

2020 Cattlemen's Day Royalty Tryout Application Packet

History:

Cattlemen's Days is one of Colorado's oldest rodeos, in its 120th year. An important aspect of the events has always been the Cattlemen's Days Queen and her Court. Many young women have ably served as the public face of Cattlemen's Days 4-H and PRCA rodeo contestants and spectators.

Who can compete:

The Cattlemen's Days Queen competition is open to young women who live in the Gunnison Watershed District and who as of July 19th 2019 are at least 16 and not older than 24. Women must not be married or have ever been married, and they cannot be a mother or become pregnant during her reign.

The Cattlemen's Days Princess competition is open to young ladies who live in the Gunnison Watershed District and who as of July 19th 2019 are from the ages of 12 to 15 years of age.

The Cattlemen's Days Jr. Miss competition is open to young ladies who live in the Gunnison Watershed District and who as of July 19th 2019 are from the ages of 8 to 11 years of age.

What to expect before and during the Competition:

Before the competition begins, all girls trying out need to make a portfolio about their life, so the judges can get to know a little bit about you. The portfolios will be judged on neatness and organization. The portfolios need to be turned in on the morning of tryouts when you check in.

The tryouts will begin at 9 am on July 27th, 2019 at the Gunnison County Fair Grounds (Fred R. Field Western Heritage Center). All contestants should be present and ready to go by that time.

The contestants will start with their horsemanship with a reining pattern that will be given to the contestants at check in, the grand entry run, followed by speeches and impromptu questions and end with their interview in front of judges. Speeches need to be no more than two minutes long, below are two topics you can choose from:

Queen Topics

1. If you were crowned queen why would you be the best candidate?
2. You're a famous singer; explain what the lyrics of your latest hit song mean.

Princess Topics

1. If you were given one day to spend with anyone past, present, or future. Who would it be and why?
2. What is your favorite Cattlemen's Days tradition and why?

Jr. Miss Topics

1. What do you look forward the most about Cattlemen's Days and why?
2. If you could have any superpower what would it be and why?

Royalty attire is a nice button up shirt with long sleeves, nice pair of jeans (no bling), cowboy boots and cowboy hat. For interview and speeches you may wear a nice dress if you like (dress should have western flare to it and not be revealing or too short).

Our judges are volunteers and will be selected from a variety of backgrounds including: equestrian, public speaking, and PRCA experience, and/or a Cattlemen's Days Committee member. The judges donate their time to judge this competition and should be treated at all times with respect by the contestant, parents and spectators.

All aspects of this competition are on an individual basis, for instance, each contestant will be alone in the arena for the horsemanship and interview portions with the judges. Parents may not sit in on the interview or be present in the arena. The speech portion is open to the public and parents are welcome to listen to all speeches and welcome to watch from behind the fence during the riding portions of competition.

In the event the designated Queen, Princess, or Jr. Miss is unable to complete her reign; the runner up contestant will step in to take their place.

What to Expect During the Reign:

Contestants should realize that these are not just honorary titles, and that the term of reign is for the entire year, beginning on July 27th 2019 to August 1st 2020.

Royalty will be under the direction of a designated Cattlemen's Days Committee member, this will be Ivy McNulty.

Royalty may be asked to attend in western attire to community events such as Gunnison County Stockgrowers Banquet, the Cattlemen's Small Animal day, as well as other, non-western events throughout the Gunnison Community. Royalty will also be asked to pick a charity and conduct a year-long fundraiser for this charity.

Appearance requiring horses will be limited to during Cattlemen's Days, at all the rodeo performances (3 performances) and the Cattlemen's Days parade. However; depending on

the Cattlemen's Days Committee's wishes, the Royalty may be requested to travel to attend other rodeos prior to and after Cattlemen's Days Rodeo.

During Cattlemen's Days royalty is on call for most of the 10-day stretch, from the 4-H general projects competitions, 4-H Junior Livestock Awards and Sale, and the Three PRCA performances. In between royalty will hand out awards at the Horse shows, Ranch Rodeo, and Livestock shows. Other events might come up before Cattlemen's Days that royalty might be asked to participate in such as Ad Day, rodeo set up and Crested Butte 4th of July Parade.

*****Please make sure you are willing to commit to the request of these positions before accepting them*****

These are **unpaid positions!** To its appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Royalty, the Cattlemen's Days Committee may donate a specified amount to help only if necessary. Fundraisers should be held to raise money for any and all expenses. The Gunnison Elks Lodge hosts a Smoke Free Bingo Night that the Royalty court can request a date to participate as a fundraiser.

At all events and all other times during their reign, Royalty should be aware that they are representing Cattlemen's Days and present themselves accordingly. **Please note in the contract that the committee can dismiss any royalty member for "behavior inappropriate to your title," which is determined solely by the committee.**

*****Please note if you can't commit to all of this please don't try out!
This is a full year of work! *****

CATTLEMEN'S DAYS ROYALTY TRYOUTS

Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 9:00 am

Gunnison County Fairgrounds

Entry Form

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE#: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARENTS: _____

PHONE#: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME OF HORSE: _____

TRYING OUT FOR: QUEEN (AGES 16 TO 24) _____

 PRINCESS (AGES 12 TO 15) _____

 JR. MISS (AGES 8 TO 11) _____

****If you are under the age of 18, a parent must sign consent to participate****

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

IF YOU HAVE HELD A CROWN BEFORE WHAT TITLE DID YOU HAVE AND
WHAT YEAR DID YOU HAVE IT? _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OR OUTSIDE CLUBS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN?

4-H CLUB AND ALL YOUR PROJECTS: _____

Please contact Ivy McNulty at (970) 275-0043 or email at
ivymcnulty@yahoo.com with any questions.

Entry Deadline is July 19, 2019

Entries will not be accepted after this date.

**NO EXECPTIONS! Application can be dropped off at the Gunnison County
Extension Office.**

If having trouble getting entry form to work online, please contact Ivy to get the
entry form.

Thank you for your participation and let's have some FUN!

Tryouts Schedule of Events

Gunnison County Rodeo Grounds

8:15 am – Check-in, get your contestant number, reining pattern and turn in your portfolio

9:00 am – Reining pattern, followed by Grand Entry

11:00 am – Speeches and Impromptu questions

12:00 am – Interviews

2:00 pm – Meet back up for crowning

All times are approximate; depending on the amount of contestants the times may be altered appropriately.

Best of luck to everyone trying out! We look forward to see you!