

SHOW CHOW FITTING CHALLENGE

Beef Grooming Competition

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Committee Co-Chairs: Fran Minnaert & Kirk Stierwalt**

Preliminary Grooming Heats – Thursday, September 28 – 2:00 p.m. – Arena 1

Cattle Fitting Contest Finals – Saturday, September 30 – 30 minutes following Market Beef Showmanship – Arena 1

ENTRY DEADLINE: August 18

Entry Fee: \$30 per team

Entry Drop Deadline: September 18

Entries may be limited

*Teams that show up to compete or drop by the drop deadline will have their entry fee refunded.
Teams who drop after the deadline or do not compete will not receive a refund of their entry fee!*

Ak-Sar-Ben Cattle Fitting Contest Regulations:

1. Entries: The contest will be open to one team per County. Counties may initially send in two teams. A primary team and an alternate team. **Alternate teams will be selected to compete if and only if a sufficient number of primary teams are unavailable to compete.** Selection of the alternate teams for competition will be done by the luck of the draw. **Each county will be responsible for establishing their county team selection.** Teams must have alternates for each team member (both gender and age). All teams must consist of three exhibitors with one of the exhibitors having an eligible beef entry at the 2006 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition. All team members must meet the Ak-Sar-Ben age eligibility requirement (page 17). Each team must be comprised of the following regulations:

- A. Each team member must be from the same county.
- B. Each team must be comprised of three members and at least one member of the opposite sex, (i.e. two females/one male or two males/one female).
- C. Each team must have at least one member 13 years of age or younger at the time of the show. (this team member can be 13 when the event occurs)

Contest Rules:

1. Teams will compete in a preliminary heats. Entry number and heat selection will be assigned as entries are received.
2. Each heat will be thirty minutes in length. Ten minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30 minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
3. All Grooming rules of the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition will be strictly enforced.
4. All teams must provide their own animal. Either a breeding heifer, market steer, market heifer or feeder calf. The animal must be an eligible entry at the 2006 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition. The animal must be owned by one of the team members.
5. Each animal must be completely clean and dry.

6. Exhibitors will be judged based upon the following criteria:
- A. Quality of workmanship
 - B. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
 - C. Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers

7. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a three judge system. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration. All contestants must wear an official Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition Exhibitor T-shirt

Contest Finals: Saturday, September 30 – 30 minutes following the Selection of the Champion Market Beef – Arena 1.

All contest rules will apply to the Finals plus some additional criteria listed below.

1. Five (5) Teams from the Preliminary Grooming heats will be selected to compete in the Contest Finals.

2. All teams must provide their own animal. Either a breeding heifer, market steer, market heifer or feeder calf. The animal must be an eligible entry at the 2006 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition. The animal must be owned by one of the team members. **NEW!! The animal used in the finals cannot be the same animal that was used in the preliminary heat.**

3. Contestants will be judged based upon the following criteria:

- A. Quality of workmanship
- B. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
- C. Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers.
- D. The Finals Competition will include a showmanship element. Each animal will be presented to the judges (by one team member) at the completion of the allotted time. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration. All contestants must wear and official Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition Exhibitor T-shirt.

Cattle Fitting Contest Awards will be given to the following:

Champion Team:

Reserve Champion Team:

Third Place Team:

Fourth Place Team:

Fifth Team:

Please visit www.aksarben.org in August for a list of specific prizes.