



**AKC HERDING TRIAL**  
**Sponsored by**  
**the Texas Herding Association**  
*Licensed by the American Kennel Club*

Open to all AKC recognized herding breeds with AKC registration numbers and ILP/PAL recorded dogs. See [http://www.akc.org/events/herding/eligible\\_breeds.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/herding/eligible_breeds.cfm) for a list of all eligible breeds.

**SATURDAY, March 15, 2025**

**2025702401 - A Sheep, HT, PT , 2025702402 - B Sheep, HT, PT**

**2025702404 - A Ducks, B Ducks**

**SUNDAY, March 16, 2025**

**2025702403 - A Sheep, 2025702405 - B Sheep**

**2025702406 - A Ducks, B Ducks**

Course B outruns will be the minimum distance

**Location:** Destiny Farm, 601 County Road 210A, Bertram, TX 78605  
 This event will be held outdoors regardless of the weather.

**Event hours:** 7:00 am to 7:00 pm or upon conclusion of tests/trials

**Entry Fees:** A & B Sheep and A & B Ducks \$50 /run

**Entry Limits:** 50 dogs per judge per day / 20 duck runs per day

**Closing Date:** Entries close on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm CST**, or when numerical limit per judge or stock limitations are reached, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or substituted.

**Entry Method: First Received:** All entries will be handled in the order received beginning on the opening date until the closing date or the trial limits are reached. Drawing for running order will be held on March 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trial secretary's office at 6008 Maurys Trail, Austin, TX

**Mail all entries with fees payable to "Texas Herding Association" to:** Connie Nelin, Event Secretary, 6008 Maurys Trail, Austin, TX 78730

**Entries sent via Express Mail, UPS, Fed-Ex: please waive the signature agreement**

**Day-Of Entry (Exhibition Only): \$50 per entry (A & B Sheep, A & B Ducks)**  
 Subject to availability and run limits . Accepted up to 1 hour before the class entered.



Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for holding these events under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.  
*James P. Crowley, Secretary*

**Texas Herding Association Officers**

[www.texasherdingassc.org](http://www.texasherdingassc.org)

President	Jamie Swanson
Vice President	Carolynn Cobb
Treasurer	Vicki King
Secretary	Connie Nelin, 6008 Maurys Trail., Austin, TX 78730
Members At Large	Glenda Orman, Dalcyce Brell, Pat Huskinson

**Herding Trial Committee**

<b>Trial Chairman</b>	Jamie Swanson
	330 Patricia Road, Georgetown, TX 78628
	<b>email: shannarabc@gmail.com</b>
<b>Event Secretary:</b>	Connie Nelin
	6008 Maurys Trail, Austin, TX 78730
	<b>email: nelin@austin.rr.com</b>
<b>Committee:</b>	Connie Nelin, Carolynn Cobb, Susan Frensley, Dalcyce Brell, Pat Huskinson
<b>Facility Owner/Stock Coordinator:</b>	Sheryl McDonald
	<b>email: shertomkennels@sbcglobal.net</b>

**Judges**

<b>Shelly Spotswood, 76319 Fauntleroy Rd, Covington, LA 70435-4027</b>
<b>Karen C Trimble, 8621 Summer Song Circle, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015</b>

**Judging Assignments**

Event #	Stock	Course/Class	Judge
<b>Saturday March 15, 2025</b>			
2025702401	Sheep	A (all classes), HT, PT	Spotswood
2025702402	Sheep	B (all classes)	Spotswood
	Sheep	HT, PT	Trimble
2025702404	Ducks	A & B (all classes)	Spotswood
<b>Sunday March 16, 2025</b>			
2025702403	Sheep	A (all classes)	Spotswood
2025702405	Sheep	B (all classes)	Spotswood
2025702406	Ducks	A & B (all classes)	Spotswood

## TRIAL RIBBONS

A qualifying score is required for all ribbons

### Regular Classes:

First Place .....	Blue Ribbon
Second Place .....	Red Ribbon
Third Place .....	Yellow Ribbon
Fourth Place .....	White Ribbon
Fifth Place .....	Pink Ribbon
High in Trial .....	Blue, Red, & White Rosette
Reserve High in Trial.....	Red, Yellow, & White Rosette
Qualifying scores.....	Dark Green Ribbon

