

BEEF SKILLATHON CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE: CONTEST CHECK-IN

ENTRY FEE: FREE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Lee Compton 979-676-1937

2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This contest will be open to any Austin County 4-H or FFA Member.
2. All contestants are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair.
3. A link to online entry submission will be posted to the Austin County Fair website (www.austincountyfair.com). This link will be separate from the online livestock entry portal.
4. Contest Date is October 4, 2025 at Four County Auction Barn,
5. Contestants will be divided into three age divisions, based on contestants' school grade as of September 1, 2025:
 - 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, watches, 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 skill stations on the following topics:

Beef Cattle Equipment	Breeds of Cattle
Disease Identification	Anatomy of Beef Cattle
Feed Ingredients	Feed Labels
Medications and Vaccines	Meat ID
Expected Progeny Differences	Hands on Skills

13. 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 randomly selected by drawing question numbers. Drawing of random questions will only take place in the event of a tied score.

14. Awards will be given in each age division. These awards will be presented on Saturday, October 11, 2025 following the livestock judging contest awards at the Brandes Entertainment Center. The approximate time of the award will be provided at the conclusion of the contest.

15. Contest questions will be created using information obtained from the following websites or any other public source of information the committee deems applicable. It is the individual contestant's responsibility to access these websites as well as any other source to obtain study materials pertaining to the topics listed in these rules and regulations.

<https://beefskillathon.tamu.edu> - San Antonio Beef Skill-a-thon Study Guide 1 and 2

agrilifeextension.tamu.edu

www.valleyvet.com

www.jefferslivestock.com

16. Any special circumstances will be handled on an individual basis. Please refer all questions or special circumstances to the Chairman of the Beef Skillathon contest.