



Heartland Youth Rodeo News

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2009-2010 Rodeo Season Are You Ready to Rodeo!

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It's that time again, it's time to RODEO!

Hello HYRA Families and Welcome new Contestants. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

We are looking forward to another great rodeo season! We have a few changes to share with everyone.

We have a total of 14 rodeos (7 weekends) scheduled this year including the Finals. Each day counts as a rodeo. Contestants will still need to compete in 6 rodeos in order to qualify for the finals.

This year you'll have the ability to drop two days, not counting the finals. What's this mean? It means points will only be calculated for 10 out of the 12 rodeos going into the finals. The Finals points will

count just as before. We will have a meeting at the first rodeo to discuss this in detail.

The HYRA Board believes this will accommodate many families who have commitments to other activities as well as illnesses that could arise.

In the last few years the association has grown and continues to grow. With that said we will be starting the rodeo at 9:00 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Entries will continue the same. Entry forms must be postmarked by the Saturday before the rodeo weekend. Late Entries will be handled a little differently this year.

Late entries MUST be received by the Secretary on the Wednesday before the rodeo. There will be no exceptions. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed. You will still have the option to draw out (1) one hour before the rodeo begins to receive a full refund.

With this change we hope to have the Day Sheets posted on the website by Thursday afternoon.

There have been some Rule Book changes, so please take the time to visit the website and read through the rule book.

The Rodeo Computer Program has been modified as well. This year we will issue one check to the contestants at the end of each rodeo.

The check stub will itemize events and amount won. Checks can not be picked up until after the rodeo is over. We can hold the checks until the next rodeo or put them in the mail. Just let us know before you leave.

2-4 Grade Goat Tying has changed. Boys will compete against boys and girls against girls. Separate points and separate money.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

MOTELS

Copa Motel
1113 E. US Highway 54
Kingman, KS
620-532-3118

Savannah House Bed & Breakfast
336 N. Main Street
Kingman, KS
620-532-3979

Welcome Inn
Kingman, KS
620-532-3144

Judges



Our judges for the 2009-10 season will be Cody Pontious from Shidler, Oklahoma and Nick Blank from Kingman, KS.

Cody was one of the HYRA Judges last season and we're excited to have him back.

Nick Blank has stepped

down as an HYRA Board of Director to accept the 2nd Judge position. Nick has served on the HYRA board for many years and has been a past judge. While we've lost a good Board Member we're happy to have another Great Judge.

Welcome Back!!!!

Families and Contestants – Remember do not approach the judges at anytime.

All questions or concerns should be brought to the Event Director, President or any Board of Director. There is a \$50.00 fine for approaching a Judge.

The Past, Present, & Future of the Heartland Youth Rodeo Association!

The Heartland Youth Rodeo Association continues to draw contestants from around the state of Kansas and surrounding states! Members of the association come as far north as Nebraska, and as far south as Oklahoma. As the HYRA looks forward to its nineteenth (20) season, members are celebrating the reality of an Association that is coming to life!

History of the HYRA:

Welcome to the official website of the Heartland Youth Rodeo Association (www.heartlandyouthrodeo.net)! The HYRA was founded in 1989 and incorporated on October 31, 1989. The association was formed to elevate the requirements and standards of junior rodeo and develop a spirit of fair competition and appreciation of good sportsmanship. HYRA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to the sport of junior rodeo, youth and families, and just plain good-old All-American fun through the spirit of friendly competition.

The association is geared for kindergartners through the twelfth grade, but we do accept younger aged participants. At the end of 2004, the HYRA had 70 members. Since then, the HYRA has continued to grow and expand to almost 200 members by the end of 2008! From the very first HYRA event, the uplifting positive environment and healthy competition of the Heartland Youth Rodeo Association fueled the spark for an Association that would stand out because of its awesome dedication to the sport of junior rodeo! Of all the accomplishments the HYRA has seen in the past years, the most important success has been the continued dedication of building character and sportsmanship in our young cowboys and cowgirls. Our association helps to build skills that our children can use in junior high/high school rodeo and beyond. We stress responsibility, cooperation and good conduct in our participants. We see this as a way to help our youth to develop into outgoing and productive individual in their communities. We strive to encourage the members to perform to his or her highest potential and to realize their dream.