## TRIAL AWARDS

A qualifying score is required for all awards

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**Event #(s) 2025702401, 2025702402, 2025702404**

High in Trial (3).....	Dog/Club Logo Item
Reserve High in Trial (3) .....	Dog/Club Logo Item

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**Event #(s) 2025702403, 2025702405, 2025702406**

High in Trial (3).....	Dog/Club Logo Item
Reserve High in Trial (3) .....	Dog/Club Logo Item

## Special Awards

### **(Saturday Only) "High Scoring Breed Champion of Record"**

This award recognizes outstanding performance by a breed champion.

*Donated by Shannara Border Collies*

### **Award Criteria:**

1. The dog must be an AKC Breed Champion of Record.
2. **High Score Calculation:** The award will be presented to the Breed Champion dog with the **highest single score** from either A or B Courses (Sheep) on Saturday.
3. In the event of a tie, the following tiebreakers will apply:
  - o Best % score on crossdrive or outrun, followed by best % time.
4. Dogs must complete the course without disqualification to be eligible.

## "Rookie Award"

This award recognizes new handler and dog teams in their first herding trial.

*Donated by Texas Herding Association*

### **Award Criteria:**

1. Both the **handler** and the **dog** must be participating in their **first-ever herding trial**. Previous test experience (Instinct, HT, PT is allowed).
2. Previous herding trial experience in any capacity (by either handler or dog) disqualifies eligibility.
3. The team must compete on **A Started Courses (Sheep)** across **Saturday and Sunday**.
4. The award will be presented to the team with the **highest combined score** from their two runs on A Started Courses (Sheep) over the two trial days.
5. In the event of a tie, the following tiebreakers will apply:
  - o Highest individual score on any single A course run.
  - o Fewest deductions in outrun, lift, and fetch combined across both runs.
  - o Judge's discretion based on teamwork and stockmanship.
6. Handlers will need to notify the trial secretary that this is the first trial for both themselves and their dog.
7. The handler-dog team must complete in both A course runs without disqualification to be eligible for the award.

**The club reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value.**

**All trophies must be claimed the day of the trial - none will be mailed.**

## Livestock

**Sheep:** 3 - 5 head Dorper Hair Sheep for A & B courses.

**Ducks:** 5 head Indian Runners for A & B courses.

### Stock Replacement Fees and Rules\*\*:

Sheep: \$250/head

Ducks: \$30.00/head

*\*\*Replacement Rules: If death occurs or if an animal is injured if:*

- *It is unable to continue in the Trial;*
- *Blood is drawn;*

or

- *In the sole opinion of the Committee, veterinary services are reasonably required.*

*The Committee's decision is final.*

## People Aid

### Seton Highland Lakes Hospital

24 Hour Emergency Services

3201 S. Water St., Hwy 281 South, Burnet, TX 78611 (512) 715-3000

First Aid kit for minor injuries will be available at the site.

## Animal Aid

### Heart of Texas Veterinary Specialty Center

24-Hour Emergency Care

115 E. Old Settlers Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78664 - (512) 643-5893.

For minor injuries a dog first aid kit will be available at the site.

## Emergency Procedures

**Medical Emergency:** Call 911 for the emergency response team. Keep driveway clear for emergency vehicles.

**Animal Emergency:** Off site Veterinarian is listed under "Animal Aid".

**Fire:** Call 911. All dogs should be crated or leashed.

**Inclement Weather:** In case of inclement weather or tornado or lightning, exhibitors are to go either in their cars or head to the barn with their dogs where they can be crated inside the barn. The barn can withstand over 100 mile per hour winds and is built to stay standing.

**Evacuation route:** Evacuation route is through the front gate turning left to head to Bertram or Burnet or Austin.

**A First Aid Kit is available for both humans and dogs on site.**

## NOTES:

Dogs must be nine months old or older on the date of event except for the Instinct Tests where dogs can be six months or older and be registered with the AKC.

An exhibitor can enter both HT and PT in each event.

