



78th Annual Rodeo of the Ozarks PARADE INFORMATION

Wednesday, June 21st @ 10:00 AM

Summer is finally upon us, and summer in Springdale means Rodeo Season is here! The Annual Rodeo of the Ozarks is one of the largest tourist events in the State, and one of the largest outdoor rodeos in the United States during the summer holiday time.

The 78th Rodeo of the Ozarks will be a magnificent celebration of our American spirit as well as paying homage to our western heritage. In conjunction with the event, Springdale will host one traditional rodeo parade. The parade will be on Wednesday June 21st beginning at 10:00 A.M. The parade will begin at the Rodeo Grounds (Parsons Stadium) and proceed west down Emma Avenue.

All are invited to participate in this time-honored tradition. Please see our rules and regulations about entries, and if you have any questions, visit our website at rodeooftheozarks.org or contact the Rodeo Office at 479-756-0464.

Don't want to participate, but want to watch all the entries? Come early to pick your best view along historic downtown Emma Avenue. Floats, marching bands, clowns, queens, and hundreds of horses will take part in these annual events – much to the enjoyment of all in attendance!

We look forward to having you in Springdale for a grand time! You will love the professional rodeo and our hometown friendliness!

Rodeo of the Ozarks

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RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Pre-Registration is required for participation in the parade. You may register online at rodeooftheozarks.org/parade or at the Rodeo Office at Parsons Stadium. **All parade participants must fill out an application for this year's Rodeo Parade. The deadline for entry forms will be June 21st, 2023.**
2. Horses, wagons, and buggies (all horse-powered participants) will line up inside the Rodeo grounds.
3. Floats and motorized entries will line up on 265 (South of Emma Ave) by the airport (Fire Trucks, Police, politicians running for office, etc.).
4. Car clubs will stage at the Jones Center and will be directed by parade personnel as to location of parade entry.
5. Bands will merge into the parade at the Washington School Building on Emma.
6. Trophies will be given (based on the number of entries) for the following:
 - Floats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Commercial Division
 - Floats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Clubs and Organizations Division
 - Riding Clubs: 1st and 2nd for best dressed.
 - Riding Clubs: traveling the longest distance (1 place)
 - Riding Clubs: has the most uniformed members (1 place)
7. For judging, you must be in line and ready by 9:30am.
8. All decisions of the Judges are final.
9. An entry may not include any flags, insignia, banners, images, or content that includes profanity, lewdness, illegal drugs, violence, obscenity, hate, racism, or that is vulgar or sexually explicit, insulting or offensive to any ethnic, religious, political, or other identifiable group or individual, or that may incite violence or other disruptive behaviors not conducive to the celebratory theme as determined by Rodeo of the Ozarks Personnel or law enforcement personnel.
10. Any flags that are deemed inappropriate by Rodeo of the Ozarks Personnel will be strictly prohibited.

11. Approved flags are the American Flag, Arkansas Flag, and flags that are associated with the Rodeo of the Ozarks and its sponsors, riding clubs, and organizations that are supported by the Rodeo of the Ozarks Board (PRCA, WPRA which are the professional governing bodies over the sport of Rodeo).
12. Vehicles in the staging area may not be left unattended at ANY time! An adult must be with the vehicle in the staging area in the event the vehicle must be moved.
13. **No throwing candy or objects from a float or parade entry.** This will not be tolerated, and your float or entry will be pulled from the parade. You can, however, have people **walking beside your entry** “tossing” wrapped candy to parade spectators viewing from the curb. Please note, if you plan on handing out anything, it must be deemed appropriate by the Rodeo of the Ozarks Personnel. If you are caught passing out anything not approved, you will be removed from the parade and banned from all future parades involving the Rodeo of the Ozarks.
14. Two car lengths should always be maintained between parade units. Vehicles should travel approximately (**2 miles per hour walking speed**). The adult in charge of the unit is responsible for keeping the unit moving along the parade route. **NO ENTRY MAY STOP THE PARADE FOR PERFORMANCES OF ANY KIND—FORWARD MOTION MUST BE MAINTAINED.**
15. No open flames are allowed.
16. Please note Emma Avenue will be closed to all traffic beginning at 9:45 am.
17. If weather becomes a factor, announcements will be made on the radio and answering machine at the rodeo grounds.

ALL EQUINE MUST HAVE CURRENT COGGINS TEST PAPERS.

JUDGING INFORMATION

First, Second, And Third Place Trophies will be given in the following categories on _____.

***FLOATS* - FLOATS ARE JUDGED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PARADE.**

All floats must have a theme, not just advertising.

- A. Commercial Division
- B. Clubs & Organizations

***RIDING CLUBS* -RIDING CLUBS ARE JUDGED DURING THE PARADE**

- A. Best Dressed Riding Club (1st and 2nd prize only)
(Must have at least 12 members)
- B. Riding Club Traveling the Longest Distance (1st prize only)
(Must have at least 12 members)
- C. Riding Club with Most Uniformed Members. (1st prize only)

NEGATIVE COGGINS VERIFICATION

TO: All Area Horse Owners
FROM: Rodeo of the Ozarks
Dwain Parsons, Verification Chairman
RE: Negative Coggins Papers Required at Parsons Stadium

Since July 1, 2001, Act 1306 passed by the 1997 Arkansas General Assembly regarding Equine Infectious Anemia requires all horses that enter our grounds or participate in any event sponsored by us (Parade & Grand Entry) to have and to present current negative Coggins papers for inspection by verifiers before entering our property or before participating in any event we sponsor.

Your Negative Coggins papers must be originals or certified copies, must be carried with you at all times, and must be current (within the last 12 months).

The Rodeo Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation and patience.

Parade Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Mode of Transportation: Car Truck Bicycle Motorcycle Other: _____

Equine: Wagon Buggy Horseback

RIDING CLUBS

Riding Club Name: _____ Number of Horses: _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make/Model: _____

Year: _____ Miles Traveled for Parade: _____

The undersigned, in exchange for the opportunity to participate in the Rodeo of the Ozarks Parade hereby releases and forever discharges Parsons Stadium, as well as their respective sponsors and representatives from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever for personal injury or property damage which may arise out of or in connection with participation of the undersigned in the Rodeo of the Ozarks Parade. In addition, the group agrees to fulfill the responsibilities as agreed upon with the organizers.

Participant(s) agrees to save and hold harmless the Springdale Benevolent Foundation DBA Rodeo of the Ozarks Parade, its officers, employees, and agents against all liability from damage to property or injury or death of any person or persons or animals, arising out of it, in any way connected with or resulting from your participation in the Rodeo of the Ozarks Parade. The undersigned also relinquishes any rights to photographs or videos taken in connection with this event.

**I have read and understand the Rodeo of the Ozarks Parade Rules and Regulations and the above statements.
(Please sign below)**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID