

2007 San Antonio JAM Survey

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*Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. In addition to circling **YES** or **NO** on following questions we would appreciate you elaborating by explaining how to correct or improve.*

Note on Results:

Below are the results of the 79 responses to this Survey. Some of the questions did not receive a response, therefore the totals will not always be 79. The AgMech committee and I want to thank all of those who took the extra time to elaborate and explain how we can correct and improve. As you will see when looking over the comments there are a lot of good suggestions. Comments are not arranged in any order. To condense comments, similar comments are combined. – more than one respondent may have made the comment.

JAM has improved each year from its first contest in 2001 because we have considered and tried to adopt the suggestions made by leaders, exhibitors and parents. Please continue to make us aware of ways in which we can continue to make this the best educational experience for Texas youth possible.

1. Are the criteria and points identified in the Premium List used to evaluate the projects appropriate? Yes = 73 No = 3

Comments:

High standards are good.

Kits should not be allowed

Too much emphasis on paint job – prettiness stressed more than strength & practicability - Practicability should weigh more

If the judges would use them

5 inch fender rule ?

2. Was the judging accurate and consistent? Yes = 74 No = 5

Comments:

Very thorough

Project should not be judged if student is not there

No - there was no consistency in measuring trailer width – tire bulge. Some trailers were measured some were not.

Should judge trailer even if over wide.- 102 inches

Each group judged a little bit different – some judges spent time with kids – some didn't.

Did not like the trailer length being measured from outside of the top rail instead of inside the box.

I like the way judges split responsibilities on each item

3. **Is the method for allowing you on to the grounds – assembling at Gemblor lot, getting in and out of barn OK? Yes = 62 No = 17**

Comments:

Excellent – treat students very well
Check trailer measurements and lights at Gemblor
Need more organization at East Gate when handing out passes
Awesome in more barn space and putting most kids in barn.
Very smooth – everyone was polite – announce what time Gemblor will be open.
Much quicker than last year – some disorganization and confusion at first.
The student passes need to be handed out at Gemblor. I had to pay \$40 to get my students into grounds – when I pay entry fee I should not have to pay again.
Could be better – maybe use number on ticket to see who has been their longest.
Move in was great – the extra help & equipment made it very smooth.
Describe the process for moving out better.
More parking

Note: *We realize that surveys were turned in prior to moving out so responses did not address the move out procedure. We are aware there was some confusion on move out and the committee is working on this.*

4. **Were JAM Committee members friendly and helpful? Yes = 79 No = 0**

Comments:

Extremely
Very nice
Helpful & friendly
Outstanding crew & staff
Very much so – very helpful – this was my first year as a teacher – my questions were dealt with quickly – thank you.
Always great
4-H needs updates like FFA teachers
For information, rules & suggestions – extremely helpful
Very helpful and polite

5. **Did you access and use the WEB site: <http://home.centurytel.net/lonshell/> ?**

Yes = 31 No = 40

If **Yes** - how did you use it?

Comments:

Links to tech sites
Good
VAT convention
TxDOT & ASAE
Trailer specs
Used to get ideas for showmanship
Could not pull up new information very well
To keep update – give students examples
Printed all rules/regs/recommendations – recommended to all participants – explain to all students & referred all students to WEB site.

To see example of past winners – to get information on rules & regs – I read last years survey.

If No, were you aware of it or could not find it. Explain

Most of no responses was because they were not aware of it – especially parents..

Note: Results of previous Survey is found on WEB page.

6. **Should additional Classes be added to JAM? Yes = 35 No = 13**

- Tractor reconditioning classes added to the restoration classes? = 2
- Home and Garden Convenience classes (Picnic tables, Bar B Q's etc.)? = 21
- Others - = 2

Comments:

Small Animal

Equine related

Leather works

ATV trailer – rec items

Old farm equipment

More tractor classes – emphasize newer tractors

Should deer stands come to show or not?

More trailer divisions

Bar-B-Q pits – everyone wants it – but major show don't – be the show that starts the new trend – the public would enjoy seeing pits in SA

One Bar-B-Q pit per school

Tractor classes are about right – need to encourage more participation in newer classes.

7. **Are some classes too large and should be split, or too small and should be combined? Yes = 18 No = 35 Identify which if yes.**

Comments:

Should not be large projects in classes with small projects

Leather should be in another class

Feeders should be split – trailers in this class should be reclassified.

Set realistic number on projects per school or floor space per school. – extremely large projects should not be placed in building before smaller ones.