When not competing, dogs must be confined or held on leash and kept away from the livestock. Under no circumstances will dogs be allowed to disturb the resting stock or interfere outside the ring with another dog's performance in the ring.

The Texas Herding Association and the owners of Destiny Farm assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or spectators, or by any of their dogs or property.

All the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline where applicable, shall govern the conduct of Herding Tests and Trials, and shall apply to all persons and dogs participating in them except as the Herding Regulations may provide otherwise.

**BRING YOUR OWN SHADE TENTS AND CHAIRS, UMBRELLAS AND RAIN GEAR.**

## FOOD

**Lunch will be available for purchase at the trial. Pre-signup will be required. Details to be provided later.**

**Notice to Exhibitors**

- I. **Entry fees will not be refunded** in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the veterinarian, judge, or Trial Committee.
- II. **Entry fees will not be refunded** if the trials cannot be opened or completed by reason of riots, civil disturbance, fire, an act of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- III. **Lame dog policy:** If a dog is found to be physically unable to participate in the trial after the closing date, that dog may qualify for a refund in one of two ways. 1) If the trial is full and there is a wait list, and the owner/handler of the injured dog notifies the Trial Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the start of the Saturday trial, the first dog on the wait list that fits the stock availability and can be in attendance, will secure a place in the trial for no more than the number of runs the injured dog had entered, and the injured dog will receive a full refund. If no one on wait list fits the stock availability and/or can be in attendance, no refund will be given. 2) If the trial is not full, all entry fees will be refunded minus any AKC recording fees due. In this case, a veterinarian's certificate MUST be submitted prior to 8:00am the day of the trial.
- IV. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.
- V. No refunds for duplicate entries. However, care will be taken to find duplicates before processing. Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms and no entry fee will be refunded in the event of such errors.
- VI. Checks that have been returned due to insufficient funds do not constitute a valid entry and will have a \$25.00 service charge attached.
- VII. Checks that have been post-dated do not constitute a valid entry.
- VIII. Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.
- IX. Texas Herding Association reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression, disease, deformity, injury or illness which may affect the dogs' physical or mental performance. No one shall have any recourse or claim against Texas Herding Association or any official thereof.

***Texas Herding Association does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the official AKC entry form for this event.***

**Bitches in season will be allowed but will be moved to the end of the class in tests and in catalog order as listed in the class in trials.  
Please notify the Test/Trial Secretary one-half hour before judging tests are to begin if your bitch is in season.**

**Restaurants In Burnet**

**FAST FOOD:**

- Chicken Express** – 1510 S. Water St. (Hwy. 281 South) (512) 756-9191 M–Sun 10:30a–10p
- Dairy Queen** – 502 S. Water St. (Hwy. 281 South) (512) 756-2161 9:30 am – 11 pm
- HEB Grocery** – 105 S. Boundary (Hwy. 29 East of Hwy. 281 on south side) (512) 756-6188 M – Sun 6 am – 11 pm
- McDonald's** – 200 N. Water (Hwy. 281 North) (512) 715-0066 M – Sun 6:30 am – 11 pm
- Sonic Drive-In** – 904 Buchanan Dr. (Hwy. 29 West) (512) 756-8880 10 am to 11 pm or so
- Storm's Drive-In Restaurant** – 700 N. Water (Hwy. 281 N) (512) 756-7143 Breakfast served and dinners with side orders. Storm's special: ½ lb hamburger, three meat patties, served w/fresh cut French fries. Hours: Daily 8 am – 10:30 pm
- Taco Bell, 1400 S. Water St. 512-553-8984**
- Whataburger** – 402 E. Polk (Hwy 29 E) (512) 756-1507

**SIT DOWN RESTAURANTS:**

- The Highlander**, 401 Buchanan Drive, Hwy 29 west; (512) 756-7401 Great Buffet & menu
- Trailblazer Grille, 216 S. Main St., open until 9pm very good**
- Bill's Burgers, Wings & Things, 306 W. Polk St. (Hwy. 29), 512-234-8216 popular**
- Mama's Home Cooking**, 200 South West St., Burnet, TX **512-234-8030 popular**
- Burnet Co. Line BBQ**, (512) 756-6468 616 Buchanan Dr. (Hwy. 29 West)
- Crazy Gals Cafe**, Hwy. 29 West, Burnet, TX breakfast at 6am daily - across from the Highlander
- In Marble Falls, check out the River City Grille**, 700 First St. **or Blue Bonnet Cafe**, 211 Hwy. 281.

