

LAMB & GOAT SKILLATHON CONTEST

**EARLY REGISTRATION DUE:
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
ENTRY FEE: FREE**

Any updates for the Skillathon will be given at the mandatory show in August and on the Fair website.

1. This contest will be open to any person exhibiting a project at the 2024 Austin County Fair.
2. All contestants are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair.
3. There will be a separate Austin County Fair Entry card to enter the contest. Each individual contestant wishing to participate in the Lamb & Goats Skillathon Contest must complete an entry card and submit it to the Fair Office by the entry date. Early registration due **September 30, 2024** and can register up until one hour before the contest starts.
4. Contest will be held on Thursday, **October 10, 2024**. This year the contest will be held at the American Legion Building.
 - a. 1:00 p.m. – Contestant check-in
 - b. 1:15 p.m. – Review rules and contest procedures, followed by start of contest.
5. Contestants will be divided into three age divisions, based on contestant's school grade as of October 1, 2024:
 - a. 3rd – 5th grade
 - b. 6th – 8th grade
 - c. 9th – 12th grade
6. During the competition, contestants will be further divided into groups and will remain with that assigned group throughout the round of stations. While completing the individual stations, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials.
7. Conferring among contestants (talking, gestures, etc.) will result in immediate dismissal from the contest. Contestants may not carry any electronic communication device (cell phones, etc.). Any contestant found in possession of such a device at any time during the contest will be immediately removed from the competition.
8. All testing materials required to complete the individual competition stations will be provided, except that contestants will be allowed to bring their own clipboard. The

contestants may bring no books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area.

9. Contestants are not to pick up or touch any item that is being identified or evaluated in the individual competition stations.
10. No questions concerning the contents of the individual competition stations will be answered during the contest.
11. Parents are invited to review contest materials in the contest area at the conclusion of the contest.
12. The contest will consist of 8 individual stations. Topics covered at the stations will be:

Lamb & Goat Equipment	Breeds of Lamb & Goats
Disease Identification	Anatomy of Lamb & Goats
Feed Ingredients	Feed Labels
Medications and Vaccines	Fair Rules & Current News
13. Each individual station will consist of up to 10 questions. Question numbers will be based on school grade. Contestants will be allowed 5 minutes to complete each individual station.
14. In the event of a tied score, the tie will be broken based on having the correct answer for specific questions at specific stations. These questions will be selected by the Committee on the day of the contest. The tie breaker questions will be posted prior to the start of the contest.
15. Awards will be given to the top three scoring individuals in each age division. These awards will be presented on **Saturday, October 12, 2024** in the entertainment center following livestock judging awards.
16. Contest questions will be created using information obtained from the internet websites. It is the individual contestant's responsibility to access these websites to obtain study materials pertaining to the topics listed in these rules and regulations. Below is a list of websites that material may be obtained from.
<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2012/04/AS34059-showlamb.pdf>
<http://agecon.okstate.edu/meatgoat/>
<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2012/04/AS34060-meatgoatguide.pdf>
<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2016/01/Study-Guide-Outline17.pdf>
[News media and newspapers](#)
[Austin County Fair Exhibitors Rule Book](#)

17. Any special circumstances will be handled on an individual basis. Please refer all questions or special circumstances to the Lamb & Goat Skillathon committee.