

# **Ribbon Auction**

The static exhibitors receive a monetary premium on their ribbons at the time of judging while the livestock exhibitors do not.

The purpose of the ribbon auction is to give the area businesses an opportunity to support the **4-H livestock exhibitors** and their projects.

The exhibitors included in the ribbon auction are those that exhibit the following species:

Beef (Cow/calf, Market, Breeding Bottle/bucket calf, Feeder calf, Advanced Cattle Feeders)

Swine (pens, individuals and derby)

Sheep (Breeding, Market, Advanced Lamb Feeders, Bottle Lamb)

Dairy

Meat Goats

Dairy Goats

Poultry

Rabbit

Horse

Dog

Livestock Judging

Super Showman

## **Recognition of State Fair Static Exhibitors**

4-H'ers with one or more state fair static exhibits will have the opportunity to be recognized during the Ribbon Auction on Friday of the fair. Immediately following the Parade of Livestock Champions, those state fair qualifiers will be presented as a group and recognized for their state qualifying work. Those 4-H'ers who are present at the Ribbon Auction for this presentation will qualify for an additional premium of \$25 per exhibitor. Those who choose not to be present at the Ribbon Auction will not be eligible for the additional premium money. If you also show livestock, you will need to go through the ribbon auction as a livestock exhibitor at your allotted time as well.

## **Ribbon Auction Process:**

- Individuals wishing to participate in the Ribbon Auction must be present unless a substitute "seller" has been registered at the fair office by noon on Thursday. Please see the fair rule book for details on what qualifies as an absence. (Substitute forms are available at the fair office.)
- 4-H'ers **not** participating in the Ribbon Auction should notify the fair office by noon on Thursday. If your name is called at the auction and you are not present, you will not receive any bids or add-on money.
- The order of the ribbon auction will be posted Thursday evening. Exhibitors **MUST** be ready to go through the ribbon auction at their assigned time or forfeit their premium money.
- Sale will begin at 10:30 am with the Parade of Champions – GRAND CHAMPIONS only from each species – in the following order EACH year – Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Horse Junior and Senior, Individual Livestock Judging and Super Showmanship. Specific order of Parade of Champions will be posted outside the fair office on Thursday of the fair.
- Following Parade of Champions and State Fair Static Exhibitors the order of the ribbon auction will be based off of 4-H'ers PRIMARY club. The exhibitors will go through the ribbon auction with their primary club. Exhibitors are

encouraged to hold their trophies and ribbons as they are bid on. Club order will be posted outside the fair office on the Thursday of the fair. The final order may not be posted until Friday morning.

- The bidding on Friday will be for the winning bid only. Any add-on bids will be done by the company/individual submitting add-on bids BEFORE or AFTER the fair auction.
- The auction committee will total all bids from the auction and add-ons for each buyer and an invoice will be sent to the buyers. When the committee has received all of the payments, they will then issue checks to the exhibitors (usually by the end of August).
- The fairboard will withhold 10% from each exhibitor's bids and add-ons as a commission. (This does not apply to the \$25 additional premium for the state static exhibitors). This money will be used for fairground improvements.
- 4-H exhibitors are **strongly encouraged** to contact businesses (especially those they patronize) to come to the ribbon auction or submit add-on bids. Bid forms can be requested by contacting: Karen Schuiteman @ [karenschuiteman@gmail.com](mailto:karenschuiteman@gmail.com) or 712-441-2682.
- A list of businesses that gave you money will be included with your check. 4-H exhibitors are strongly encouraged to deliver hand-written thank you notes to the businesses that supported you during the ribbon auction. They give their time and money to support your continued success as a 4-H member, so it is a gesture that goes a long way!
- Please see fairbook for more details