

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Stock Dog Trial Enthusiast  
FROM: *Chip Blalock*  
Chip Blalock, Executive Director  
DATE: June 1, 2018  
SUBJECT: 2018 Sunbelt Ag Expo American Grand Finals SDT

The 2018 Sunbelt Expo American Grand Finals Stock Dog Trial is fast approaching.

The open sheep entry fee will be \$150 and this covers all 3 runs. We will have 3 open sheep trials on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 16-18, 2018. Prize money in the open trial will pay the top 20%. Total 3-day purse will equal a minimum of \$6,600.

We will also run the pro-novice trial 3 days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 16-18, 2018. The 3-day entry fee for pro novice will be \$100 and this covers all 3 runs.

We will waive the fees for dry camping (reservations are still required to ensure we have enough space), but we must charge \$35 per camper per day for wet camping as mandated by our landlord, the City of Moultrie.

Please find enclosed an entry and camping form for this years Sunbelt Ag Expo trial. Please **completely** fill out the forms and return as soon as possible to ensure your spot in the trial. Entry open date is June 12, 2018 and close date is July 13, 2018. Entries are also available online at: [www.usbcha.com](http://www.usbcha.com) and [www.gsda.org](http://www.gsda.org) on the upcoming trials page. Payment for the trial and camping must accompany forms. One check for trial entry and camping is acceptable (please note on check). All stock dog participants camping reservations must be made through the Sunbelt Ag Expo office.

At no other trial can you receive the following included in your entry fee: Two 3-day passes valued at \$40 to North America's Premier Farm Show® to see the latest and greatest in Agricultural Technology; Three free suppers – steak and pork chop on Monday night, Southern fried catfish on Tuesday night and BBQ pork on Wednesday night; and commemorative souvenirs including Expo cap, mug and Coca Cola bottle. In addition, this is one of a few trials that draw hundreds of spectators, which helps educate the visitors on the wonderful sport of stock dog trialing and promote this great competition.

Please be sure to fill in the blank on the entry form describing your dog and any interesting and fun facts that may be of interest to the spectators. It is very important that we keep in mind the many educational opportunities that we have at this trial with the thousands of Expo visitors in attendance.

Thanks again for your interest in our trial. Deirdre Allen, [deirdre@sunbeltexpo.com](mailto:deirdre@sunbeltexpo.com) , will process the entries as they come in. Please call on us at any time that we may be of assistance.