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3rd Annual Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge

The Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association is making plans to host the 3rd Annual Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge. The contest will be May 5, 2007, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga. High school juniors and seniors from any state in NCBA's Region II (GA, AL, MS, LA, FL, NC, SC, and TN) are invited to enter the competition.

Ten teams will be accepted in the competition, with preference given to Georgia residents. Teams will consist of three members and can be juniors and/or seniors in high school. Juniors may compete again as seniors unless they are on the first place team. Team members do not need to be from the same high school or county.

The Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge is a unique contest that focuses on the student's knowledge and skills in all areas of beef production management. Teams will work through 10 challenging stations in a 25-minute rotation: handling and health, nutrition, marketing, seedstock merchandising, keep-cull replacement heifers, job interview, beef industry issues, reproduction, beef management challenge, and credit and finance.

Scholarships are as follows: 1st place team, \$3000; 2nd, \$2100; 3rd, \$1500; 4th, \$900; 5th, \$750; 6th, \$600; 7th, \$450; 8th, \$300; 9th, \$200; 10th, \$200.

The entry fee is \$200 per team for Georgia residents and \$250 per team for non-Georgia residents. The entry fee includes two meals and a memento. The entry deadline is **March 15, 2007**. For more information and to download the station protocol, visit www.gabeef.org/junior.



**2007
Beef Industry
Scholarship
Challenge**

GJCA Convention and Expo Activities Update

Mark your calendars now to attend the annual Georgia Cattlemen's Association Convention and Trade Show to be held in conjunction with the Georgia Beef Expo on April 4-7, 2007 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry.

Junior activities will be held on Friday, April 6 during the Barn Cookout and Trade Show Reception.

Only the sweepstakes competition winners will be presented during the event. Other awards will be presented on Saturday, April 7 at 1:30 pm following the judging contest.

GJCA Beef Jeopardy

Beef Jeopardy will be split into junior (8th grade and under) and senior (9th grade and above) divisions, with each team consisting of two members.

Teams will be placed in the division of the oldest team member. Teams may consist of individuals from different counties. Registration will be on-site.

Photography Contest

GJCA will once again host the photography contest. Entries are due at the convention/expo by noon on April 4. Members not attending the convention must submit their entries to the GCA office no later than April 1. For a complete list of rules and an entry form, visit the GJCA web site, www.gabeef.org/gjca/index.html.

2007 GJCA Photo Contest Entry Form

Age Division (as of 1/1/07)

13 and under ()

14-17 ()

18-21 ()

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

School: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Grade: _____

Category:

Landscape ()

Funny Photo ()

Livestock ()

Agriculture and

Conservation ()

Title of Entry:

Choices - The Determinants of our Future

Hey everybody! I hope this year has been great so far for your livestock and academic programs. I'm so excited about this upcoming month in the GJCA. We have tons of activities for all our members to get involved. At the Georgia Beef Industry Convention and Expo in April, all of our junior members are invited to our fun night on Friday at the barn cookout. The GJCA will host Beef Jeopardy and provide desserts for your enjoyment! We guarantee a great time of fun and fellowship. Don't forget about the livestock judging contest on Saturday. Following the judging contest, all junior awards will be presented. This is sure to be a great event so don't miss out!

Every day we are faced with making choices. Whether it's what to feed our cattle, what to wear the next day, or what to do over the weekend. It is these decisions we make that determine our future. It is what we choose to do that makes us who we are. If we make the wrong choices, then we could ruin our self image, our livestock programs or our confidence. Life is all about making choices; it's a part of life that we can't avoid.

However, if we learn from our mistakes and struggles then we make the right decisions that will take us all the way to success.

My junior year in high school is literally "kicking my butt". The classes are harder and so are the decisions I have to make daily. I had no idea that the decisions I make this year will affect my life after high school. I never knew that choosing which classes to take for my senior year, preparing for the Georgia High School Graduation Test, taking the SAT, and applying to colleges would be so stressful. Even through all these decisions, I know that I must find time for homework, my livestock, God and my family. During this hectic time, the choices that I make can affect all aspects of my life. If I choose wrongly, then there are consequences – so I have learned. I'm not suggesting that I never make a wrong decision, because believe me, I have. Although, I have learned that if I make good decisions then all the important aspects of my life will prosper.

Success is based upon the accomplishments we have in our lives, however we can only achieve success if you work at it. We can choose to

be a successful individual by the decisions we make in our daily lives. There are many definitions of success. There are those who say that success is determined by how rich a person is. Others say that success is based on what material items a person has. On the contrary, I believe that success is based on the passion, the determination, the desire and the amount of work you put into achieving your goals. GJCA members, I want to challenge you this month to be "Rockin' to Success" in a way that will benefit your home, your school activities, your livestock, your family and God. I want to leave you with this thought - When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on! Bye for now!

--Victoria Hill,
Convention Coordinator



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Visit the websites listed below!

- Cattlemen's Beef Board

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Calendar of Events

March

- 15 Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge Entry Deadline 31
- 16-18 The Gathering Partisover Ranch Colbert, GA
- 17 3rd Annual Spring Fling Club Calf Sale Tifton, GA
- 17 Miller Cattle Company's Show Calf Sale Jakin, GA
- 18 Martin Club Calf Sale Jefferson, GA
- 24 Southern Club Calf Producers Sale A & A Cattle Farm Adel, GA
- 31 Southern Impulse Private Bid 14

- Club Calf Sale Carnesville, GA
- Inaugural Club Calf Sale West Point, GA
- 31 UGA Livestock Judging Clinic Athens, GA

April

- 4-7 Georgia Beef Industry Convention and Expo Perry, GA
- 6-7 GCCPA Club Calf Show and Sale Perry, GA
- 7 2nd Chance Club Calf Sale Perry, GA
- 14 Sunbelt Club Calf Producers Sale Moultrie, GA
- 14 Southern Showcase V

Smith Brothers Farm Pavo, GA

May

- 5 Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge
- 26-27 GCCPA Field Day Murray County Ag Center Chatsworth, GA

June

- 8-9 Southern National Jr. and Open Angus Show Perry, GA
- 13-17 American Jr. Simmental Assn. Eastern Regional Classic Lawrenceville, GA

July

- 18 GJCA Field Day
- 19-21 Georgia Junior Beef Futurity Perry, GA

GJCA Theme Shirt Now Available

The definition of success is the achievement of something planned or attempted. Your GJCA officer team hopes that each of you experience success throughout the year; therefore, the new GJCA theme is "Rockin' to Success".

Not only do your officers hope that you are successful but that you have achieved success while having a good time. Unlike most years where the theme shirts are given out as part of the field day, this year the t-shirts are available for each of you to enjoy throughout the year.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase your theme shirt today! You can either go online or mail in your request to receive your 2006-2007 theme shirt, "Rockin' to Success".

The shirts will be available for purchase at the 2007 Georgia Beef Industry Convention and Expo.

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