**BERTRAM RESTAURANTS:**

- The Junction Cafe, 102 Castleberry Ct., 512-355-8147 open Fri 8-8, Sat 8-2, closed Sun**
- El Rancho** - Hwy. 29 next to Shell station Breakfast, lunch & dinner (512) 355-3759

**LIBERTY HILL RESTAURANTS:**

- Margarita's Restaurant**, 10280 W Highway 29, east of 183, (512) 515-0808
- Jardin Corona**, 15395 W Highway 29, west of Liberty Hill, (512) 778-6770
- Dahlia Cafe**, 2450 RR 1869, (512) 515-7772 very good! Corner of Hwy. 29 & FM 1869
- Happy Wok**, 13750 W. Hwy. 29, Suite 4, Liberty Hill (512) 548-0095 Very good
- Starbucks in both Burnet and Liberty Hill**

**Hotel Accommodations**

**Please verify pet policy when booking as these sometimes change.**

<b>Best Western Post Oak Inn --</b> Continental Breakfast; all rooms have a fridge, iron, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, free internet, computer in lobby	<b>908 Buchanan Dr. (Hwy. 29) Burnet, TX 78611</b> From the east on Hwy. 29, cross over Hwy. 281 in Burnet and the hotel will be 1 mile on right. <b>PLEASE</b> mention you have pets when you check in as they wash bedspreads, shampoo carpets, etc. after you leave. If you don't mention you have a pet and they find out later, you will be charged \$50. <b>BOOK EARLY!</b>	<b>(512) 756-4747 (866) 782-9683</b>
<b>Comfort Inn &amp; Suites in Burnet</b>	810 S. Water St., Burnet, TX 78611 Now takes pets: pet fee is \$10/night Full Hot breakfast Book early!	<b>(512) 756-1789</b>
<b>Best Western Inn</b> (25 min. away)	1403 N. Hwy. 281, Marble Falls, TX 78654,	<b>(830) 693-5122</b>
<b>Motel 6</b> (40 min. away)	800 Arrow Point Dr., CEDAR PARK, TX 78613 off of FM 1431, aka Whitestone Blvd. Rates start at \$44.95. Use the AKC Code CP542764 to get a 10% discount on your stay.	<b>(512) 260-3233</b>
<b>Cedar Creek Inn</b>	<b>352 E. Vaughan St.</b> Bertram, TX Located on HWY 29 in downtown Bertram (May no longer take dogs)	<b>(512) 355-3400</b>

**More hotel accommodations available in Marble Falls, Leander and Cedar Park.**

## Directions from the Hotel in Burnet to trial site

Go North on Hwy. 281 and turn east on RR 963/County Road 200. Then take RR 963 north for approximately 10.5 miles. Turn right or south onto RR 1174 and go just over 1 mile and turn left onto County Road 210A. We are the second property on the right with the sign reading Destiny Farm at 601 on the gate.

