



ROOTS N' BOOTS QUEEN CREEK

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Royalty Orientation Packet

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Welcome to the 2014 Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Pageant.

We are excited to have you participate in our event. This year's pageant is structured differently than in the past, as we are trying to focus on the areas that we know have made our past courts successful. We will focus on horsemanship skills, personal interview, and small group interactions through modeling and speech along with an impromptu group presentation with the *Ag in the Classroom* team.

The judges this year will be both right in front of you and behind the scenes, as additional mystery judges have been added in order to gather a more rounded view of contestants. This means you may have a sponsor, committee member, Town Council member or you may have a peer in the audience who is giving their opinion. We encourage you to interact with everyone in true rodeo queen form with grace and respect for all throughout the competition.

We have also adopted a new "practical dress code" that focuses more on the day to day attire of our Rodeo Queen Court, which often times consists of our Queens are wearing a predetermined Roots N' Boots Rodeo shirt at local events. We wanted to see what you would choose to wear while you're out in public representing our event, whether it be another PRCA rodeo, a Local Queen Creek ribbon cutting, or a visit to one of our many sponsors. See the attached details on the requirements for your outfits during competition, but have fun with what you choose. Show us your style and how your clothing choices reflect your personality.

We are also adopting a 2-month "Lady in Waiting Program" for the months of January and February leading up to the Roots N Boots Rodeo. This will allow our 2014 Rodeo Queen Court to work hand in hand with the 2013 Queens to learn firsthand what it means to be an official representation of Roots N' Boots Queen Creek. Winners will be announced the day of the pageant; however official coronation will take place as a part of Friday night's Rodeo Performance.

Thank you again for being a part of our event, we look forward to having you in our pageant and seeing what you have to offer as a contestant for our 2014 Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Court.

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Morning Session

Due to the number of contestants participating, we must run the horsemanship and interview at the same time. We will meet at Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre for the opening ceremony for the pageant and then the Pro Rodeo Queen Contestants will be shuttled to the Queen Creek Library for their interviews. Once all interviews are finished the Pro Rodeo Queen contestants will return to HPEC to prepare for their horsemanship competition and adversely as Princess and Teen Queen contestants finish their horsemanship competition, they will take care of their horses and proceed to the library.

7:00 –7:45 am: By title - Warm Up in Arena or Interview Preparation

7:45 am: Check In Begins

- Each contestant must present themselves at the table for check in.
- Contestants must submit a 3x5 photo for photogenic scoring along with their silent auction item at check in.

8:00 am: Horsemanship and Personal Interview

We will begin each round of Horsemanship with a hot lap, contestants will be announced by name and will complete a Roots N' Boots Rodeo entry, coming in the gate, performing a hot lap and ending in the middle of the arena. All contestants will remain side by side in the arena until the reigning 2013 Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen for that title is announced. Then contestants will exit the arena in a single file line.

Contestants will be introduced by number in order i.e.: contestant 1, contestant 2. in their competition category each contestant performs a predetermined pattern (see attached). Her biography (provided by contestant with application) will be read while pattern is performed. Immediately following her pattern, she approaches judges for general interview covering topics rodeo and horsemanship. Once finished she will mount her horse and do one flag run for the judges, starting and finishing at the out gate.

Once finished, Princess and Teen Queen Contestants will untack and pack up their horses (please remember to clean up after yourself). Once they are ready, they will proceed to the Queen Creek Library for personal interview.

Personal interview will take place at the same time as horsemanship and the Pro Rodeo Queen contestants will remain at the library until all contestants have completed their interviews. They will then return to Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre to prepare for horsemanship.

It is estimated that horsemanship and personal interview will last until approximately 11am. The contestants will remain with their fellow contestants until all are finished prior to being dismissed for a 1 hr break. Lunch will be provided for judges and contestants at Horseshoe Park. After 1 hr, we will meet at the library in the Edward Abbey room – enter through the main entrance to the library, but not into the library itself.

Photogenic Scoring completed prior to the end of the mornings activities.

Approx 11:00am-12:00 pm: Break for Contestants and Judges.

Afternoon Session

12:00 pm: Contestants Arrive and Prepare for Afternoon Competition

12:15 pm: Opening Ceremonies – Introductions of 2013 Court, Dignitaries and Contestants

12:30 pm: Impromptu Ag In the Classroom Interaction

Instead of asking impromptu questions we will be working with a community partner of Roots N' Boots *Ag in the Classroom*. This program works with children at local schools to teach the value of agriculture in today's world. Our Rodeo Queen Court will assist in the *Ag in the Classroom* during rodeo week and this part of the competition will help contestants get a feel for this interaction, along with showing judges how well each contestant does in this type of situation. Contestants will be placed into groups and will interact both with Katie the *Ag in the Classroom* Program Director and the audience in presenting the material to the audience. A sample of the material is attached to this packet for review and study.

