

Hello everybody...

Welcome new and returning members. Its rodeo time again! Let's work hard to make this the most awesome year that KYHSRA has ever seen. Here are several things I wanted to make you aware of for the fall season:

1.) Our first rodeo is September 17th & 18th in Lanesville, IN. There will be a mandatory meeting (for the contestants that have entered the rodeo) at 4:00 pm. We will be choosing our adult and students event directors. Please volunteer to be an event director. Also, we need to line up helpers for concessions at Hazel and gate workers for all rodeos. We feel we have been losing a lot of money at the gate simply because it takes more than one or two people to do this job effectively, so please volunteer to help. If everybody pitches in, that makes it a win-win situation for all. We will set a schedule so that you will not miss your child's competition.

2. Our second rodeo is September 24th & 25th in Hazel. The rodeo will start at 7:00 pm on Sat. and 10:00 am on Sun. There will be a Mandatory General Membership meeting in the stands at 3:00 pm on Saturday. There will be discussion on fundraisers and discussion on the Bowling Green rodeo. Sign in will follow the meeting at 5:00 pm. We're having a Barrel & Pole jackpot fundraiser event on Friday night, books open at 5:30 and training barrels begin at 6:00. Please plan to be there, we need all the help we can get. We will be doing concessions all weekend so again we need VOLUNTEERS. Cowboy Church will be held Sunday morning at 8:30 am.

3. The third rodeo is October 29th & 30th in Bowling Green. The board has implemented a change to this rodeo that you need to be aware of. Slack will begin at 7:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. We will have slack immediately following the first rodeo performance too. Saturday performance will start at 7:00 pm and Sunday performance will start at 2:00 pm. We are in the process of getting bids on T-shirts to sell as a fundraiser and we will be having a silent auction here too. Each contestant needs to bring at least one item for the silent auction. You can make something, purchase something or get something donated for this. We will be setting up a breakfast table both mornings, serving coffee, doughnuts, etc... as another fundraiser. We will need volunteers! Cowboy Church will be 30 minutes after slack Sunday morning. Electric hookups will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. **NO** plugging up in the barn areas. ***We need to make sure we have all events covered without expecting the guest states to step in and work.***

4. The forth rodeo is November 12th & 13th in Greenville. We have extended invitations to KJRA, KJHRA and Indiana. We are planning another silent auction here too so plan early for getting an item ready to donate. We will do more planning as soon as we hear back on the invitations.

5. The board has set the sponsorship amount at \$300/member. The first half is due by the Greenville rodeo and the second half is due by the Cadiz rodeo, in April. Plan early, get out there and get your sponsors. Don't wait until the last minute. There will not be an extension of time on the deadlines. You must meet the deadline or you will not be allowed to compete until sponsor money has been turned in

6. We have discussed several options for incentive fundraisers. If you have any suggestions, we will be more than happy to hear your ideas.

7. Read your rulebooks. You need to know the rules of rodeo. Know the dress code and follow it... Be respectful of each other and help one another. HAVE FUN!

I hope each and every one of you has a successful rodeo year. If I can help you in any way, please feel free to call me or look me up at the rodeos.

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