



ELIZABETH STAMPEDE RODEO

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Elizabeth Stampede royalty contestants sought

If there's one professional sport that holds fast to tradition, it's rodeo. And, when it comes to tradition, royalty is as integral to rodeo as roping, riding and rough stock.

That's why the Elizabeth Stampede invites energetic, young horsewomen to compete for the title of 2009 Stampede queen and attendant. The competition for the 2009 reign is scheduled for April 26.

"Royalty brings pageantry and flair to the sport of rodeo. The competition instills pride in the individual contestants and pride in the community. And, it's a great way for young women to get involved in promoting professional rodeo – a truly American pastime," said Angelique Dieker, volunteer chairwoman of the Elizabeth Stampede's Royalty Committee.

Elizabeth Stampede Royalty contestants must be 14 to 21 years old. Judging is based on horsemanship, speech, interview and fashion categories.

The 2009 Elizabeth Stampede Queen and Attendant will reign over the 2009 festivities, which, like the 2008 version June 6-8, will feature PRCA-rodeo competition, amateur events, a parade and a variety of other activities showcasing the western lifestyle in Elizabeth – a community in the heart of Elbert County southwest of Denver.

Queen Rhianna Russell will share the Elizabeth Stampede Royalty Spotlight in 2008 with Attendant Amber Riester. Both teens described the rodeo royalty experience as exciting and rewarding.

"Thankfully the year is not over yet. In fact, the best is yet to come," Russell said, referring to the Elizabeth Stampede that kicks off June 6 with the debut of the Professional Bull Riders tour. "I hope to share with you on that weekend the excitement and camaraderie that is the Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo," she said.

The volunteer-steered Elizabeth Stampede has earned "Best Small Rodeo" honors from the Mountain States Circuit for seven of the last eight years.

For more information about the Elizabeth Stampede and forthcoming 2009 royalty competition, visit www.elizabethstampede.org, or call Angelique Dieker, 303-840-0660, or Lawan Taylor, 303-596-9909.

The invitation to volunteer with the Elizabeth Stampede is an open one. Anyone interested in helping the Elizabeth Stampede earn the "Best Small Rodeo" for an ninth time in 2008 is welcome to contact the Stampede office, 303-646-0308, or get in touch with any of the dozens of current volunteers. Prospective volunteers can always visit the Stampede web site, www.elizabethstampede.org, for more information.

Saturday 2:00 PM –family day
Special ticket packages

Saturday 7:00 PM
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Sunday 2:00 PM
Red, White & Blue Rodeo