1:30 pm: Modeling and Short Speech by each contestant

Contestants will be modeling their choice of outfit for the afternoon session, see guidelines attached. Each contestant will need to submit a brief description of her outfit and why she chose it. Music will be provided and each contestant will step out individually and pose while the description is being read. After she has finished modeling, she will proceed to give her prepared speech.

3:00 pm: Farwell Speeches from the 2013 Rodeo Queen Court

3:30 pm: Introduction of the 2014 Roots N Boots Pro Rodeo Queen Court

Locations

Horsemanship:

**Horseshoe Park Equestrian Centre
20464 E. Riggs Road Queen Creek, AZ 85242**

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 will be arranged at this location for judges and contestants.

Personal Interview, Modeling, Speech and Small Group Interactions:

**Queen Creek Library Conference Room 2 Edward Abbey
21802 Ellsworth Road Queen Creek, AZ 85142**

Personal interviews will take place at the time of the horsemanship competition. Personal interviews are limited to contestants and judges only and will be done in a secluded area with no public seating for this reason.

The Modeling and Speech and Small Group Interactions event is open to the public and does not require ticket for entry. Contestants are encouraged to invite family and friends. A Silent auction (or raffle) will be held in conjunction with this event as a fundraising event for the Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Court.

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

Judging

Speech

Topics

Often times our Rodeo Queen Court is asked what to expect at Roots N' Boots, so this year's speech topics are focused on a question that would be asked by the Media...

Princess: 2-3 Min: "What is your favorite part of the Roots N' Boots Event?"

Teen Queen: 3-4 Min: "What can we expect to find at the Roots N' Boots Extreme Teen Rodeo?"

Pro Rodeo Queen: 4-5 Min: "Roots N' Boots offers quite a bit to the community; can you briefly describe what someone new to the area can expect at an event such as this?"

Tips and Regulations

Note cards will not be allowed during the speeches. If they are used it will result in a **5 point deduction** per judge.

Judges will be looking at the whole speech along the contestant giving it. Does it stay on topic? Can the audience follow what the presenter is saying? Is it interesting? Does the presenter seem comfortable speaking in public? Is she easily distracted?

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 and Equestrian Centre and our sponsors.

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

Dress Code

Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queens are always expected to appear in "full western attire" at all times unless otherwise specified. When in the public eye they should embody western tradition and be easily identifiable as a Rodeo Queen.

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 is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing, just for the contestant to show the style and grace that goes into being a Rodeo Queen. The crease & shape of a contestant's hat is also to be considered.

Morning Session: Rodeo Wear

A day in the life of a rodeo queen, your outfit should show the judges what you feel is appropriate attire for visiting another rodeo, a community event, or while walking around at Roots N' Boots. The general guidelines are provided below, we encourage contestants to get creative and show us their own personal sense of style and flair. Please note a jacket or vest may be added for the interview portion of the event, however a total wardrobe change is not permitted.

- Jeans: Wrangler Brand
 - No holes, torn legs
 - Should be clean and pressed
- Western shirt:
 - No wording on shirt – Wrangler logo is permitted
 - Shirt **MUST** be tucked in
 - Bare skin showing at the midriff is not acceptable
- Must wear western-style wool or felt hat
- Boots
 - No lace up boots, only western Roper-style pull on boots
 - “Fashion” or “mod” type boots are not acceptable
- Belt and buckle
 - Trophy style buckle is optional; FFA, 4H, Barrel Racing, Gymkhana award buckles are permitted. Rodeo Queen award buckles should not be worn, but fashion buckles are ok.
- Hair **MUST** be pulled back during the horsemanship portion of the competition
- Chaps or gloves are not permitted. Contestants will not be marked down/up for spurs.
- Small earrings ok, no large hoops or longer than 1 inch during horsemanship.

Afternoon Session: Casual Formal Wear

Roots N' Boots is a community rodeo and the rodeo queen court promotes many of the local businesses, events, and community projects. While it is not often our queens need formal attire (such as a full formal leather dress) there is often a time to “dress up” western style for events such as Ribbon Cuttings, Charity Luncheons and Dinners, and other Rodeo Queen Pageants. We are asking contestants to show us their version of “dressing up” the traditional western attire. This could include a nicely cut suit jacket, a skirt and dress boots, or an embroidered western shirt and your best jeans. Often times a business casual outfit can be made western with the right hat, boots, and jewelry. We are intentionally giving our contestants free rein in this area so we can see how they choose to represent our event.

