Chad Smith grew up in Dickens, Texas where his family has raised and trained performance horses for over 35 years. After high school, he attended Vernon College and was a member of the rodeo team from 1997 to 1999. He transferred to Tarleton State University (TSU) in 1999, majoring in Agricultural Science and Development. Chad graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2002 and a Master of Science degree in agricultural Education in 2003.

In 2000, Chad was the Southwest Region Team Roping Champion and a NFR Qualifier 1999-2001. While in graduate school at TSU, he received the opportunity to intern with Bob Doty. After receiving his Master's Degree, Chad coached the rodeo team and taught agricultural courses at Clarendon College for five years. He returned to Vernon College to teach agriculture and Farm and Ranch Management courses. In 2013, Chad was named the Vernon College Rodeo Coach.

In his spare time, Chad raises and trains horses, enjoys team roping and ranch rodeos in the summer.

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