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2011 Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee Contest Results

The 21st Academic Rodeo, produced by the East Texas State Fair completed the Spelling Bee on Saturday. Over 70 schools registered for the 21st Academic Rodeo with 573 students participating in 14 competitive events. The Second and Third Grade Spelling Bes emphasize the importance of word knowledge at an early age.

The Second Grade Spelling Bee was conducted with Jennifer Hines, from KLTV as the pronouncer.

First Place- Zachary Jones, Lindale Primary School

Second Place-Peyton Jones, Stepping Stone School, Tyler

Third Place-Sarah Wright, Arp Elementary School

The winning word was different.

The Third Grade Spelling Bee was conducted with Dana Hughey, from CBS 19 as the pronouncer.

First Place-Mason Kelley, Lindale Velma Penny Elementary

Second Place-Cullen Malone, TACHE (Tyler Area Christian Home Educators)

Third Place-Bethanie Jones, Eustace Intermediate School

The winning word was misfortune.

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.