

## *SHOWDOWN IN THE SWAMP*

### *STEER & HEIFER SHOW*

OKEFENOKEE FAIRGROUNDS

Waycross, Georgia

**January 25, 2025**

Entries close January 20, 2025

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### **Show Rules**

This show is open to youth between the grades 4th - 12th grade as of September 1, 2024, not graduated from high school. All youth planning to participate should enter on the Showman App by January 20, 2025. The mandatory entry fee is \$40 per animal. Late entries will be accepted, however, the entry fee will be \$50 per animal. Late entries will be accepted through Showman App through January 25, 2025. **THE LATE FEES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Classes will be established at the discretion of the Show Committee after check-in on January 25, 2025. There will be a \$20 entry fee for Showmanship. Entry fees are non-refundable. Commercial heifers and steers will be shown by weight. There will be no re-weighing once an animal has left the scales. There is no weight limit on commercial heifers or steers. All entries must have a form of identification (tattoo, brand and/or tag ID). Unless permission by the Show Committee is given, exhibitors must show his/her own animal in all classes with the exception of PeeWee Showmanship. There is no limit to the number of entries per exhibitor. Show will not be classified as a fitting show or a blow and go show. Fitting of the animal is up to the exhibitor.

Early check-in will be Friday, January 24, 2025, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Gates will be open beginning at 5:00 p.m. All animals and exhibitors must be checked in and weighed in by 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025. In any event, all animals must be off the fairgrounds following the end of the steer

show, unless prior arrangements have been made with show personnel. You may show off of your trailer. A limited amount of barn space is available on a first come, first served basis.

### **Showmanship Contest**

A showmanship contest will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025. This contest will be open to any exhibitor. There will be a \$20 entry fee per exhibitor. There will be four age divisions as follows: PeeWee (beginning at 3 years old-3rd grade), Junior (4th-6th grade), Intermediate (7th-9th grade), and Senior (10th-12th grade). Exhibitors must use their own animal to compete in this contest with the exception of PeeWee. Showmanship will start with Pee Wee and end with Senior.

### **Heifers**

The Heifer Show will begin immediately after Showmanship has concluded. Registered heifers will be shown by breed and ages according to classes to be determined by the show committee. Registration papers must reflect the exhibitors name at check-in, if not, they will be placed in the Commercial Heifer Show and will show by weight.

Non-registered or commercial entries will be shown by weight as of Saturday, January 25, 2025. The age of each registered heifer **MUST** be included on the entry or the entry will be declared invalid.

The grand champion heifer will be selected from the first place winners of each class. The second place heifer from the class where the grand champion originated will compete for reserve champion honors. Heifers should not be more than two (2) years of age.

Registered breeds must have six (6) head in each class to show; otherwise they will be shown in the "All other Breeds" category. No dairy or dairy cross breeds allowed. The grand champion heifer will receive a belt buckle along with a banner and \$500 and the reserve will receive a belt buckle, banner and \$200. The 3rd overall heifer will receive a banner and \$100, 4th overall heifer will receive a banner and \$75 and 5th overall will receive a banner and \$50.

### **Steers**

The Steer Show will begin following a short break after the Heifer Show has concluded. All steer classes will be established by weight. Only steers are allowed to show in the Steer Show. The grand champion steer will be selected from the first place winners of each class. The second place animal from the class where the grand champion originated will compete for reserve champion. The grand champion steer will receive a belt buckle along with a banner and \$500 and the reserve will receive a buckle, banner and \$200. The 3rd overall steer will receive a banner and \$100, 4th overall will receive a banner and \$75 and 5th overall will receive a banner and \$50.

### **Health Certificates**

All animals must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian at time of check-in. Animals must be free of lice and are subject to the health requirements of the State of Georgia.

### **Generators**

Due to limited electrical outlets and the limitations on them, it is recommended that each exhibitor provide their own means of power for cooling and grooming of animals.

### **Campsites**

Campsites are available on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$35.

### **Ethical Treatment**

All animals must be treated in an ethical and humane manner. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the animal and the exhibitor.

### **Bedding and Clean-up**

All exhibitors are expected to police their tie area and remove all trash, hay and bedding.

### **Protests**

All protests must be in writing and clearly state the complaint. A \$100 cash fee must accompany any protest and must be received by the show committee within one (1) hour of close of the show. This fee is non-refundable.

### **Interpretation of Rules**

Show management reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the rules and regulations as set forth. The Show Committee has final decision-making privileges over all show rules. All Georgia 4-H and FFA State Show rules and regulations will be followed.

### **Disclaimers**

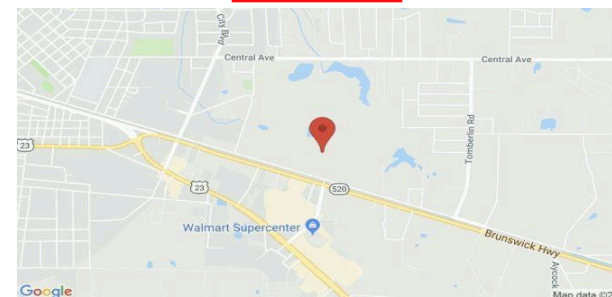
Neither the Showdown in the Swamp, show committee, nor the Okefenokee Fairgrounds will be responsible for any accidents or injuries that occur or be responsible for any lost or stolen personal items or damage to property.

### **Accommodations**

Holiday Inn 0.1 miles 912.548.0720  
Best Western 0.1 miles 912.284.0095  
Days Inn 0.1 miles 912.285.4700

Hampton Inn 1.4 miles 912.285.5515

### **Directions:**



The Okefenokee Fairgrounds is located at 2335 Knight Ave Waycross, Georgia, 31503.

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