



Presenting the  
**2017 Tusa Show Cattle Fall Retreat**

**Held at the Milam County Youth Expo Building  
301 South Houston Street, Cameron, Texas**

**November 17-19, 2017**

**Featuring a Buckle Showmanship Show & \$10,000 in Scholarships Awarded in Memory of Charles W. Wilson III  
Donated by Dana and Pete Wilson & CMWW Partners, Ltd.**

## About Our Retreat

We are thrilled to announce that plans are underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tusa Show Cattle Fall Retreat to be held November 17-19, 2017. A spin-off of our past summer camps, this retreat will offer a weekend full of hands-on educational experience for both today's youth and their parents. All participants will be given the opportunity to gain a better knowledge on important topics revolving around their show projects from well-known industry leaders to highly regarded academic professionals. Guest speakers will provide their insight on topics such as daily care, feeding and nutrition, showmanship, grooming/fitting, health maintenance, ethics, livestock evaluation, Texas Majors and more.

**We will be spending a great deal of time with the youth on showmanship. The retreat will feature a jackpot showmanship competition and a separate buckle competition where division winners will receive BELT BUCKLES (1<sup>st</sup> place) & SCHOLARSHIPS (top 3) & PRIZES (top 10)!**

The retreat is open to current and past clients of Tusa Show Cattle, as well as past camp participants and individuals who have requested to attend (based on availability).

## How Can We Sign Up?

**\*\*Access the online registration application on our website at [www.tusacattle.com](http://www.tusacattle.com)\*\*  
Retreat registration closes on Monday, October 23, 2017**

**Each youth participant must be accompanied by an adult.** The event is being privately held for Tusa Show Cattle clients only. Non-Tusa Clients may be allowed to participate if allowed for an additional fee.

### Registration fees are as follows:

**Tusa Clients (has purchased calf in past from us):**

Adults: \$100/person, Youth: \$125/Child

**Non-Tusa Clients (never purchased calf from us before):**

Adults: \$175/person, Youth: \$200/Child

The registration fee includes a retreat t-shirt, cap, vest, retreat materials, meals including breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday and breakfast & lunch on Sunday, as well as miscellaneous drinks and snacks. *The registration fee does not include the \$5 cash gate entry fee for the jackpot showmanship show on Saturday afternoon which will be paid upon gate entry at the show.* It is mandatory for each family to complete the online retreat application form.

**Retreat registration closes on Monday, October 23, 2017.** Applications must be submitted through our website at tusacattle.com. Applications will be accepted on a *first come, first served* basis.

**We appreciate your promptness as size orders for t-shirts & vests are needed well ahead of time to assure you will receive these materials. Please note: Camp registration fees are non-refundable. Anyone who submits an online application and cancels prior to October 23 will receive a full refund. All no-shows will be responsible for their retreat fees.**

**This is a "not-for-profit" event! Everything that comes in for the event goes right back to the families in their meals and items that are either awarded to or given to participants at the Retreat.**

## Tentative Retreat Schedule

The Retreat will technically begin on Saturday, November 18 and conclude mid-afternoon on Sunday, November 19. The following schedule is ***tentative and subject to change!***

A final schedule will be posted upon your arrival.

### - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE -

#### Friday, November 17

5-8 p.m. Check In

10 p.m. Barns Close

#### Saturday, November 18

7-8 a.m. Late Check In/Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcome

8:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions (ALL)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Final Breakout Sessions (ALL)

2:00 p.m. Feeding & Nutrition (ALL)

3:00 p.m. Ethics Discussion

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Jackpot Showmanship Show

*\$5 cash entry fee at gate*

7:00 p.m. Dinner & Fun & Games

11:00 p.m. Barns Close

#### Sunday, November 19

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Cowboy Church Service

8:30 a.m. Ethics Discussion (All)

Supplements/Vitaferm (Adults)

Livestock Insurance (Adults)

Leadership Games (Youth)

9:15 a.m. Break

9:30 a.m. Buckle Showmanship Show – *wear Retreat t-shirt!*

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL YOUTH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ENTERED IN THE DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS FOR OVER \$1000 IN PRIZES DURING AWARDS CEREMONY! \*\*\*\*\***

# Showmanship Competitions

The age cutoff is set for September 1, 2017. The five age divisions are as follows:

- 9 & Under
- 10 & 11 year olds
- 12 & 13 year olds
- 14 & 15 year olds
- 16 thru 18 year olds

The **Jackpot Showmanship Show** on Saturday will be “winner take all” for each division. Youth Participants will be required to pay a \$5 cash entry fee at the gate. This cash entry fee is not included in your registration fee. There will be one winner selected in each age division. The winner will receive 100% of the proceeds for their respective division.

The **Buckle Showmanship Show** on Sunday will be divided in the same age divisions as Saturday. There is no entry fee as this is included in your retreat registration. The judge will select a top 10 with the division winner receiving a belt buckle in memory of Charles W. Wilson III. **\*\*Each Division winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place will receive a \$500 scholarship and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will receive a \$250 scholarship.** All places will receive awards which will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday.

## What Do We Bring?

It is recommended that each youth participant *bring their own animal* to work with throughout the retreat. This allows more one on one instruction that specifically deals with the participant's animal. **\*\*\*Participants are required to provide their own show stick, number harness and show halter. Other items to bring would be any item you would see necessary to attend a show for the weekend. A show supply trailer will be on hand for any items you may need to purchase.**

**\*\*Due to limited space, each family is asked to limit # head to one per youth participant. STALLING WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED!**  
**\*\*Please note that if you have recently sold your animal for a fall fair, we can help accommodate your child with an animal to use during the retreat.**

## What about Overnight Accommodations?

For overnight lodging for your family during the retreat, special rates have been arranged at the following hotels:

Budget Host (<5 min. from facility)  
102 Lafferty Avenue, Cameron, TX - 254/605-0610  
\$89 Double Beds or King Bed special rate thru 10/19, \$109 after 10/20  
\$129 King Suites  
Mention “Tusa Show Cattle” rate

Days Inn (20 min. from event)  
221 W. N Hwy 77, Rockdale, TX - 512/446-5800  
\$59.99 Singles or \$66.99 Doubles special rate  
Mention “Tusa Show Cattle” rate

## How Do We Get There?

The retreat will be held at the Milam County Youth Expo Building at 301 South Houston Street in Cameron, Texas 76520.

Approximate driving times to Cameron are: Austin-1 hr 30 mins, Bryan/College Station-1 hr, Dallas-2 hrs 45 mins, Houston-2 hrs 30 mins, Temple-30 mins, San Antonio-3 hrs, Waco-1 hr

Directions to Milam County Youth Expo Building in Cameron: At the intersection of Hwy 77 & Hwy 190 (at stop light), head south on Travis Avenue (heading past Rattler's Convenience Store). Go five blocks and turn left (east) onto Gillis Street. Go one block and facility is at intersection of Gillis & Houston Street, just across from the police station.

For additional information regarding the retreat, please contact:

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