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**2012 Academic Rodeo Kinder Critters Contest Results**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Rodeo, produced by The Park of East Texas, Inc., continues with the Kinder Critters Contest. The Academic Rodeo is open to public, private and home school students in the east Texas area. Over 76 schools and groups are registered for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Rodeo with close to 1200 students participating in 14 competitive events.

**Kinder Critters Contest**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Angelina Bondarenko, TISD Jack Elementary School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Moly Lowry, Athens Christian Academy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Blake Byrd, TISD Jack Elementary School
- Honorable Mention:
  - Kestlin Turnage, Athens Christian Academy
  - Beila King, Athens Christian Academy
  - Morgan Salitore, TISD Jack Elementary School

All winners are recognized at the Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration at the conclusion of the 2012 Academic Rodeo in February.

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