists will be sent to all schools and groups listing ALL students registered, their status of participation, contest and any award received. Groups will confirm information is correct or will supply corrected info (name spelling, etc.) to Academic Rodeo and RSVP for the students eligible to attend no later than February 15.</p>	<p>Lists will be sent by e-mail to Primary Contact and all sponsors/coaches registered for the group. One person can reply for all.</p>
	<p>February 15, 2019</p> <p>◆ Awards Celebration RSVPs due. Student seats are reserved, so it is VERY important to receive RSVPs in a timely manner for set-up.</p>	<p>Notify Primary Contact to send Student names to Academic Rodeo by e-mail.</p>

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	<p>February 19, 2019</p> <p>◆ Academic Rodeo Open House in Building E - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for parents and friends to see the entries submitted for Academic Rodeo and see some of the set-ups involved in contests as well as see photos from the contests.</p>	
	<p>February 22, 2019</p> <p>◆ Awards Celebration</p> <p>Kinder Critters: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Winners and Honorable Mention winners attend Awards Celebration.</p>	<p>Please RSVP when requested.</p> <p>Coordinate with other Sponsors.</p>
	<p>8:45 - 10:00 a.m. - Pick up School/Group Packet. It contains many things for your entire group. Check to see if anything is missing for your entire group and report immediately to the Volunteer. You may be able to get everything corrected on the spot (medallion or ribbon), or you may have to wait for a correction to be made (certificates and checks).</p>	<p>You may give awards to students or save for a special day, but DO CHECK for correctness. Give items to the appropriate sponsor in your group.</p>
	<p>The following items may be in the packet for your group IF you participated in a particular contest:</p> <p>For Kinder Critters, the Packet contains: Medallions for those who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd; Checks for Elementary students who place; Honorable Mention for those receiving that award, Participation Ribbons for those who did not place.</p>	<p>Please give items to the appropriate sponsor in your group.</p> <p>A designated sponsor MUST sign for Elementary Award Checks</p>
	<p>8:45-10:20 a.m. - Viewing of Academic Rodeo entries and photos in Building E You and your students will be able to see all Art, Computer Science, Engineering Challenge, Kinder Critters, Pentathlon, Science Fair, and Writing entries on display. You will also be able to see some of the set-ups used in contests and a slide show of photos from all the contests.</p>	<p>Do NOT remove any entries at this time.</p>
	<p>10:15 a.m. - Students find seats if they have not already done so.</p>	<p>Seats are numbered. Students sit with Contest Groups.</p>
	<p>10:30 a.m. - Awards Presentations in Building B * Presentations begin with the Outstanding Educator honors</p> <p>* Contests groups are presented alphabetically: Academic Challenge Quiz, Agriculture Identification, Art Contest, Computer Science Fair, Drama Festival, Engineering Challenge, Kinder Critters, Mathletics, Mindset Breaking Experience, Pentathlon, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Writing Contest, Youth Fashion Show.</p>	<p>Students placing in multiple contests begin with the contest that is first alphabetically. After that group is recognized, the student moves to the next contest, etc. Team contest winners receive trophy on stage.</p>

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	<p>February 22, 2019, Awards Celebration, continued</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Awards Presentations in Building B * The presentations conclude with Scholarship Recipients who are not aware that they are receiving the award.</p> <p>11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ONLY - Collect Academic Rodeo entries from display area IF not included in School/Group Packet – Art, Engineering Challenge display board and Rover to be dismantled and inventoried, Kinder Critters, and Science Fair projects. Do NOT remove essays and computer graphics displayed. These remain with Academic Rodeo for the East Texas State Fair display</p>	<p>Students may wear medallions or hold ribbons on stage.</p> <p>Please check for ALL entries from your school or group, even if you are not the sponsor for other contests. A listing of your students and their contests is provided to assist you.</p>
	<p>February 25, 2019</p> <p>◆ 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Pick-up Window for schools/groups unable to attend the Awards Celebration or groups without winners. Other pick-up times MUST be arranged with Academic Rodeo Coordinator</p>	<p>Please coordinate with other sponsors at your school and collect packet, ALL entries, & awards, promptly.</p>
	<p>February 26, 2019</p> <p>◆ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - FINAL Pick-up time for schools/groups unable to attend the Awards Celebration or groups without winners. Other pick-up times MUST be arranged with Academic Rodeo Coordinator</p>	<p>Please coordinate with other sponsors at your school and collect packet, ALL entries, & awards, promptly.</p>
	<p>March 1, 2019</p> <p>◆ Please complete online Participation Form to give statistical information about your group's participation in Academic Rodeo Please coordinate with other sponsors at your school. One person can complete one form for your entire group.</p>	<p>Form is on General Info Page</p>