

GEORGIA JUNIOR CATTLEMAN

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GCA Convention/Expo set for April 4-7, 2007

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.

Many events for junior members of all ages are scheduled. Activities will be on Friday evening with the Barn Cookout and Trade Show Reception.

Only the sweepstakes competition winners will be presented during the event. Other awards will be sent out at a later date.

GJCA Quiz Bowl/Beef Jeopardy

The quiz bowl will be split into junior (8th grade and under) and senior (9th grade and above) divisions, with each team consisting of four 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, 2007. 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007

8:00 a.m. Optional Cattle, Trade Show and Equipment Move-in

12 noon Registration

12 noon Jr. Cattlemen's Photo Contest

Registration

4:00-6:00 p.m. Short Course

6:00 p.m.-until Welcome Reception and

Trade Show Social

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007

7:00 a.m. Cattle move-in

9:00-11:00 a.m. Cattlemen's College (Live Cattle Demo)

11:00-12:00 Opening Session & Luncheon (Cattle Fax)

1:30-4:00 p.m. Simm. Sale-Beef Barn

1:30-3:30 p.m. Gen. Membership Mtg.

3:00 p.m. Comm. Heifer Judging

4:00-5:30 p.m. Local Leadership Training

7:00 p.m. Cattlemen's Ball

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2007

7:30 a.m. Awards Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Trade Show Open

9:00-11:00 a.m. Cattlemen's College

10:00 a.m. Beefmaster Futurity in Multi-Purpose (W. Ring)

12:00-2:00 p.m. Angus Sale in Multi-Purpose (West Ring)

12:00-1:30 p.m. Trade Show New Products Luncheon

2:30-4:30 p.m. Beefmaster Sale in Multi-Purpose (West Ring)

2:30 p.m. Milk & Cheese Break

3:00 p.m. Comm. Heifer Sale in Beef Barn

5:30 p.m. GA Hereford Association Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Club Calf Pen Show in Multi-Purpose (E. Ring)

6:00 p.m. GA Limousin Association Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Barn Cookout & Trade Show Reception

7:00 p.m. GA Hereford Association Banq.

7:00 p.m. GA/FL Charolais Association Social

7:00 p.m. Junior Cattlemen's Contests and Dessert Reception

8:00 p.m. GA Brangus Association Mtg.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2007

Trade Show Open

9:00 a.m. Team Registration for Judging Contest in Beef Barn

9:30 a.m. Charolais Sale in Multi-Purpose (West Ring)

9:30 a.m. Limousin Sale in Beef Barn

10:00 a.m. Judging Contest in Beef Barn

12:00 noon Hereford Sale in Multi-Purpose (West Ring)

12:00 noon Brangus Sale in Beef Barn

1:30 p.m. Judging Contest and Junior Cattlemen's Awards Presented in Beef Barn

2:30 p.m. Club Calf Sale in Multi-Purpose (East Ring)

GCWA Events TBA

Remaining Sales TBA

GJCA to host 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

How to Gauge Success

Do you consider yourself successful? You are successful when you study hard for a big exam and make an A. At what level do you call it success? The ability to reach for success is very important in most every circumstance in life. As most of you know, I have been fighting leukemia for the past year. I have had to look at the word "success" a little differently. There were days I didn't think I would ever be able to hold a calf's head up in a show ring. It was difficult enough to keep my own head held high. But I knew I had a goal in mind and I was determined to reach and achieve that goal. When I had to be placed in the hospital, the doctors told me I would time, I have continued to set goals for myself and I keep reaching until I attain

them. Recently I was told that my cancer is in remission so I decided to start college this fall.

I am living proof that when you set goals and are determined to reach them, you will succeed. Don't be afraid to fail because it is part of becoming successful. You must be able to learn from your mistakes. If you never fail, can you ever succeed? In the cattle industry, it is a gamble when breeding cows. The first time you breed a cow to a bull, the calf may not be what you had expected. Do you give up and stop there? No, hopefully you continue to breed using different sires until you have the calf you desire. One day the determination will pay off when you are successful showing a Grand Champion at state fair. Breeders must set goals

and continue to work towards those goals to hopefully have the cattle operation of his or her dreams.

The GJCA has set new goals for this year and we, the officer team, are working together to make them happen. Like cattle breeders, we are trying things differently to hopefully reach to new heights. We hope for a champion organization for our junior members. If you don't already know, your officer team is hoping to travel throughout the state to get more junior cattlemen involved. I encourage each of you to set a goal to become more active. If you set a goal, and reach for it, no matter how big or small, you will succeed and accomplish what you set out to do. Join the GJCA and get "Rock'in to Success".

—Jason Thrasher, Field Day Coordinator

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For more information on issues facing the cattle industry, read your copy of the *Georgia Cattleman* or visit the Georgia Cattlemen's Association website.

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David Martin of Brooklet represented Georgia in the National Beef Ambassador Competition held in Minneapolis, MN on October 5-7, 2006. He competed against nineteen other state ambassador winners from across the country.

David is a member of the Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association and enjoys showing cattle at various contests throughout the state. His career ambition is to obtain a degree in Agriculture Communications/Public Relations and Advertising.

Another Georgia Beef Ambassador will be selected at the state competition on February 24, 2007. It will be in conjunction with the State Show and held at the Houston County Extension Service office in Perry. For the upcoming contest, new age limits have been set. For the Junior Division the age will be 13-16 and the Senior Division will be 17-20. Applications can be found on the Georgia Junior Cattlemen's website or the Georgia Cattlewomen's website. For details and resource packets visit www.gabeef.org/gjca/contest.



**2007 BEEF AMBASSADOR COMPETITION
REGISTRATION FORM**

RETURN BY: **JANUARY 31, 2007**

SUBMIT TO: TRICIA COMBES
GEORGIA BEEF BOARD
P.O. BOX 34570
MACON, GA 31212
FAX: (478) 474-5732

The Georgia Beef Ambassador contest is open to **all youth ages 13** (as of January 1, 2007) **through 20** (as of January 1, 2007)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ FAX () _____

COUNTY: _____ EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____

DIVISION: _____ Junior (ages 13-16) _____ Senior (ages 17-20)

Student 's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

2007 GEORGIA BEEF AMBASSADOR COMPETITION
FEBRUARY 24, 2007
8 A.M. TO NOON
IN CONJUNCTION WITH GEORGIA NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW
HOUSTON COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE
PERRY, GA

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