

2024 Cattlemen's Day Royalty Tryout Application Packet

History:

Cattlemen's Days is one of Colorado's oldest rodeos, in its 124st year. An important aspect of the events has always been the Cattlemen's Days Royalty Court. Many young women have successfully served as the public face of Cattlemen's Days 4-H and PRCA rodeo contestants and spectators.

Who can compete:

Any Gunnison County women between the ages or 8 to 24.

***A Cattlemen's Day Royalty title may be held by a woman multiple times. Please see additional requirements for applying to hold a Cattlemen's Days Royalty title multiple times. For example, a young lady can hold the title of Jr. Miss more than once.**

The Cattlemen's Days QUEEN competition is open to young women who live in the Gunnison Watershed District and who as of January 1, 2024 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 women who live in the Gunnison Watershed District and who as of January 1, 2024 are from the ages of 12 to 15 years of age.

The Cattlemen's Days JR. MISS competition is open to young women who live in the Gunnison Watershed District and who as of January 1, 2024 are from the ages of 8 to 11 years of age.

Requirements to hold a Cattlemen's Days title multiple times: (Being a Jr. Miss more than once)

References must be provided directly to the currently Cattlemen's Days Royalty Tryout Coordinator. Please have your reference directly emailed to ivymcnulty@gmail.com straight from the reference provider. ** 3 references needed:

1 from Cattlemen's Days President during the year that you held the applied for title.

1 from Cattlemen's Days Coordinator during the year that you held the applied for title.

1 from her Cattlemen's Days royalty court during the year that you held the applied for title.

Only applicants with all 3 reference in good standing will be allowed to try out to hold that title more than once.

Once the application is accepted and the young lady can try out to hold the position more than once, the applicant will have a 50-point handicap on her score sheet. This will even the playing field for girls that have not been royalty before.

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 8 am on July 8th, 2023 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, how would you represent Cattlemen's Days best?
2. What does Rodeo mean to you?

Princess Topics

1. If you were given one day to spend with anyone past, present, or future. Who would it be and why?
2. If you were crowned princess, how would you represent Cattlemen's Days best?

Jr. Miss Topics

1. What do you look forward to 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 the interview and speeches, a nice dress may be worn, dresses 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 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 be given the option to hold the crown in said position.

What to Expect:

TEAMWORK! Being Cattlemen's Days royalty is not about the Queen or just one girl, it is about the TEAM working together to PROMOTE and REPRESENT Cattlemen's Days to the best of the TEAMS ability. TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

The term of reign is for the duration, beginning on Sept 1 2023 to Sept 1, 2024.

Royalty will be under the direction of a designated Cattlemen's Days Committee member; this will be Ivy McNulty (Royalty Coordinator). *****All communication will be directed to the coordinator. Which includes be is not limited to dealing with group conflict, scheduling, and finances. The Coordinator has the responsibility of the Royalty program and will make changes in the best interest of the program at any time.*****

Royalty may be asked to represent Cattlemen's Days at community events such as Gunnison County Stockgrowers Banquet, the Cattlewomen's Small Animal day, as well as other, non-western events throughout the Gunnison Community.

Appearances on horseback are required 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. At any point during the 2023 reign the coordinator and/or Cattlemen's Days Committee believes that the girl is in danger or in an unsafe situation, change of horse or ability to appear will be requested.

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 above requirements of these positions before applying*****

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.

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 Cattlemen's Days committee.**

*****Please note if you cannot commit to all of this please do not try out! This is a full year of work! *****

2024 CATTLEMEN'S DAYS ROYALTY TRYOUTS

Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 8:00 am
Gunnison County Fairgrounds

Entry Form

NAME: _____

AGE as of Jan. 1,2024: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

PARENT#1: _____ PHONE#: _____

EMAIL: _____

PARENT#2: _____ PHONE#: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME OF HORSE: _____

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

PRINCESS (AGES 12-15) _____

JR. MISS (AGES 8-11) _____

HAVE YOU HELD THIS TITLE BEFORE? _____ YEAR _____

*Please note the additional requirements for Ladies that are applying a title that they have previously held. 3 Reference are required, references must be directly emailed to ivymcnuty@gmail.com from your reference provider.

Cattlemen's Days President _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cattlemen's Days Royalty Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CD Royalty Court Member: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**A 50-point handicap will be applied to your score sheet.

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

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

IF YOU HAVE HELD A CROWN BEFORE WHAT TITLE DID YOU HAVE AND WHAT YEAR AND WHERE 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@gmail.com with any questions.

Entry Deadline is June 30th

Entries will not be accepted after this date.

NO EXECPTIONS! Application must be emailed to ivymcnulty@gmail.com

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

8:00 am – Check-in, get your contestant number, reining pattern and turn in your portfolio

8:30 am – Reining pattern, followed by Grand Entry

10:00 am – Speeches and Impromptu questions

11:00 am – Interviews

12:00 pm – Meet back up for crowning

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

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