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4-H Catch-a-Calf Contest Application

Due to the Grand County Extension Office by **May 1st**.

Please read the entire application, Catch-a-Calf Rules and Regulations, and animal housing form before signing. Any application received without complete, readable, and accurate information may be disqualified.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ DOB: __/__/____ Age As of Dec. 31, 2023: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address of animal housing: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the Catch-a-Calf rules and regulations, and I agree to read and submit the animal Housing and Care Form. I hereby grant my consent and approval to participation in the Catch-a-Calf program, and agree to hold harmless the Catch-a-Calf Committee, Middle Park Fair and Rodeo, and CSU Extension from all loss, expense, injury, and damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by the applicant, or anyone whomever, by reason of the applicant above participating in this 4-H Catch-a-Calf contest.

4-H Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CATCH-A-CALF PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Keep this copy for your records

1. Applicants entering this contest do so at their own risk, and acknowledge that they could be injured by their participation. The Middle Park Fair Board, Catch-a-Calf Committee, and CSU Extension will not be responsible for any injuries connected with this contest.
2. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years and must be under nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31, 2023, participate in a 4-H club as an active member in 2023, and maintain their 4-H enrollment in Grand or Summit Counties for the duration of their participation in the Catch-a-Calf Program. It is highly recommended that a member not enter this contest if they plan to be away from home during the time of raising the calf.
3. Prior to selection, applicants must prove that they have access to adequate facilities to keep their calf, and must have a signed agreement with the landowner if the calf is to be kept on another person's property.
4. Any 4-H member who has been selected for the 4-H Catch-a-Calf Contest is not eligible to enter the contest in the year immediately following.
5. **All** applications are due to Grand County Extension by the listed deadline.
6. A complete application consists of:
 - a. A complete Catch-a-Calf Contest application,
 - b. A one-page essay describing "what it means to be a part of the Catch-a-Calf program,"
 - c. A budget for project expenses (contact the Grand County Extension Office for help with this).
7. Complete applications will be reviewed by the Catch-a-Calf Committee. Accepted applicants will complete an interview with the Catch-a-Calf Committee, after which the Committee will select qualified applicants for the program. Winners of the competition will be announced at the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo.
8. Calves must be picked up by the 4-H Catch-a-Calf winners from the producer in November of 2023, and immediately start the calf as a 4-H project for exhibit at the 2024 Middle Park Fair and Rodeo. It is highly recommended that winners purchase a livestock mortality insurance policy for the project animal.
9. Once each month (from November through August) the Catch-a-Calf participant is required to write a letter to the sponsor of the calf and send a copy of this letter and a picture of the calf to the Grand County CSU Extension office. Letters must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of each month.
10. A record book must be kept for the project. Up-to-date record books including a story, pictures, and activities list for the entire project must be submitted to the Grand County CSU Extension office after the final weigh-in for display at the Fair. Record books will then be returned to the member for final adjustments before the record book due date for project completion.

11. Members must attend all Grand or Summit County 4-H workshops regarding beef projects and record books.
12. The Catch-a-Calf Committee reserves the right to remove a calf from any member who does not abide by the Catch-a-Calf Rules and Regulations; including but not limited to the failure to write send and submit a copy of monthly producer letters, failure to maintain accurate records, failure to provide adequate care and/or feed to the calf, or failure to take full responsibility for the welfare of the calf. If the calf is removed, no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.
13. The calf must be exhibited at the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo and sold at the Middle Park Junior Livestock Sale, if eligible. All prize money will belong to the member. When the calf is sold, the check for payment will be distributed to the member less the Catch-a-Calf program fee, brand inspection fees, freight, commission, and any other fees associated with the sale. The check will be made available for pick-up after a final thank-you note has been sent to the sponsor of the Catch-a-Calf and a copy of the final thank you note is received by the Grand County CSU Extension office.
14. Catch-a-Calves will be exhibited in the market beef class at the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo. The Beef Superintendent may add a special class to showcase the Catch-a-Calf program.
15. A Catch-a-Calf program fee in the amount of \$300 will be deducted by Catch-a-Calf Committee at the time of sale for cost recovery purposes. This will be placed in a revolving fund to ensure the continuation of the 4-H Catch-a-Calf program.
16. Catch-a-Calf Committee responsibilities include:
 - a. Certify that the 4-Her is qualified, by reviewing the applications and completing interviews with each applicant,
 - b. Counsel the applying youth regarding: the rules of the contest, records, monthly sponsor letters, insurance, feeding, care, fitting, and showing,
 - c. Assist member with the preparation for exhibition at the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo.