

WALKER COUNTY FAIR ACADEMIC RODEO REGISTRATION FORM

- **Academic Rodeo Pre-Registration – must be post marked by March 29, 2018**
- **Pre-Registration Check-in and On-site Registration (excluding essay contest) -April 8, 2018 (1:00 -2:00 p.m.)**
- **Academic Rodeo Contest – April 8, 2018 (2:00 – 6:00 p.m.)**

This entry form should be used for the Essay Contest **and** pre-registration for all other events. This entry form **must** be attached to an essay entry.

Participant's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____ Parent's E-mail: _____

PLEASE PLACE A CHECK BY EACH EVENT ENTERED:

_____ Essay Contest (grades K-8)

_____ Spelling Bee (grades 1-8)

_____ Math Bee (grades 1-8)

_____ Craft Project (grades K-4)

Entries are limited to 30 participants per event. Participants may enter all events. We will notify you if an event is full.

The entry fee is \$1.00 (one dollar) for each event and **must** be included with the registration form. Essay registration and pre-registration forms **must** be postmarked by **March 29, 2018**. Essays must be mailed with the registration form. Please mail entries to **Academic Rodeo, P.O. Box 1817, Huntsville, TX 77342**. You may also take registration forms to the Rental Office at the Walker County Fairgrounds. The physical address is: 3925 SH 30 West , Huntsville, Texas 77340.

***See general rules for more information about each event. The Walker County Fair Association and Academic Rodeo Committee reserve the right to final decisions concerning all Academic Rodeo Events.*

** Academic Rodeo participants will receive free admission to the fair on the day of the contest. All others (including parents) will be charged general admission fees. **

I have read and understand the rules regarding the Academic Rodeo.
Parent's Signature: _____

WALKER COUNTY FAIR ACADEMIC RODEO 2018 GENERAL RULES

Events:

Essay Contest (K-8) Spelling Bee (1-8)

Math Bee (1-8) Craft Project (K-4)

General Rules:

- Each participant **must** be a resident of Walker County and under age 19.
- All entries must be the work of the participant and may be exhibited by the entrant only.
- The entry fee for each event is \$1.00 (one dollar).
- A first, second, and third place trophy will be awarded in each category in each event. Monetary prizes will be given to the first place winner of each event. Participation ribbons will be given as additional prizes.
- Exhibits will be watched and every precaution taken to protect all exhibits, but in no case will the Walker County Fair Association be held responsible for damage, theft, or breakage to entries.
- The division chairman retains the right to combine classes in the event of an insufficient number of entries in a class, or to create a class or classes if deemed necessary.
- Entries are limited to the first 30 participants to sign up per category.
- The Spelling Bee, Math Bee, Craft Contest, and displaying of Essays will be Sunday, April 8, 2018 beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- All participants and visitors must enter through the main entrance of the Walker County Fairgrounds. Participants will receive free admission. All others will be charged general admission fees to the fairgrounds.
- If a participant has pre-registered, they must check in at the pre-registration table between 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 8, 2018.
- Awards will be given during the awards ceremony at the conclusion of all events of the Academic Rodeo.

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**WALKER COUNTY FAIR ACADEMIC RODEO
2018
Essay Contest (Grades K – 8)**

Essay Rules:

1. Each entrant must handwrite his or her essay.
2. Each entrant may enter only one essay.
3. Entrant's name, address, telephone number, school and grade level must be included on the back of the essay.
4. Mailed Entries **must be postmarked by March 29, 2018 to:**
WCFA Academic Rodeo: P.O. Box 1817, Huntsville, TX 77342;
Entries may also be dropped off at the WCFA Rental Office by March 29, 2018
5. Essays will be on display during the Academic Rodeo event. Students may claim their essay that night. Any unclaimed essay will be mailed to your child's school.

Lengths:

K – 2nd – 150 words or less **3rd – 4th** – 300 words or less **5th – 8th** – 400 words or less

Categories for Competition:

For each of the following grades, students will compete only with other students in that grade category. The categories are: K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 5th – 6th, and 7th – 8th

Essay Topic (Grades K-8):

This year is the 40th year of the Walker County Fair. "Describe how you would help the Walker County Fair celebrate its birthday."

Judging:

Papers will be judged on correct English usage, grammar, and how well the essay topic is answered.

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WALKER COUNTY FAIR ACADEMIC RODEO 2018 Craft Project (Grades K-4)

Participants will create a craft project, design, or exhibit depicting: *Happy 40th Birthday to the Walker County Fair!*

General Rules:

1. Contest is limited to the first 30 entries per grade level.
2. Mailed Entries **must be postmarked by March 29, 2018 to:**
WCFA Academic Rodeo: P.O. Box 1817, Huntsville, TX 77342;
Entries may also be dropped off at the WCFA Rental Office by March 29, 2018.
3. Participants must deliver projects to the Main Building of the Walker County Fairgrounds between 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Late projects will not be accepted.
4. Projects that receive a first-sixth place ribbon will be on display throughout the fair. All other projects will need to be claimed following the contest on the night of the event. Please make arrangements to remain at the event until awards are announced or have someone claim your project. The fair is not responsible for unclaimed projects. Projects that are held for display may be picked up immediately following the freezer sale on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Guidelines:

1. Projects must not be larger than 2ft. high, 2 ft. wide and 2ft. deep.
2. Projects may either be two-dimensional or three-dimensional.
3. All materials used must be **recyclable**. Please attach a list of items and how you acquired them as a recyclable item.
4. Entries may be enhanced with materials such as glitter, paint, chalk, crayon, etc. (Please keep extras “simple”.)
5. Projects will be judged on creativity, originality, imagination, and presentation. Winners will be selected at each individual grade level (K-4).
6. Students should label their project with their name and grade level by placing a 4”x6” index card on the bottom or back of the project. This info should not be able to be viewed by the judges. Please make sure the information is in a place that will not be seen during judging, but can be used for identification purposes.

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WALKER COUNTY FAIR ACADEMIC RODEO
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Spelling Bee (Grades 1 – 8)

General Rules:

Words will be taken from the lists provided; however, to avoid ties, up to 20% of the words may also be taken from state textbooks adopted for grades competing in that division, or words of common usage.

Competition Rules:

1. Contest is limited to the first 30 entries per category.
2. All words will be printed.
3. You may ask for a definition of the word.
4. You may ask for the word to be used in a sentence.
5. These requests will be granted until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the spellers.
6. Judges are in control of the competition. Their decision is final.

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**WALKER COUNTY FAIR ACADEMIC RODEO
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Math Bee (Grades 1-8)**

Competition Rules:

1. Contest is limited to the first 30 entries per category.
2. Participants will be given a maximum of one hour to complete their entry. However, in the event of a tie, the first correct entry turned in will be the winner.
3. All scratch work must be completed on the test booklet.
4. No electronic devices will be used.
5. Judges are in control of the competition. Their decision is final.

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