The Heartland Youth Rodeo Association is known for their strong faith and commitment to providing a fun, devoted an encouraging atmosphere for our members and their families. It is a non-profit, divisional junior rodeo organization. The revenue generated by the memberships, silent auctions, concession items and raffles keeps us going, but with the help of some great sponsors, like, Hunn Leather, Citizen Bank, Holton Trailers, New Berry Motors, and several others, the HYRA is able to do even more! HYRA members know that they are truly considered part of a family and not just another number or way for a company to make money. The HYRA is definitely, dedicated to the sport of junior rodeo, youth and families.

What's Going on Now:

The HYRA is looking forward to a great 2009-10 season. The Board of Director's has worked diligently in the off season preparing for another outstanding year and awesome finals! The HYRA's goal is not to take over the junior rodeo industry, but rather to be available to offer events to everyone in the state and surrounding states. Our passion is to be a Leader in the junior rodeo industry where all people, especially our youth, feel welcome, wanted, safe, and loved.

The Future of the HYRA:

The HYRA has a definite goal that we consider to be divine and in demand. We know that there's more to life than junior rodeo, so we use the sport we love to bring people together and communicate a greater message of family fun that is available to everyone, no matter what their past or present situation may be. The HYRA refuses membership to no one under the age of 18 or senior in high school, hoping to bring encouragement and joy to everyone.

The future holds many exciting benefits for HYRA members, including annual clinics with barrel racing, goat tying, and roping instructors.

Welcome

If this is your first year in HYRA we want to get to know you and your family. Our organization is strong because of our membership. We require our parents and contestants to assist with rodeos, bring goodies for the concession stands and silent auction. We also ask all members to sell gas raffle tickets and to secure rodeo sponsorships. These tasks may seem tough or burdensome but all of the money earned goes into a prize fund for ALL contestants. Be sure to check out our website at www.heartlandyouthrodeo.net. There you will find a lot of helpful information including our results, rule changes, dates, times, entry postmark dates and other important information. If you have questions about the HYRA, do not hesitate to contact one of our directors. We look forward to seeing everyone on November 7th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entries must be postmarked the Saturday before the rodeo. Remember checks do not get cashed until after the rodeo is completed - except for Final entries.

November 7 & 8 Rodeo – **Postmark Date October 31th**

November 21 & 22 – **Postmark Date November 14th**

December 12 & 13 – **Postmark Date December 5th**

January 2 & 3 – **Postmark Date December 26th** Please plan for extra time due to the holiday mail or call to confirm entry was received.

January 16 & 17 – **Postmark Date January 9th**

January 30 & 31 – **Postmark Date January 23rd**

February 13 & 14 (Finals) – **Due by January 30, 2010.** Rodeo (Checks will be cashed)

Eligibility for the Finals**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FINALS & AWARDS YOU MUST:**

Be a Member

Compete in 6 rodeos (each day is a rodeo) per event

Compete in both days of the finals

ALL MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TURN IN:

Sponsorship of \$125.00 - due by January 3, 2010

Sell Visa Card Raffle Tickets of \$50.00 - due by January 17th

Each contestant must bring a silent auction item (new), baked goods for the concession stand and parent or family member must work “both” days of their assigned rodeo weekend.

Finals entries must be received by January 30th.

**Kingman Activity Center**

HYRA Rodeos are held at the Kingman Activity Center located at 121 S. Main, Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3925

Showers are available for use until 10:00 p.m. nightly. There are additional shows available 24/7 in the newly built facility west of the arena.

Stalls are available for \$15.00 and can be reserved on your entry forms. Shavings are not available onsite.

Dogs are not allowed in the arena, kitchen & bathroom areas.

Smoking is not allowed in the arena, kitchen or bathroom areas. Please be respectful of others.



We're on the Web

www.heartlandyouthrodeo.net

Our website is updated regularly with important information, forms, results, newsletters and rodeo pictures. Please visit the website!

For cancellations due to weather, please check the website or call 316-747-2554. We make every effort to email and call members. Snow Dates will be used to reschedule a cancelled rodeo. If the Snow dates are not used for cancellations we will hold a Jackpot.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the HYRA Board of Directors.

President/Awards	Randy Hamilton	316-747-2554
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