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**2012 Academic Rodeo
Mindset Breaking Experience Contest Results**

The 22nd Academic Rodeo, produced by The Park of East Texas, Inc., kicks off tomorrow with the preliminary rounds in the Mindset Breaking Experience 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 22nd Academic Rodeo with close to 1200 students participating in 14 competitive events.

The Mindset Breaking Experience is a creative problem solving contest for teams of elementary, middle school, and high school students. This is a team event in which each team will demonstrate its collective ability to think divergently in solving problems and be scored on the creativity and effectiveness of the solution. Problems are a variety of verbal and tactile.

Elementary School Contest

- 1st Whitehouse Cain Elementary School – Justin Boyce, Chloe Castle, Chris Clift, Christopher Knight, Erin Lamas, Hannah McGinnis, Gracy Rothwell
- 2nd Lindale EJ Moss Intermediate School – Carter Colvin, Brina Kusiak, Maddie Mizzell, Samuel Payne, Brady Smith, Ashley Stewart, Gideon Storkson
- 3rd Athens Intermediate School – Taegan Allen, Hunter Arnette, Chandler Earley, Reagan Gore, Jordan Ickes, Jasmine Martinez, Nicksen Rosenberg

Middle School Contest

- 1st Athens Christian Academy – Christian Kocian, Alexa Koerth, Gracie Millar, Will Perryman, Micah Santelli, Paschall Wilson, Rebecca Witten
- 2nd Eustace Middle School – Marissa Ballenger, Temple Hendrickson, Emma Lopez, Gabe Purselley, Trenton Thrower, Brennen Washington
- 3rd Murchison School – BreeAnna Abney, DylanBallow, Cara Jo Byford, Haley Conley, Emma Gray

High School Contest

- 1st East Texas Christian Academy, Tyler, Team B – Brandon Baker, Isaac Doolittle, Emily Hearn, Maggie McAdams, Bailey McCorkle, Holly Zubro
- 2nd Lindale High School, Lindale, Team A – Riley Arnold, Christian Cheetham, Austin Drawbond, Fate Richey, Jacob Voyles, Lane Walters, Brooke White
- 3rd East Texas Christian Academy Team A – Sarah Dickson, Nathan Doolittle, Holly Hawbaker, Abby McAdams, BriAnna McCorkle, Jon Novak, Cheslea Willeford

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