

LEOH Trip

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Houston Livestock Show



We are ready for our tour! Note that our tour guides are flanking us in the above photo. On the right, next to the tour guide, is Ann Fairchild, our trip coordinator.



Before we entered the main exhibit hall, we saw the Touch Tank (left) to view Texas Gulf of Mexico sea creatures. Can you see the starfish resting on the coral? We also saw the Aquaponics display, which Ken is checking out; and a vertical wall of plants, which Pat and Jim are admiring.



The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Mission Statement is to "Promote agriculture by providing a family friendly live entertainment experience that educates the public, supports Texas youth, and showcases Western heritage".

The venue has evolved and changed over the years, but the goals have remained the same.

Below are two of the displays that illustrate the commitment and success of the rodeo youth educational initiatives. The arts are also celebrated. Below is a picture of a prize-winning hand-stitched quilt from this year's entries.

As for entertainment, the first big name entertainer at the rodeo was Gene Autry in 1942.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT
SINCE 1932

Since the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo began in 1932, more than **\$500 million** has been committed to the youth of Texas.

The Rodeo has presented **more than 19,000 scholarships** since the first scholarship was awarded in 1957.

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RODEO SCHOLAR ALUMNI LIVE IN

TEXAS
more than half of the counties

USA
22 states

NORTH AMERICA
US & Canada

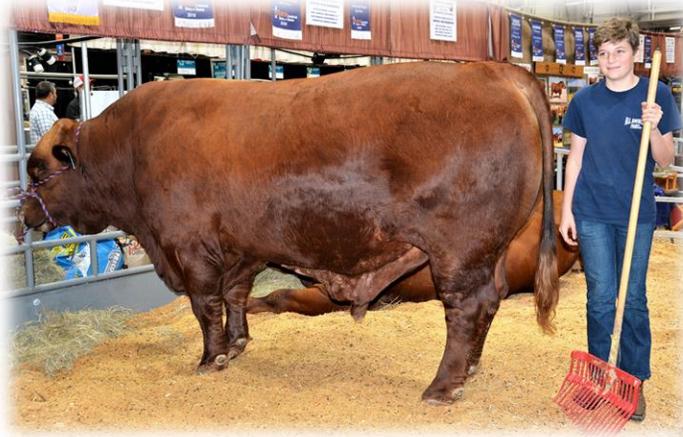
PROFESSION

Rodeo Scholar Alumni are found in every

- TEACHER
- WINEMAKER
- VETERINARIAN
- PHYSICIAN
- ATTORNEY
- GRAPHIC DESIGNER
- ENGINEER
- ACCOUNTANT
- FINANCIAL ADVISOR
- BUSINESS OWNER
- COLLEGE DEAN
- COUNSELOR
- GEOLOGIST
- JUDGE
- AND MANY MORE...



The AGVENTURE was a true adventure! We saw many beautiful/handsome animals either being shown, or as part of exhibits, such as the popular petting zoo.



Lunchtime in the petting zoo can be a free-for-all at the feed bag!

Parakeets at the livestock show?
Well, why not?!

Part of the education at the livestock show is the miracle of birth. Below, we saw a baby chick just after it emerged from its shell; also piglets, lambs, kids, and calves, most just hours old.



Extra care was taken to help ensure visitors health, due to the coronavirus threat. There were plenty of hand-washing and hand-sanitizing stations available.



Our bus driver, Chris Martin