

AMERICAN JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION AND THE JOSEPH THOMAS FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

EXCEPTIONAL KIDS RODEO 2018

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Nolan County Coliseum, Sweetwater, Texas
220 Coliseum Drive, Sweetwater, TX 79556

3-4 pm

Our Exception Kid's Rodeo (EKR) is an opportunity for children ages 5 - high school with special needs to participate in a unique Western-themed Rodeo event with fun activities that cater to a wide range of abilities.

This event will be held in the Nolan County Coliseum which is an indoor, climate controlled area to host this event. Our fun and therapeutic Rodeo is free!

Each participant will receive a free event t-shirt! For information on how your exceptional cowboy or cowgirl can be a part of this event, go to: <http://ajra.org> , News & Notices and *Exceptional Kids Rodeo* link. Print the Registration and Liability Release forms and return them to: AJRA, PO Box 398, Bronte, TX 76933. This is event is limited to 30 participants.

American Junior Rodeo Association & Joseph Thomas Foundation Exceptional Kids Rodeo

Overview:

The AJRA and the Joseph Thomas Foundation is excited to announce the 4th Annual Exceptional Kids Rodeo (EKR). This event will feature fun cowboy/cowgirl activities just for exceptional kids!

The free event is limited to 30 children from 5 years old through high school, who are receiving special education services through their local schools and/or the West Texas Rehabilitation Agency.

There is no charge for your child to participate in EKR.

Application Process:

All applications must be received between May 27, 2019 and July 15, 2019. Space is limited to 30 kids. If you have more than one child with special needs, please complete a separate application for each child, and add a note that they are siblings. Your child must have a completed and signed release form to participate.

Each registered participant will receive a free event T-shirt. Families may pre-order additional T-shirts at time of registration. If additional T-shirts are desired, attach a check payable to the AJRA and mail with the application and release form.

NOTE: If your child is afraid of animals, clowns, balloons, etc., the Exceptional Kids Rodeo experience may not be a good fit for him or her.

Siblings without special needs may not participate—NO EXCEPTIONS—however we invite them to be spectators.

All EKR Rodeo buckaroos will gather at the EKR Rodeo Contestant area (Nolan County Coliseum Foyer) entrance lobby—to be greeted and partnered with a buddy to assist them in completing activities as they journey down “Rodeo Road.” Children move from one station to another enjoying multi-sensory activities.

Activities:

Feed & Grooming:

Participants will be able to touch and smell different feeds that are given to rodeo livestock and experience everyday tools used by cowboys and cowgirls to take care of their horses. To encourage the child to dig into the feed, a prize will be buried in the feed and they will receive their own “stock” after grooming to keep.

Brand the Horse

Dab a bit of paint on a real horse! Children will be given an opportunity to dip their hand into a color paint of their choice to put a brand on a real live horse!

Stick Horse Race

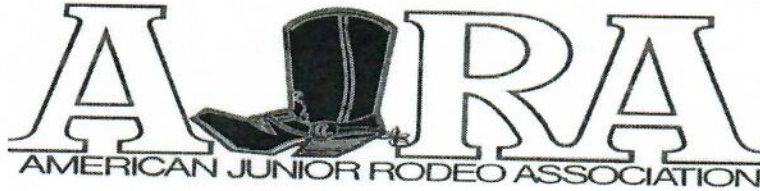
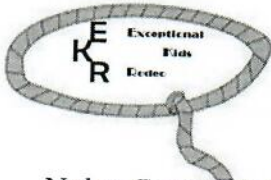
Giddy Up! Each special cowpoke will complete a smaller pattern just like the barrel racers do!

Learn to Rope

Cowpokes can try their hand at roping a steer like AJRA contestants. Think it may be tricky for your child? Never fear, they will be given pointers to make them the next champions!

Bull Riding

“Hold on Cowboy!” Experience the rush of riding big, bad bucking machine! Don’t worry about your little buckaroo, these bulls are not real!



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Activity Waiver/Release Form-Minor-Exceptional Kids Rodeo

This waiver is not a participation application, but rather a waiver and release form. In return for the AJRA's acceptance of this waiver and their permission to participate in the events listed below, I or my authorized representative agrees to the following terms:

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns do forever release, waive, and/or discharge any and all rights and claim for damages that may be suffered by me as a result of my preparation for, participation in, and/or traveling to and from the event.

I understand that horses and/or other livestock will be part of the event activities and acknowledge these animals may be five to 15 times larger than humans, and unpredictable. They may without warning bite, kick, buck, or otherwise move or act unexpectedly which may cause injury or death to myself and/or my minor child.

In consideration of participating in the AJRA's Exceptional Kids Rodeo (EKR) event, I represent that I understand the nature of the EKR event and that I/or my minor child are qualified, in good health, and proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I acknowledge that I and/or my minor child believe event conditions are unsafe I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue participation in the event.

I recognize the risks associated with my participation in the event and specifically agree to indemnify and hold harmless the AJRA, its board of directors and its members from any and all injuries or damages arising from or associated with my participation in this event.

Participants Name (Please Print):

_____ Age: _____ Date of Birth _____

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Parental approval required for participants under the age of eighteen (18) years.

I, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the minor person(s) listed above do hereby assent to the above waiver/release and agree to all terms as stated above.

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____

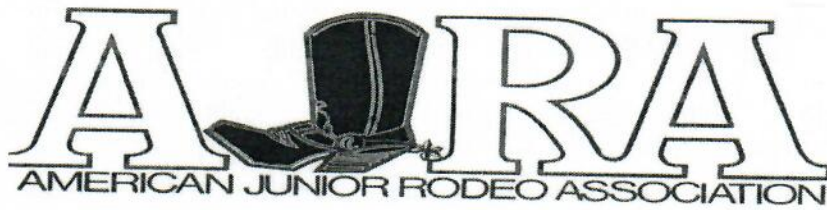
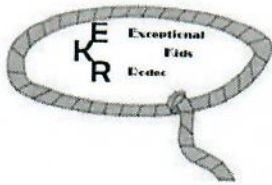
Emergency Contact Name _____

Home Phone () _____ Emergency Contact Phone: () _____

I am of lawful age and am legally competent and authorized to sign this agreement for and on behalf of the participant. Furthermore, I give consent for emergency treatment. The undersigned also agrees and gives the AJRA permission to photograph and/or videotape him/herself and/or his/her child, and that such images may be published at the discretion of AJRA, in whatever outlet deemed appropriate to promote or publicize AJRA.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date



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Completed and signed application and release form(s) can be scanned and emailed to ajrasince52@gmail.com or sent via US mail to AJRA, EKR, PO Box 398, Bronte, TX 76933. Once we have developed the participation list, you will receive an email, which will include a confirmation letter and other details about the event.

Participant Name: _____ Age: ____ DOB: ____/____/____
First Name Last Name

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Cell Phone No. _____
First Name Last Name

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____ (print clearly)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Describe Nature of Participant's Special Needs: _____

Wheelchair Bound Yes No Visually Impaired Yes No Hearing Impaired Yes No

Registered participants will receive a free T-shirt (size not guaranteed) Circle size. Child: S M L Adult: S M L XL XXL

Additional T-shirts can be ordered for \$20 each. Attach a check

Payable to AJRA. List size and quantity. _____

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Date Received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Release Form Received Y / N Participating Sibling Y / N Child Accepted Y / N  
Date Family Notified \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_