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Kentucky Jr. High Rodeo Families

Welcome back. Greg and I are looking forward to the next year of exciting rodeo season. The board started working on this upcoming year in Gallup, NM; we had several questions that needed to be answered by the KJRA and KY High School Boards before we could make our final decisions. We have finally received all our information and I would like to share with you what has been decided:

The main concern was that Jr. High did not neglect KJRA. We all felt that KJRA needed our help this next year. That we all need to step up and help re-build KJRA into the association that will be bring new members to Jr. High and on to High School.

Our schedule was another concern. We want to reduce the number of Rodeo from the previous year yet still give the Jr. High the opportunity to compete with others at the higher levels.

Rodeos that will count towards our state final points:

September 10, 11 in CADIZ with KJRA

September 17, 18 in LANESVILLE, IN -- INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL HOSTING

Attached is the entry form or you can go to the Indiana web site (ihsraonline.org) and download the entry form. DEADLINE SEPT. 2nd POSTMARK!!! **Please note the OPTIONAL \$10 jackpot at the bottom. i.e. \$20 per day plus 10 jackpot per day = \$60.00 for the weekend per event. KY and IN Jr. High and High Schools will be there. It promises to be a fun rodeo!!!**

October 8,9th in Versailles (Hodge arena) with KJRA

March 24,25th in Greenville Quad State Invitational--- KY JR HIGH HOSTING

April – 21,22nd in Murray with KJRA (tentative per KJRA board)

May – 12, 13th Harrison County (Cynthiana) with KJRA

May 25, 26, 27th--FINALS in Lexington with HIGH SCHOOL.

We will be dropping 2 rodeos (one weekend). This will allow you to have the opportunity to miss a weekend if you don't want or can't make it to one of the rodeos.

I feel the KJRA and Jr. High boards did an excellent job of keeping the rodeos spread out over the state and hopefully we will attract new members because of that effort.

We have also been invited to several other rodeos. As a member of NHSRA you will be insured and can attend for Jackpot only (No Points) any and all High School Rodeos. Specific dates for some of these are:

November 12, 13th in GREENVILLE, KY – KY HIGH SCHOOL HOSTING

December 17,18th in LAKE CITY, FL -- They have invited all southeastern states to compete and it promises to be a big rodeo with 80% payback and lots of other prizes.

May 12,13th in LIBERTY, KY - KY HIGH SCHOOL HOSTING

For more information, please contact us.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS – Due September 1, 2011

We will be having a meeting at CADIZ Sept 10 @ 9:00. We will be electing student officers and event directors. Please, everyone needs to help with this. Our student officers will help the board make decision regarding awards for the end of year, and will represent KY Jr. High and NHHRA as they are needed to promote the sport of Rodeo. Our event directors will be in the arena to help answer the questions, concerns and disputes of their event. PLEASE we will need a student to cover each event.

TEAM shirts - I have asked Chelsea Knudsen to help me work with Cinch/Cruel Girl to come up with some cool team shirts for us. She had an internship with them this past summer in Gallup, Shawnee, and Gillette.

Fundraiser for this next year..... ANY IDEAS? We did sweatshirts and ball caps last year and sweatshirts and knives the year before. Come prepared with solid dollar/cost projection figures.....

Equine and Student Athlete Forms - Theses are simple to fill out. Please fill them out and send them in. You never know, you could get selected and receive free neat stuff from Professional Choice and a chance to win a SCHOLARSHIP.

AQHA Horse of the Year forms - Turn them in before the deadline. They will not accept them after that date.

Quad State - This rodeo is our biggest fundraiser rodeo. Please start now getting sponsorship for this event. We can give away door prizes, silent auctions, cake walks. The big and better we make it the big and better the success it will be. We will need everyone's help from door workers, parent event directors to set-up and tear down. If we start talking now to your local vendors, companies, veterinary clinics, stockyards, etc. we can get on their calendars for support. Some may need to give money away before the end of the year. Don't be bashful....the worst they can say is no!

Greg and I are here to help guide this association but it is up to you to make it something that someone wants to be apart of. The friendship and camaraderie of RODEO needs to shine this next year. We each have different goals for ourselves in the next season but one goal we must have together is to help our children enjoy the sport that they love. As we work together we will make this a GREAT year.

See you in CADIZ.