

**Walker County Fair Association  
Academic Rodeo Entry Form  
March 29, 2009, 2:00 p.m.**

This entry form should be used for the Essay Contest  
and pre-registration for all other events.

This entry form **must** be attached to an essay entry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries are limited to 30 participants per event. Participants may enter all events. We will notify you if an event is full.

Please place a check by the events entered. The entry fee is \$1.00 (one dollar) for each event and **must** be included with the registration form. Essay registration and pre-registration forms **must** be postmarked by **March 16, 2009**. Essays must be mailed with the registration form. Please mail entries to **Academic Rodeo, P.O. Box 1817, Huntsville, TX 77320**. On site registration for events that still have space available (excluding the essay contest) will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., March 29, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay Contest (grades K-8)

\_\_\_\_\_ Spelling Bee (grades 1-8)

\_\_\_\_\_ Math Bee (grades 1-8)

\_\_\_\_\_ Craft Project (grades K-4)

**I have read and understand the rules regarding the Academic Rodeo.**  
Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* See general rules for more information about each event. The Walker County Fair Association and Academic Rodeo Committee reserve the right to final decisions concerning all Academic Rodeo Events.*

**\*\* Academic Rodeo participants will receive free admission to the fair on the day of the contest. All others will be charged general admission fees. \*\***

**Walker County Fair Association  
Academic Rodeo 2009 General Rules  
Sunday, March 29, 2009**

**Events:**

Essay Contest (K-8)	Spelling Bee (1-8)
Math Bee (1-8)	Craft Project (K-4)

**General Rules:**

1. Each participant **must** be a resident of Walker County and under age 19.
2. All entries must be the work of the participant and may be exhibited by the entrant only.
3. The entry fee for each event is \$1.00 (one dollar).
4. A first, second, and third place trophy will be awarded in each category in each event. U.S. Savings Bonds will be given to the first place winner of each event. Participation ribbons will be given as additional prizes.
5. Exhibits will be watched and every precaution taken to protect all exhibits, but in no case will the Walker County Fair Association be held responsible for damage, theft, or breakage to entries.
6. The division chairman retains the right to combine classes in the event of an insufficient number of entries in a class, or to create a class or classes if deemed necessary.
7. Entries are limited to the first 30 participants to sign up per category.
8. The Spelling Bee, Math Bee, Craft Contest, and displaying of Essays will be Sunday, March 29, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m.
9. All participants and visitors must enter through the front door of the main building at the Walker County Fairgrounds. If you wish to visit other parts of the fairgrounds, you will be required to pay admission.
10. If a participant has pre-registered, they must check in at the pre-registration table between 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., March 29, 2009.
11. Awards will be given during the awards ceremony at the conclusion of all events of the Academic Rodeo.

## **Academic Rodeo Essay Contest Grades K-8**

### **Essay Rules**

1. Each entrant must handwrite his or her essay.
2. Each entrant may enter only one essay.
3. Entrant's name, address, telephone number, school and grade level **must** be included on the essay.
4. Entries **must be postmarked by March 16, 2009 to:**  
**Academic Rodeo**  
c/o Walker County Fair Association  
**P.O. Box 1817**  
**Huntsville, TX 77320**
5. Essays will be on display during the fair and must be **picked up on April 4, 2008, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.** Any entry not claimed by 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2008 will be mailed to your child's school.

### **Lengths**

- K – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 150 words or less
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – 300 words or less
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – 400 words or less

### **Categories for Competition**

For each of the following grades, students will compete only with other students in that grade category. The categories are: K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Essay Topics**

**Grades K-8 – Write an essay describing your hero.**

### **Judging**

Papers will be judged on correct English usage, grammar, and how well the essay topic is answered.

## **Craft Project Grades K-4**

Participants will create a craft project, design, or exhibit honoring our American soldiers. **The project should be constructed solely out of recyclable materials (any material that could be recycled such as wood, aluminum, paper, plastic, etc.).**

### **General Rules:**

1. Contest is limited to the first 30 entries per grade level.
2. Pre-Registration forms must be postmarked by March 16, 2009 and mailed to:

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3. Participants must deliver projects to the Main Building of the Walker County Fairgrounds between 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2008. Late projects will not be accepted.
4. Projects will remain on display for the duration of the fair. Participants may pick up their displays on Saturday, April 4, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Projects not claimed by 4:00 p.m. will be discarded.

### **Guidelines:**

1. Projects must not be larger than 2ft. high, 2 ft. wide, and 2ft. deep.
2. Projects may either be two- or three-dimensional.
3. All materials used must be **recyclable**. Please attach list of items and how you acquired them as a recyclable item.
4. Entries may be enhanced with materials such as glitter, paint, chalk, crayon, etc. (Please keep extras “simple”.)
5. Projects will be judged on creativity, originality, imagination, and presentation. Winners will be selected at each individual grade level.
6. Students should label their entries with name and grade level by placing a 4” x 6” index card on the back of their project in the bottom left corner. This is the only place that this information should be visible.

## **Spelling Bee Rules Grades 1-8**

### **General Rules**

Words will be taken from the lists provided; however, to avoid ties, up to 20% of the words may also be taken from state textbooks adopted for grades competing in that division, or words of common usage.

### **Competition Rules:**

1. Contest is limited to the first 30 entries per category.
2. All words will be printed.
3. You may ask for a definition of the word.
4. You may ask for the word to be used in a sentence.
5. These requests will be granted until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the spellers.
6. Judges are in control of the competition. Their decision is final.

## **Math Bee Rules Grades 1-8**

1. Contest is limited to the first 30 entries per category.
2. Participants will be given a maximum of one hour to complete their entry. However, in the event of a tie, the first correct entry turned in will be the winner.
3. All scratch work must be completed on the test booklet.
4. No electronic devices will be used.
5. Judges are in control of the competition. Their decision is final.