



2009 LARIMER COUNTY 4-H CATCH-IT-CALF CONTEST

1. The Catch-it-Calf program is sponsored by CSU Extension- Larimer County, Larimer County 4-H and the Catch-It-Calf Committee.
2. The Larimer County Fair, the Catch-It-Calf Committee, CSU Extension, nor Larimer County 4-H or any of its members will be responsible for any accident connected with this contest.
3. There will be a mandatory meeting for all Catch-it-Calf contestants on Sunday evening, August 2, 2009, immediately following the Breeding Beef Show in the West Livestock Pavilion (near the Catch-it-Calf stalls) at The Ranch.
4. Participants must be enrolled in Larimer County 4-H, be in good standing, and must be 12 to 16 years old as of January 1, 2009. Any member who meets the age requirement, regardless of project currently enrolled in, is eligible to apply. However, the member must enroll in the 4-H market beef project the following year and complete the mandatory MQA certification training.
5. Applications must be approved by the participant's 4-H Leader, as well as the participant's parent or guardian. The applicant must be able to satisfy to the Catch-It-Calf Committee that he/she has the facilities to handle such a project and has the interest to complete it.
6. Any member who has caught a calf in a previous year is not eligible to enter again. If a member participates in the 2009 Catch-It-Lamb, Catch-It-Pig or Catch-It-Goat contests and catches or is selected to receive an animal, they are not eligible for the 2009 Catch-It-Calf contest.
7. No more than two contestants per calf will go into the arena to participate in the contest. If there are too many applications for the funds available, the committee will have the sole right and responsibility to decide on the contestants to catch. All decisions will be final.
8. Contestants will take into the arena a rope halter with no more than a 10-foot lead. The halter or rope cannot be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the proper way. A Johnson halter is not allowed. The member catching a calf is required to lead the calf to the trailer.
9. When one contestant has hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch it. If two or more contestants catch a calf at the same time, the calf will be turned loose. Once you are in control of the calf, you cannot give that calf to any other contestant in the arena or after the contest is over. These calves are not the calves that will be raised for the 2010 Larimer County Fair. They are only used for the Catch-it-Calf competition.
10. Attendance at a mandatory meeting is required in order to exhibit at the 2010 Larimer County Fair. 4-H youth who catch an animal will be notified of the initial mandatory meeting. At that meeting, youth will be given further instruction regarding the rules and expectations of the program. All youth who catch will also be required to attend the 2010 market weigh day.

11. Calves must be picked up by the Catch-It-Calf winners at the designated pick up point in the fall and started immediately as a 4-H project to be exhibited at the 2010 Larimer County Fair. Parents and 4-H members are required to attend a set of workshops prior to receiving their calf. The Catch-It-Calf Committee will be available if problems occur but this is a 4-H project and the Club or project leader will be your first resource.
12. It is agreed and understood by the member that the calf they are given to raise is 100% owned by the Larimer County Catch-It-Calf Committee, and the committee self-ensures all calves given to 4-H youth. A member catching a calf will be required to pay a \$50 insurance premium on the day the calf is picked up. This premium covers the calves from the time they leave the pick up point until sold. These calves will not be allowed to be sold, traded, or disposed of except by the consent of the Larimer County Catch-It-Calf Committee.
13. If a Catch-It-Calf member moves out of Larimer County, fails to maintain correspondence, does not abide by the rules of the contest, or if feed and housing are not adequately provided, the member will forfeit their calf at the discretion of the Catch-It-Calf Committee. No allowance for feed consumption or other expenses will be made.
14. Once each month, the member who catches a calf will be required to write a letter to their sponsor(s) and send a copy of this letter to Rex & Regina Bivens, 8320 Dream Lane, Wellington CO 80549. For every letter that the participant misses writing to their sponsor(s), \$25.00 will be deducted from the final check.
15. The calf must be exhibited at the 2010 Larimer County Fair. They will show in a special Catch-It-Calf class, participate in rate of gain and showmanship. Once Fair has been completed, the 4-H member has the option to sell their calf on their own (potentially at a higher price) or the Catch-it-Calf committee may be able to help the member find a buyer (at fair market value).
16. Each contestant must pay 10% of the gross selling price to the Larimer County Catch-It-Calf Committee. This amount will be put into a revolving fund to ensure the continuation of the Catch-It-Calf program.
17. The Catch-It-Calf first and second place live placing animals will compete for the Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef. If a Catch-It-Calf is selected as an Overall Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, that calf will sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. The 4-H member may use their Catch-It-Calf in a Beef Showmanship class.
18. Each member will complete a financial report and must complete his/her 4-H Record Book. Record Books must be turned into Rex & Regina Bivens by the **first Tuesday after Labor Day**.
19. It is to be understood that the Catch-It-Calf Committee will not tolerate unethical practices, or rule violations. If violations of the rules have occurred, prize money can be withheld.
20. **All applications are due in the Larimer County Fair Extension Office by July 13, 2009.** A list will be posted at the Fair with those accepted.



