

Winter News

NHSRA Mid Winter Meeting



We had a total of 10 people from Georgia attend the meeting in Denver! All of our student officers went: Troy Hatcher, president; John Hutson, vice-president; Cassidy Sims, secretary; Kesia Smith, queen. We also had Ronnie Haslerig, national director; Leisa Haslerig, rodeo secretary; Amy Hutson, state secretary; John Peeples, president; and Jack Peeples, member go with us. We got to see how the national association

makes decisions and how the process works. We met lots of other states representatives as well as the main office personnel that we usually only talk to on the phone. About 40 students attended overall. There were several youth only meetings and everyone was welcome to attend committee meetings. The whole NHSRA group attended the Denver Stock Show and Rodeo Thursday night. Most of the Georgia people took Saturday to

go up to Winter Park to try some skiing. What an awesome and educational trip!

Andalusia Rodeo

Special points of interest:

- Andalusia is in central time zone
- One loop rule
- Blood drive competition!
- Super Bowl is on Sunday

Schedule(central time):

Friday 7pm- Performance

Sat 8am slack

Sat 1pm Performance

Sat 7pm Performance (2nd go)

Sun 8am slack

Sun approx 11am church

Sun 1pm Performance

All stalls, hookups, and armband forms should have already been sent in directly to the AL rodeo secretary.

Unless you have a doctor or vet excuse, you will owe your entry fees whether or not you compete. GHSRA is given and invoice for the call-in information you provided us and the association will be writing a check to AHSRA.

Sign in will be Friday from 530 – 6:45pm, and Saturday 7am-8am and again 12-1pm. Sign in will be in the arena and there will be a sign. If you are not signed in before you are to compete, you will be called out.

Rough stock riders:

There will be NO changing of pants at the arena. No exceptions. AL called the police last year!

Housekeeping Issues



Call-in: times for call in are NOT suggestions! Unless posted differently on the website, call in is the Monday night before the rodeo, 7-9pm. DO NOT call Ms. Haslerig after 9pm. Do not call before 7 either....that is Jr High call in. If you have questions/issues you may call her the next day as early as 6am. General questions can also be answered by Amy Hutson, state secretary

@42330502321 or hutsona@gmail.com. John Peeples, president can also be of help, johnspeeples@gmail.com, 404 226 7104.

Sign in: you MUST have turned in your permission slip AND your entry fees before the rodeo starts. You will not be allowed to compete otherwise. All other rodeos operate the same way.

Student Event Directors:

We will be giving you vests to wear while you have the clipboard. You must wear them and be in the arena available to contestants.

Arena:

Unless the event director has specifically asked for your help or you are helping a contestant, stay out of the arena!

Student Conduct

Dress Code:

If you are at the arena, then you need to be in full western attire with a back number on and your shirt tucked in. Back numbers should be on from the time you come through the property gate until you leave for home. That means even on your tee shirts when you go into town to eat, etc.

Alcohol:

No student should be drinking. It does not matter if an irresponsible parent gives you the alcohol. High school rodeo does not tolerate underage drinking! You can and will be disqualified.

Grand Entry: There have been several accidents

lately in the grand entry. NO PASSING or excessive speed! No ropes either.

Driving:

There have been some serious complaints of reckless driving while on the rodeo grounds. There are lots of people walking not to mention dogs. We don't want an accident. SLOW DOWN!

*"If you have a problem **not** drinking for a weekend, then you have REAL PROBLEMS."*

Equine Day at the Capital

February 7th is Equine Day. If you went to the HS or Jr High finals in 2011, you will be invited to attend this special event. There will be an opportunity to meet with your state representatives, have lunch, and be recognized

as one of Georgia's equine competitors. Please call Ronnie Haslerig if you have questions, 4235960963.



Jakin Rodeo 3/2& 3/3

4376 US Hwy 84
 Jakin GA 39761
 Southernwindranch.com
 Fri 8pm Performance
 Sat 9am Slack
 Sat 2pm Slack
 Sat 8pm Performance
 Sun-2 Jr High Rodeos

This is an uncovered outdoor arena with just a couple hookups and no stalls. "Town" is quite a way so bring everything you need. There is a gas station right @ the arena. Additionally there is a western store right at the arena as well.

Ad sales are due at this rodeo!

There will be a roll call meeting immediately following the Sat morning slack!

Girls: Leslie Peebles will be having an informational queen meeting in Jakin. Please consider running if you are a junior or younger. Time will be announced at the rodeo.



Sponsorships/Ads

The sponsorships and ads are our major fundraiser each year. You should have received a packet when you signed into your first rodeo. If you did not receive one or lost it let Amy Hutson know or you can download the information from our website under the membership page.

Besides being in the top 20 of an event, there are fundraising requirements

to attend the state finals. You must sell \$150 worth of ads and participate in the raffle. If you did not sell raffle tickets then your minimum is \$250. The state secretary has a list of those who participated in the raffle. If you qualify to go to the national finals, you must sell \$450 in ads in order to get travel money funding.

If you get credit for helping put on a sponsored rodeo, your minimum is the \$150 and raffle participation. RV hookup slots at nationals are based on ad sales.

Ads sales are due at the Jakin rodeo, March 2-3, 2012. Mr. Haslerig will continue to take ads as long as the printer will allow. The list of those people meeting the ad minimums will be given to state secretary.

If you need examples for your ads, ask to see last year's ad book.

Upcoming Schedule

There has been a schedule change for March/April. The Ringgold date has been canceled. The Chatsworth rodeo date has moved to March 30&31 with Jr High on Sunday.

The cutting schedule will be announced shortly. Look for it in your email and on the website.

- 2/3-5 Andalusia
- 3/2-3/3 Jakin
- 3/30-3/31 Chatsworth
- 4/27-4/28 Vidalia
- 5/11-5/12 Forsyth
- 6/1-6/3 State Finals-Perry

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The Georgia High School Rodeo Association is a state-wide association of high school students, grades 9 through 12, who participate in rodeos held throughout the state. The GHSRA is affiliated with the NHSRA which is comprised of 41 States, 5 Canadian Provinces and Australia.

While rodeo is not recognized as a regular high school varsity sport, no other athletic activity in history was ever developed which so embodies the traditions and history of an entire way of life. The events in rodeo grew out of the actual day-to-day duties of the American cowboy, or were dreamed up to further test the courage, stamina and ability of these Westerners.

One of the most unique aspects of high school rodeo is that these athletes compete on the same stock that is used by college and professional rodeo contestants.

Many of the young athletes you will see competing in bareback and saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, goat tying, tie-down and breakaway calf roping, barrel racing, pole bending, and team roping are world-class athletes who compete not only in high school rodeos, but in professional and adult amateur rodeos as well. The cowboy or cowgirl and the animals used in rodeo compete against themselves and the clock, as much as they compete against each other.

Georgia High School Rodeo is a self-supporting, non-profit organization. We require our members to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, to abide by a strict dress code when competing, and to "play by the rules". We also require them to maintain their grades at the same level it takes to play high school sports in their respective schools. Education is of paramount importance to this organization, and we have a scholarship program in place to help further the education of all of our members. We encourage each contestant in that endeavor.



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