

Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Competition

Project and Entry Forms Due in HLSR Office:	January 14, 2014	
Finalist Notification:	February 3, 2014	
Presentations by Finalists:	March 8, 2014	9:00 a.m.
Awards Presentation:	March 8, 2014	2:00 p.m.

This show is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Ranching & Wildlife Poster Board Competition

- Purpose:** To engage Texas 4-H and FFA Members in activities that promote the preservation and enhancement of Texas wildlife.
- Eligibility:** Competition is open to students enrolled in grades 9-12 that are members in good standing of a Texas FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. Chapters and clubs must be in good standing with state and national affiliates.
- Project Guidelines:**
 - Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) project.
 - Projects must focus on the conservation or enhancement of Texas wildlife habitat affecting multiple species or the preservation or enhancement of a particular Texas wildlife species. **No projects directed solely toward domesticated farm animals or exotic species will be allowed.** However, projects that focus on management strategies for domestic livestock and/or exotic species that benefit and enhance native Texas wildlife species (both plant and animal) will be allowed.
 - Projects must consist of a 36"x48" display board (36"x24" when folded). Display boards may contain text, photos, diagrams, charts, drawings and samples. All content must be attached and fit on the display board such that unfolding the board is the full extent of setup.
 - Name of contestant must be printed on back of the project board and may not appear on the front.
 - Projects should be self explanatory and may include the result of original research or a summarization of existing research in order to draw conclusions relevant to the topic.
 - Each exhibitor must clearly cite the work of others within the display and submit a separate bibliography in MLA format with a heading for primary references to be listed first, followed by secondary references. Examples of MLA format can be found at <http://aresearchguide.com/12biblio.html>. Failure to credit the work of others will result in disqualification.
- Display:** The highest ranking projects will be placed on display during the Ranching and Wildlife Expo at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from March 2 – March 8, 2014.
- Judging:** Projects will be judged on the quality and accuracy of the information presented and the relevance of the project to the preservation or enhancement of Texas wildlife.

Quality and accuracy of information	40 points
Relevance	40 points
Presentation/appearance	20 points
Total	100 points

- Finalists:** Exhibitors of the top ten (10) projects will be notified on or before February 1, 2014 and will be required to present their project before a panel of judges and an audience on March 8, 2014. Oral presentations will be limited to ten (10) minutes with at five (5) minute question and answer period with the judges. Visual aids for the oral presentation will consist of a PowerPoint presentation. Information in the PowerPoint presentation shall be limited to what was included on the display board. Judges scores from the oral presentations will be combined with preliminary scores from the judging of the display boards to determine final ranking of the top ten contestants. If an exhibitor is unwilling or unable to attend the presentation show management reserves the right to invite the next highest placing exhibitor to compete for the top ten positions.
- Awards:** All exhibitors will receive a certificate of participation. Awards for the top ten (10) contestants will be presented on March 8, 2014 at 2:00 pm.
 - 1st Place: Trophy and \$2,500 cash award
 - 2nd Place: Trophy and \$2,000 cash award
 - 3rd Place: Trophy and \$1,500 cash award
 - 4th Place: Trophy and \$1,000 cash award
 - 5th – 10th Place: Trophy and \$500 cash award

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- 8. Entry Submission:** Display boards and entry forms (located on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website under Livestock Show>Exhibitor Access>Exhibitor Handbook/Entry Forms) can be mailed to the following address and must be received by January 14, 2014. Online entry is not available for this contest.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Ranching & Wildlife Committee
P. O. Box 20070
Houston, TX 77225-0070

If the mailing method requires a physical address, send to:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Ranching & Wildlife Committee
8334 Fannin
Houston, TX 77054

- 9. Contact:** Questions concerning this competition may be directed to: Davidoff@hlsr.com or (832) 667-1124 or (832) 667-1139