



**Roots N' Boots Queen Creek Pro Rodeo
2011 Rodeo Queen Pageant
Contestant Orientation Packet**

Locations:

Horsemanship will take place at:

Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre
20464 E. Riggs Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

This event is open to the public and is free of charge to spectators. We ask that spectators sit in the designated areas and refrain from entering contestant-only and judging areas.

Lunch and Interviews will be held at:

Queen Creek Performing Arts Center
22149 E. Ocotillo Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Lunch will be a fundraiser event. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event, with proceeds going to the Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Program.

Personal interviews are limited to contestants and judges only.

Modeling, Speech, and Extemporaneous Questions will be held at:

Queen Creek Performing Arts Center
22149 E. Ocotillo Road Queen Creek, AZ 85142

This event is open to the public and requires a ticket for entry. Tickets will be available for \$5 or free entry with a purchase of lunch ticket. Contestants will be provided with four tickets, each to be used for family, coaches, etc.

Contestant order of appearance will be drawn the morning of the pageant.

Day of Pageant – Schedule of Events (subject to change)

7:30 -8:15 a.m. Warm up in Arena 4 (north of Arena 2, where horsemanship will be held)

8 a.m. Check-in begins

8:15 a.m. Line up for contestants; parents will be asked to relocate to seating area

8:15 a.m. Contestants' introductions, lining up "Rodeo Style" mid-arena

8:30-9 a.m. Equitation

Contestants split into groups by title category. Equitation demonstrates basic posture, knowledge and skill, while contestants demonstrate the different gaits of the horse.

9-10 a.m. Horsemanship - session one

Each contestant performs a predetermined pattern (see attached). Immediately following she approaches judges for general rodeo questions. Once finished she will mount her horse and do one flag run for the judges, starting and finishing at the out gate.

10-11 a.m. Horsemanship - session two (**Pro Rodeo Queen contestants only**)

Each contestant performs a pattern of her choice. Immediately following, she approaches judges for general horsemanship questions. Once finished, she will mount her horse and do one hotlap for the judges, starting and finishing at the out gate. Junior Queen and Princess contestants will not compete in this portion of horsemanship.

11-12:30 p.m. Lunch mixer with contestants and judges (open to the public)

12:30-3 p.m. Interviews with judges

3-6 p.m. Break for contestants

3-4 p.m. Judges only: judging photogenic

5 p.m. Contestants arrive and prepare for evening competition

6 p.m. Opening ceremonies

Modeling

Speech

Impromptu questions

8 p.m.: Coronation of the 2011 Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo Queen Court

CONTESTANT DRESS CODE

Contestants are expected to appear in “full western attire” at all times unless otherwise specified.

Contestants should be aware of what is fashionable western attire, with particular attention given to color coordination such as knowing the use of various color combinations to enhance appearance and eye appeal.

Judges will be observing how a contestant’s clothes fit and suit her personality as well as creativity in the choice of materials. It’s not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing, just that the contestant shows the style and grace that goes into being a Rodeo Queen. The crease and shape of a contestant’s hat will also to be considered.

Horsemanship:

- Black jeans: Wranglers or Twenty X jeans
 - No holes, torn legs
 - Must be clean and pressed
- White western shirt
 - No print design on shirt – Wrangler logo is permitted
 - Shirt MUST be tucked in
 - Bare skin showing at the midriff is not acceptable as it does not reflect a wholesome western image
- Western-style black wool or felt hat – REQUIRED
- Boots
 - No lace-up boots, only western Roper-style pull-on boots
 - “Fashion” or “mod” type boots are not acceptable
- Belt and buckle
 - Buckle is optional; previous or current Rodeo Queen buckles should not be worn; fashion buckles are acceptable
- Hair MUST be pulled back during this portion
- Chaps or gloves are not permitted; contestants will not be marked down for spurs
- No dangling earrings or bracelets; small stud earrings are acceptable

Interview:

- Horsemanship attire – black jeans, white western shirt
- Hair styled neatly
- Addition of more fashionable jewelry may be added
- Jacket or vest may be added; however, contestant will not be counted against if she chooses not to include this option
- Stay current with the western fashion and style

Fashion Show Portion: Style is left to the discretion of the contestant.

