

TEXAS LONGHORN BREEDERS



GULF COAST ASSOCIATION

Dear Texas Longhorn Exhibitors, Breeders and Friends,

The Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association (TLBGCA) invites you to participate in our annual World Qualifying Youth and Open Haltered Shows. The shows will be held on **May 4th & 5th** at **Miracle Farm**, 10802 FM 2621, Brenham, TX. I think you will enjoy the country setting, the facility and the wonderful staff that works there.

The weekend will begin on Friday, May 3rd, with arrival and check-in between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. *(The wash facilities at Miracle Farm have been improved but they are still limited so I suggest that you plan on arriving in time to get your animals washed on Friday so that you don't have to do it on Saturday morning.)*

The Youth show will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. After the Youth show we will have a BBQ dinner at the Miracle Farm Retreat Center. After dinner we will give away some calves (via random drawing) to some lucky kids. The evening events, held under the majestic live oak trees at Miracle Farm, are a pleasant and relaxing end to a great day of showing.

Sunday will begin with Cowboy Church at 9:00 a.m. The show will start at 9:30 a.m. This year's show will include a division for miniature Texas Longhorns and a showmanship competition open to all exhibitors in the Open show. For Open Showmanship, 20 exhibitors will be "called back" to compete based on their showmanship during the animal classes. *(Not everyone who shows in the Open show will be selected to compete in showmanship.)* Hey youth, are you good enough to compete with the adult exhibitors? Adults, can you beat the kids? A buckle will be awarded to the Champion Showman in the Open Show.

The full schedule of events and entry forms can be found at www.TLBGCA.com. Entry forms can be completed with pen on paper and submitted by mail, or completed via Microsoft Word and submitted by e-mail, or (new this year) on-line with an electronic payment option. **Entries are due by 4/23/19.**

If you would like to support the show financially, we have sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact me and we will discuss your desired level of sponsorship. And if you are interested in providing a very rewarding opportunity to a kid by donating a calf for the drawing, please contact me for details.

I hope that you will make plans to participate in the 2019 TLBGCA Spring Show. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the spring weather, visit with friends and get those last few animals qualified for the TLBAA World Expo. If you have any questions, please contact me. The TLBGCA and the exhibitors of the Gulf Coast look forward to seeing you at Miracle Farm (near Brenham) May 3rd - 5th.

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Local Accommodations

Springtime is a busy time around Brenham, which makes it difficult to find a motel room. I suggest that you begin making your room reservations now. There are several motels in town, with varying price ranges. Some of the hotels where we have stayed in past years include:

- La Quinta
- Hampton Inn
- Best Western
- Knights Inn
- America's Best Value
- Coach Light Inn

My favorite, and one you may not find in your internet search if you didn't know to look for it, is Coach Light Inn. The price typically runs about \$85 per night. You can call 979-836-5657 and talk to the manager, Bob Patel, for a reservation.

Bunkhouses at Miracle Farm

Another possibility is to stay in the bunkhouses at Miracle Farm. Miracle Farm has a bunkhouse for girls and a bunkhouse for boys. These bunkhouses are like most camp dorms – a long room filled with bunk beds and a shower room. Each room (one for girls, one for boys) can handle 30 people. You can stay in the dorms at a cost of \$10 per person per night. You will need to provide your own bedding (sleeping bag or sheets) and bath towels.

If you want to stay in the bunkhouses, please provide your name and the number of spaces you need in each room (number of girls and number of boys) to Stephen Head. Stephen will provide you with a confirmation number and a ticket for the beds you reserved. You will not be able to stay in the bunkhouse without a reservation and ticket. (Last year we had some people “claim” beds in the bunkhouse without reserving them, which left some people who had reserved beds without a place to sleep.)

RV Spaces

There are a few RV spaces available at Miracle Farm, just a few yards away from the show arena. If you would like one of these spaces, please contact Stephen Head.

Entry Forms

The entry forms are very simple. There is one page for the Youth Show (to be held on Saturday) and one page for the Open Show (to be held on Sunday). For the Open Show, you can use the same entry form for the Open Haltered show, the Trophy Steer show and the miniature show – just indicate in the first column which show is being entered.

There are two different entry forms this year, and three different ways to enter. You can choose whichever method is simplest for you.

Entry method #1: Download the entry forms in .PDF format from www.tlbgca.com. Print as many copies as you need. Complete the forms with a pen and submit them via the United States Postal service to Stephen Head, 305 S. Downing, Angleton, TX 77515. Remember to include a check made payable to TLBGCA.

Entry method #2: Download the entry forms in .DOC format from www.tlbgac.com. Complete the forms using Microsoft Word. Save the completed forms on your computer, then e-mail them to headshorns@hotmail.com. Make a check payable to TLBGCA and mail it via the United States Postal service to Stephen Head, 305 S. Downing, Angleton, TX 77515.

Entry method #3: Click on the on-line entry form link that can be found at www.tlbgca.com. Complete the form on-line. The form can handle up to 12 entries and 4 exhibitors. If you need more, just fill out a second form. At the end of the form you can choose to pay by check or pay electronically using a credit card, a debit card or a PayPal account. If you choose the check method, make a check payable to TLBGCA and mail it to Stephen Head, 305 S. Downing, Angleton, TX 77515. If you choose the electronic payment method, enter the requested information. You will not need to mail anything.

Regardless of which entry method you use, you do **not** need to include copies of the registration certificates. Each entry will be entered into the HORNS database according to the animal's TLBAA number. As long as you provide the correct number, the registration information will be pulled from the database. There is no need for me to have a copy of the registration certificate.

The entry deadline is April 23rd. All entries received after April 23rd will incur a \$5/entry late fee and may not get listed in the program. It is much simpler and provides for a much smoother running show if you get the entries submitted by the deadline so that they can all get entered into the program and we don't have to create write-in entries on the day of the show.