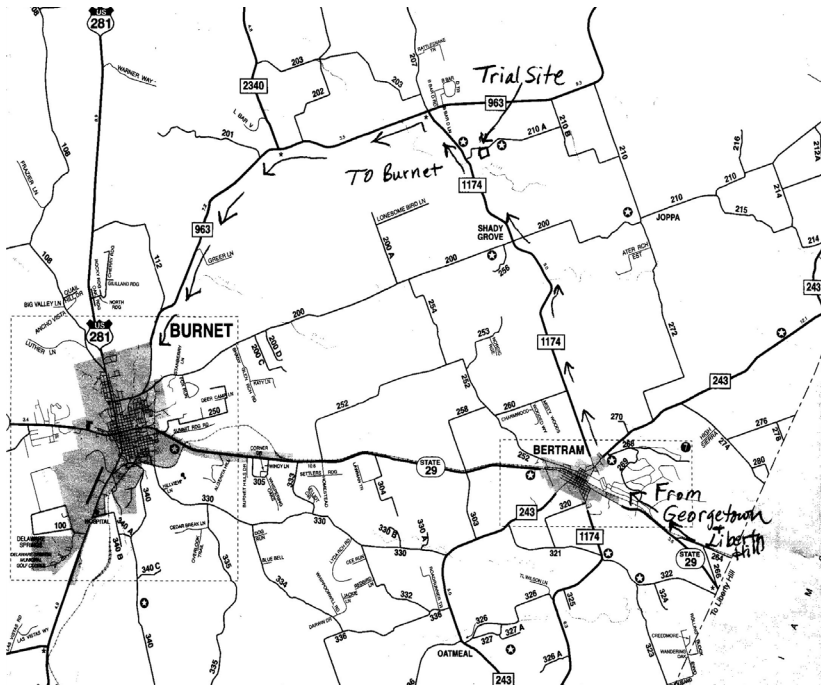
## RV Parking

6 electrical 30 amp hookups are available for \$20 per day. Three water hookups are also available. There will be no sewer dumping on the property. Please don't park in front of RV hookups as these are reserved for the RV's.

Contact Sheryl McDonald, [shertomkennels@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shertomkennels@sbcglobal.net) to reserve a space.

## Directions to the Trial Site (From the east at IH 35 at Georgetown) (Towns in order along Hwy. 29 heading west from Georgetown: Liberty Hill, Bertram, Burnet)

Take Hwy 29 to Bertram. In the middle of town at the only signal light, turn North (right) onto RR 243/RR1174 also called Grange Street. Go 4/10 of a mile and turn left onto RR 1174 North. Go 7.6 miles and turn right onto County Road 210A. Go 6/10 mile. The road curves to the left and then to the right. We are the second property on the right at 601 County Road 210A, Destiny Farm. **Please keep gate closed.**



OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB HERDING TRIAL ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY FEES: A Course, B Course, (Sheep & Ducks): \$50.00** per entry for each dog in each class (\$3.50 AKC recording fee included).  
 Entries close Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm CST or when numerical limit per day is reached.

Make checks payable to **TEXAS HERDING ASSOCIATION**  
 Mail to: Connie Nelin, Trial Secretary, 6008 Maurys Trail, Austin, TX 78730

**Club:** Texas Herding Association **Date(s):** March 30,31 2025

**Location:** Destiny Farm, 601 County Road 210A, Bertram, TX  
**Event # (s):** 2025702401, 2025702402, 2025702403, 2025702404, 2025702405, 2025702406

I enclose entry fees in the amount of \$:

Saturday March 15, 2025				
	2025702401 Spotswood	2025702402 Spotswood	2025702404 Spotswood	
	A Sheep	B Sheep	A Ducks	B Ducks
<b>Start.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Interm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adv</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2025702401 - Spotswood			2025702402 - Trimble	
	HT	PT	HT	PT
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday March 16, 2025				
	2025702403 Spotswood	2025702405 Spotswood	2025702406 Spotswood	
	A Sheep	B Sheep	A Ducks	B Ducks
<b>Start.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Interm</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adv</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Name of Dog:			Call Name:	
Breed:		Reg. #	Sex:	Date of Birth:
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC No. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP No. <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign & List Country:				
Sire:				

Dam:			
Name of Breeder:			
Actual Owner(s):			
Owner's Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler:			
Agent/Handler Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

**AGREEMENT**

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) will pay for any injuries or the replacement value in the event of serious injury to the livestock caused by my (our) dog. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). **I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.**

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**Signature of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry**

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



## Help Wanted

I am willing to work in any of the following capacities:

### SATURDAY

- Timer
- Scribe
- Runner
- Hospitality Setup/Cleanup
- Stock - Sheep
- Stock - Ducks

### SUNDAY

- Timer
- Scribe
- Runner
- Hospitality Setup/Cleanup
- Stock - Sheep
- Stock - Ducks

Name:	
Address:	
City:	State:      Zip:
Phone:	Email:

Please return this form with your entries to the Trial Secretary.