Photogenic

Contestants will need to submit a 3 x 5 headshot for the photogenic portion of the pageant. Headshots will be judged separately and will be factored into the overall contestant score. Again, we ask that you show us your version of “rodeo queen attire” with appropriate western shirt and cowboy hat, along with jewelry and make up appropriate to photography. Attire should be different from that worn in the pageant as this is another opportunity to show us your style as you would represent our event if selected for one of our Rodeo Queen titles.

Scoring

Judges do include neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as make up, hands, hair, hat, boots, and other apparel in the scoring. Make up is up to the discretion of the contestants and parents and show be appropriate for the ages reflected in her title category; it is not required. Judges will not take into account the apparent cost of the outfits chosen, but will reflect on the style, fit, and appropriateness of clothing choices for each event.

Judges are encouraged to provide feedback to contestants, however it is not required. Judges use a scale of 1-10 as they see fit and each judge submits their own score sheets for their area. Due to the number of contestants, feedback isn't always provided due to timing limitations as well.

Judges decisions are final and the Rodeo Queen titles are awarded on the overall weighted score of the entire pageant. Award will be given in key areas as determined by the Rodeo Queen Committee and award winners may not necessarily win a Rodeo Queen title.

Winners of the competition will be announced the afternoon of the pageant and will sit as a "Lady in Waiting" for the official coronation at the Friday night Roots N' Boots performance.

In the event that a title winner gives up her title during the year, the Roots N' Boots Queen Committee will review the judging sheets and will offer the position to another contestant based on the remaining events of the year and the needs at that time.

Perpetual items awarded to the Rodeo Queen Court including but not limited to Chaps, Crowns, Banners, and certain clothing items is property of the Roots N' Boots Rodeo Committee and will be returned to the committee upon completion of the reign.

Tentative 2014 Event Schedule

Required for 2013 Rodeo Queen Court and 2014 Lady In Waiting Court

Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Pageant	Queen Creek, AZ	1/04/2014
Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Queen Pageant	Apache Junction, AZ	1/11/2014
Parada del Sol Rodeo Parade	Scottsdale, AZ	2/08/2014
Queen Creek Marketplace Autograph Session	Queen Creek, AZ	2 /2014
Buckeye Hellzapoppin' Rodeo	Buckeye, AZ	2/20-2/22/2014
Parada del Sol Rodeo	Scottsdale, AZ	2/27– 3/2/2014
Roots N Boots Pro Rodeo	Queen Creek, AZ	3/7/2014

Roots N' Boots Rodeo Week Schedule

Roots N' Boots <i>Ag in the Classroom</i> Visits	3/5-3/6/2014
Roots N' Boots Middle School Assemblies	3/7/2014
Cory McCloskey & TV 15 Morning News	3/7/2014
Roots N' Boots Family Rodeo and Extreme Teen Rodeo	3/8/2014
Roots N' Boots Special Kids Rodeo	3/9/2014
Roots N' Boots PRCA Rodeo	3/7-3/9/2014

Required PRCA Rodeos for 2014 Rodeo Queen Court

Cave Creek Fiesta Days	Cave Creek, AZ	3/28-3/30/2014
Payson Spring Rodeo	Payson, AZ	05/2014
Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo	Prescott, AZ	06/30-07/6/2014
Payson World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo	Payson, AZ	08/2014

Required Town of Queen Creek Events

Passport to Discovery	4/12/2014
Day of Play / Social and Safety Fair	October 2014
Queen Creek's Trunk or Treat	October 2014
Queens Creek's Annual Pancake Breakfast	November 2014
Queen Creek's Holiday Parade	Dec 2013
Queen Creek Marketplace MCSO Car Show	Dec 2013
Roots N' Boots Rodeo Queen Pageant	Jan 2014

Optional (Small Town/County Non PRCA Rodeos)

Navajo County Rodeo	Lost Duchman Days Rodeo
Copper Dust Stampede Rodeo	Rex Allen Days Rodeo
Gilbert Days Rodeo	

Optional Pageants to Attend as Roots N Boot Rodeo Queen

Turquoise Circuit Rodeo/ Pageant	Miss Rodeo Arizona Pageant
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We make every attempt to make appearances at the rodeos whose royalty has made it out to Roots N' Boots as a Thank You, however these opportunities are not mandatory, just good manners.