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Rodeo Scramble Information



1. All scrambles will occur between the team roping and barrel racing events (approx. 8:30 p.m.) on the designated night:
 - a. Catch-it-Lamb and Catch-it-Goat – Sunday, August 2
 - b. Catch-it-Calf – Monday, August 3
 - c. Catch-it-Pig – Tuesday, August 4
2. Each 4-H youth applicant and a parent must attend the mandatory meeting (noted in #3 above) where they will give you more specific instructions about the evening of the scramble. While we encourage the 4-H youth and their families to purchase tickets and attend the rodeo, please realize that you will need to step away from the rodeo and meet downstairs in the Budweiser Event Center with your child at approximately 8:00 p.m. You can then return to your seat to watch your child in the scramble.
3. As a parent/guardian, if you would like to serve in a volunteer role on the arena floor during the scramble, we can certainly use your help. However, your role would be to help others form a human barrier and to keep the scramble animals from going past you. The goal is to contain all animals in one end of the arena so the 4-H kids do not have to run so far. All volunteers on the arena floor must agree to the following:

“All volunteers must be able-bodied, informed volunteers who understand that their job is to form a human barrier. Volunteers must be able to quickly enter and exit the arena following clear instructions that will be given ahead of time. The following is not permitted on the arena floor: parents having to care for/hold the hand of small children, spectators, and people taking pictures”

If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please inform the Catch-it program leaders at the mandatory meeting.

4. All Catch-it participants will enter the arena on the roping chute end and exit following the trailer out the bucking chute end of the arena.
5. Contestants will catch their animals and bring them to the trailer to load. When the scramble is over, all kids will quickly exit following the trailer out of the bucking chute end of the arena. All volunteers will exit on foot out of the bucking chute end of the arena as quickly as possible. Once outside, contestants who have rodeo tickets must re-enter through the main entrance to the BEC. A parent/guardian should plan to meet their youth outside the BEC after the scramble is over (west side of the BEC).

Dear 4-H Leader:

Congratulations! By signing the Catch-It-Calf Contest application, you have accepted the responsibility of a beef project member within your 4-H Club if this applicant becomes a winner in this contest.

The Catch-It-Calf Committee will be checking with the winners throughout the year but as a member of your Club with a beef project, we hope you will provide learning experiences in raising market beef for this winner.

If you have any questions, please contact any or all of the Committee.

Sincerely,

CATCH-IT-CALF COMMITTEE

Larimer County Catch-It-Calf Committee
Rex & Regina Bivens
8320 Dream Lane
Wellington CO 80549
(970) 568-9503

2009 LARIMER COUNTY 4-H CATCH-IT-CALF CONTEST - ENTRY APPLICATION

Applications Due: July 13, 2009

The contest will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 during the 7:00 p.m. performance of the PRCA Rodeo at the Larimer County Fair.

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

I hereby make application to enter the Larimer County Catch-It-Calf Contest. I have read the rules and regulations and I agree to abide by them. If I catch a calf, I will promise to feed and care for it, to show it at the next Larimer County Fair, correspond with my sponsors and committee, and enroll in the 4-H market beef project.

Name (please print NEATLY)

_____ Male

_____ Female

Address

Club Name: _____

Town

Zip

Project(s) Enrolled: _____

My birth date is _____
Month / Day / Year

Phone Number: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

I will cooperate with the applicant in meeting all conditions of the program if the applicant catches a calf.

Age on January 1, 2009: _____

I will cooperate with the applicant in meeting all conditions of the program if the applicant catches a calf.

I have knowledge of the ability and the home facilities of the applicant to successfully finish the calf, and his or her application is hereby approved.

I hereby grant my consent and approval, and hold harmless CSU Extension- Larimer County, Larimer County 4-H and the Larimer County Catch-It-Calf Committee from all loss, cost and expense arising out of any liability for injury or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by anyone whomsoever, by reason of the applicant named hereon participating in this Catch-It-Calf Contest.

Signature of 4-H Leader

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Address

Address

Town

Zip

Town

Zip

(_____) _____
Telephone

(_____) _____
Telephone

Return to:
Larimer County Fair Entry Office
5280 Arena Circle, Suite 101
Loveland, CO 80538