Possible loan outfit from Saba's Western Wear – Queen Coordinator will advise contestants at least two weeks prior to competition.

- Jeans: Wranglers or Twenty X jeans – cut of choice
 - No holes, torn legs
 - Jeans should fit nicely and look professional, be clean and pressed
 - Color of contestant's choice
- Western shirt
 - Shirt may have embroidery or rhinestone embellishments
 - Shirt must be tucked in and fit well
 - No logos or printed names on shirt: Wrangler logo is permitted
 - Color and pattern of contestant's choice
- Western-style hat – REQUIRED (no straw hats)
 - Color of contestant's choice
- Jewelry of choice
- Boots
 - No lace-up boots, only western fashion dress boots; Ropers are acceptable
 - Boots should be clean and should match outfit
- Belt and buckle
 - Buckle is optional; previous or current Rodeo Queen buckles should not be worn; fashion buckles are acceptable
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Speech and Impromptu Questions:

- Western formal dress
- Western-style hat – REQUIRED (no straw hats)
- Jewelry of choice
- Boots
 - No lace-up boots, only western fashion dress boots; Ropers are acceptable
 - Boots should be clean and should match outfit
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Judges include neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as make up, hands, hair, hat, boots and other apparel, in the scoring. A chaperone will be available to assist contestants in between the evening events.

Speech Topics

For the Pro Rodeo Queen (ages 21-28): The Town of Queen Creek is full of rich heritage and history, along with new businesses and attractions. Explain how you, as the 2011 Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo Queen, will represent all that Queen Creek has to offer.

For the Junior Queen (ages 15-20): As the Roots N' Boots Junior Rodeo Queen, describe what you expect to see and do throughout the year as you represent the Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo on the Rodeo Queen Trail and at Town of Queen Creek events.

For the Princess (ages 11-14): As the Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo Princess, create a commercial-style speech describing a day at the rodeo to a person who has never been and why they should come to Queen Creek to see their first one.

Tips and Regulations:

Pro Rodeo Queen and Junior Queen contestant speeches must be a minimum of three minutes in length and a maximum of five minutes. Participants will be **penalized five points** on each judge's score sheet for being less than three minutes or more than five minutes. Time warnings will not be given.

Princess speeches will not be judged on time; however, excessively short (one or two sentences) or long speeches (more than five minutes) will be noted by judges.

Note cards will not be allowed during the speeches. If note cards are used, this will result in a **five-point deduction** per judge.

Judges will be looking at the whole speech and the contestant giving it. Does it stay on topic? Can the audience follow what the presenter is saying? Is it interesting?

Please keep in mind that these Rodeo Queen titles not only represent the rodeo itself, but the Town of Queen Creek and its past, present and future. The Town offers its community a lot through special events all year long, and we want to see that you will represent Queen Creek at its best. Speeches should reflect not only rodeo specifics but focus on representing the Town of Queen Creek as well as the Roots N' Boots Rodeo and Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre.

The Town of Queen Creek website, **www.QueenCreek.org**, will serve as a great asset in preparing your speeches.



Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Competition – Application

CONTESTANT NAME: _____

TITLE COMPETING FOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CONTESTANT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (IF APPLICABLE): _____

EMERGENCY OR OTHER CONTACT: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

FUTURE GOALS REGARDING SCHOOL/EDUCATION: _____

SPECIAL TRAINING: _____

ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS: _____

CAREER GOALS & LIFE AMBITIONS: _____

Contestants are required to submit an entry fee of \$25 with the application, along with arranging the sale of a \$15 program advertisement in the pageant program. Ads can be sponsors of individual contestants, family and friends, or local businesses. Entry fees and ads sales fees are applied toward awards and other pageant expenses. Please contact the Queen Coordinator for payment details.