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2011 Academic Rodeo Mathletics Contest Results

The 21st Academic Rodeo, produced by the East Texas State Fair completed the Mathletics Contest. Over 70 schools registered for the 21st Academic Rodeo with 573 students participating in 14 competitive events .The Mathletics Contest is a challenging mathematics competition highlighting the problem solving skills of fourth and fifth grade students in the East Texas Area, encouraging their participation in challenging mathematics, and giving recognition to these students, this is a team competition.

The Mathletics Contest is conducted with Volunteer Support and Contest Coordination provided by the University of Texas at Tyler College of Education and Psychology. John Lamb, Ph.D, Assistant Professor Mathematics Education and Project Director, Teachers of Mathematics Collaborative UT Tyler School of Education; “This competition is an excellent opportunity for our young students to be challenged in mathematics. Students are given the opportunity to showcase their individual strengths in solving mathematics problems, but the overall winners have to combine these strengths and compete as a team. The Mathletics competition gives teams of fourth and fifth grade students a venue to work together to solve non-routine mathematical problems that showcases their individual and collective critical thinking skills.”

First Place- TISD Andy Woods Elementary School, Team A

Second Place-TISD Jack Elementary School, Team A

Third Place- Athens Intermediate School, Team A

All winners are recognized at the Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration at the conclusion of the 2011 Academic Rodeo on February 24th.

The East Texas State Fair is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes through the operation of an annual event promoting education, entertainment and the spirit of competition. The Fair is committed to agricultural heritage, families and service to the community. Our mission is also to create commerce for Tyler and Smith County by providing venues for others to utilize and by drawing participants to the complex. Since 1992 the East Texas State Fair has offered \$345,000 in scholarships.