Split older classes of tractors

Would like to see feeder class split to self & open type

Do not want Bar-B-Q class

Other livestock too broad.

8. **Were the Judges Critiques given to exhibitors helpful? Yes = 45 No = 8**

Comments:

Super – Very -Helpful to kids -Keep up good work

Could elaborate on critique

They were given good information

Extremely great – most judges did great job – students felt satisfied good or bad

Most were detailed & good student learning tool but did not receive one for every project.

Tractor restoration – we did not get a critique except a check sheet with six scores – we need to know why we were scored the way we were – a workshop in advance would be helpful – more details.

9. What do you think of the scholarships and awards program?

Comments:

Excellent – very good – very helpful – nice – wonderful- awesome – very interesting

Most helpful – supplies tools to shop

A little slow but good overall – could not see power point presentation – add more seats

Exhibitors should return to claim prizes – not carry them out during program – this drags it out too long.

Awards are OK but cheap tools are given out for prizes.

Maybe consider giving an award to a red in smaller classes

Moves too slow – should be quicker – more enthusiasm announcing winners.

Awesome but could not see slide show – poor lighting

Awards should be given out to more students – not just big ones.

Fantastic

10. Would you be interested in additional educational programs in conjunction with JAM: (Please elaborate.)

- **Tech sessions – 20 to 40 min for example - Painting, Welding, Drafting (CAD) Using precision tools for tractors – micrometers, telescoping gauges, checking valve clearance, multi meters and others?**
- **Simple tractor driving and safety contest?**
- **Skills contests – welding – engine diagnosis – electrical – CAD - others?**
- **Career programs – invite companies – industries to conduct interviews – tour industries, etc?**
- **Add Handicrafts Show for elementary and intermediate grades?**

Note: Some respondents did not address this question while some identified more than one. Just happened that total was 79.

Responses:

Tech Sessions = 24

Tractor Driving = 8

Skills Contest = 30

Career Program = 15

Handicrafts = 2

Comments:

Any additional education is good

Fun and educational

How would these fit into the schedule?

11. Overall, what did you think of the show?

Outstanding = 39 **Good** = 33 **Average** = 1 **Poor** = 2

What did you like most about the show?

Comments:

Everything – all of it – exhibitors – JAM committee – Nice to kids - Friendly
Good helpers – Its big & great – Competition – Atmosphere – Liked most
Every year amazed at variety & quality of projects
It is the best show we go to – students – teachers and most important parents like it.
Student oriented – contest is friendly to kids – student friendly
The judges in the trailer classes were great
Showmanship – good staff and people
Treatment – friendly people – no problems – big and good
Getting nearly all projects inside – the scholarship program is very rewarding – great idea.
Nice to be inside – good breakout of different classes
Projects built by students impressive – hospitality of committee
Show is centered around students
Judges were good with students
Adequate open space for exhibitors

What did you like least about the show?

Comments:

Do something to encourage students to build project – not parents etc.
Pre high school students 3 & 4 grade are not capable of large project.
Judges riding in exhibitor school bus unprofessional
Need to enforce rules about no trucks or tractors to assist in display or demo.
Not enough one on one critique with judges
Sell LS 2 pass for final day
One car pass for 12 students ?
If we must buy pass make it a three day pass for \$10 – not \$25 for all week
Start the Awards program earlier.
P.A. System could not be heard by tractor exhibitors – missed many important announcements
Judges did not spend enough time with my kids
More organization on handing out Awards – pre notification to chapters to speed things up.
Measurement procedures of trailers

Note: The two respondents that considered the show *poor* disagreed on how the trailers were measured in width.

12. Please make any additional suggestions or comments that would help us to continue improve the show. You may attach another sheet or you may e-mail your suggestions to: lon.shell@centurytel.net. Please place this completed survey in the

box provided at JAM office or give to any JAM committee member. You may request additional copies of the survey to share with exhibitors and parents.

Note: I have received many e-mails – a vast majority were thank you, complimentary and expressing the same kinds of things identified above. A few e-mails expressed concerns regarding professionals or parents doing some of work and the use of kits in building a project. We are addressing these concerns. Again I thank all who took the time to make suggestions and express their concerns. They do make a difference.

Signature _____ (Please circle Leader or Exhibitor or Parent.)
(Optional)

Breakdown of those responding to Survey:

Leaders (AST/CEA) = 38 (Most of the leaders signed their name.)
Exhibitors = 15
Parents = 13
Not Identified = 13

