

Dear Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day Participants:

The 33rd annual Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day will be held on April 24, 2010 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Please read this important information concerning Beef Field Day:

- Beef Field Day is **MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS CARRYING THE BEEF PROJECT** in order to show at the Howard County Fair!
- You **MUST** participate in the Educational portion in the morning and in the show following the educational portion.
- Showmanship is **MANDATORY** also!
- If you have a scheduling conflict or an uncontrollable animal or a financial burden you must contact **Sheryl Bennett at sherylb@umd.edu or 410-313-1912 by March 25th.**
- The wash racks should be open on Field Day, but just in case make sure your cattle are clean before coming to Field Day.
- Since this is a 4-H show, 4-H show attire is required (green or khaki jeans, white collared shirt, and neck tie or ribbon)
- Each exhibitor will receive a 2010 Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day hat for participating.
- If parents would like to purchase a hat, please indicate on your child's entry form how many you would like to order and include a check made out to the Howard County 4-H Beef Club. If you want to make one check for extra hat(s) and entry fees, that is fine too. The hats cost \$9.
- **NO CELLPHONES ARE ALLOWED IN THE MAKE-UP AREA OR IN THE RING!**
- **A NEW RULE FOR 2010 IS THAT NO FEED OR HAY IS ALLOWED IN THE MAKE-UP AREA, ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN BARN 3, NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- This year we are having an Educational Skillathon Contest in the morning participation is mandatory and the show will start at approximately 10:30 a.m. There will be an award given for the Top Senior, Top Intermediate, and Top Junior.
- Again this year there will be a \$15.00 entry fee per child entered. This is to offset the cost of Beef Field Day. Please make checks payable to **Howard County 4-H Beef Club.**
- **ALL ENTRIES AND COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS ARE DUE TO BRIANNE HAILER (BLY) BY MARCH 20, 2010** (see enclosed entry for details).
- We are also allowing **late entries** and will accept them until **April 1, 2010.** If you have a late entry you will need to pay \$10.00 per head to enter in addition to the \$15.00 per child fee.
- **DO NOT BRING ANY CATTLE THAT YOU CANNOT CONTROL; LEAVE THEM AT HOME.**
- Please remember that there are new guidelines concerning health papers. You must have had your health papers done within 60-days of Beef Field Day and there will be a health official at Beef Field Day. If you have any questions about this, please contact anyone on the committee.
- Please do not bring any animals with ringworm or warts. They will not be allowed off of the trailer.
- Your cattle **NEED** to be clipped **BEFORE** you arrive at the show because there will not be time to do it that day. You will also need to bring your health papers for your cattle. For heifers if they are commercial heifers meaning they cannot be registered

with a breed association the heifer must be tagged with a green 4-H ear tag and tattooed. For heifers that can be registered, they must be tattooed and you must bring their registration papers. The tattoos **MUST** be clean, clear, and legible. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- Remember all steers have to be registered and tattooed in order to show in the breed classes, otherwise they will be shown with the crossbreds. Please bring your registration papers with you and make sure that they are tattooed and it is clean, clear & legible. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- The steer and heifer shows are **OPTIONAL** fit shows. **ONLY** 4-H members, siblings, moms, dads, and grandparents are allowed to help with the fitting. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- You **MUST** take your bedding home after the show, please bring a wheelbarrow.
- When your cattle are tied in the barns they will need to have a neck rope on.
- Please see enclosed schedule for the day.
- Also, please enclose a copy of your registration papers for your heifers & steers.
- You will need to bring your health papers with you to Beef Field Day. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Beef Club will be selling lunch the day of Field Day.
- There will be other activities going on at the fairgrounds that day, so please remember to be respectful of others.
- When you are packing up to go home, please do not block the road between the midway and the barns.
- **Please park all trucks and trailers on the midway back against the fence.**
- **NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL OR 4-H BUILDING! KEEP ALL VEHICLES PARKED NEAR BARN 1 AND 2!**
- Cattle will be stalled in Barns 1 and 2. Barn 3 will be used for lining up the cattle for classes.
- After the show please remember to go back to Barn 3 and cleanup any manure, etc. from the barn and aisle.
- Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Showman, and Supreme Champion Heifer will each win an embroidered director's chair!

If you have any questions about Beef Field Day, please call:

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Thank you and let's have a great day!

The 2010 4-H Beef Field Day Committee

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