



SNOWMASS RODEO

A true Western experience in the heart of Snowmass Village

The Snowmass Rodeo is one of the **longest continuously running rodeos in Colorado**, dating back to its start in 1973.

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Every Wednesday, rain or shine

June – August

Gates open at 5:00pm

Rodeo begins promptly at 7:00pm



Professional Rodeo Activity Descriptions:

BAREBACK RIDING

While simplistic in equipment, bareback riding is trickier than it looks. Not only are the horses powerful, but the riders must be in excellent physical shape to stay aboard during the eight-second ride. With nothing to hold but a suitcase-like handle, the cowboy must maintain balance and remain controlled and coordinated with the horse's motion throughout the ride.

BARREL RACING

Three barrels, one horse, and one woman, barrel racing is simplistic and graceful. The rider must race around the barrels set in a cloverleaf pattern, while making sure not to knock any over, all while staying within the time limit. The sport is timed to the hundredth of a second.

BULL RIDING

Riders climb on the back of a 2,000-pound bull before it explodes from a gate with one thing on this mind: to get the rider off his back. To stay aboard the bull, the rider grasps a flat braided rope, which is wrapped around the bull's chest, just behind its front legs and over the withers. With a nod of his head, the gate is flung open and the bull bounds into the arena. While this is the most dangerous event in rodeo, it involves the least amount of rules. Riders must stay on for eight seconds while refraining from touching themselves or the bull with their free hand.



Pre-rodeo activities include:

Chicken poop bingo



Petting zoo



Bouncy house



Kids roping



Mechanical bull rides



Cowboy saloon



BBQ dinner

Professional Rodeo Activity Descriptions Continued:

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

Saddle Bronc Riding is known as “rodeo’s classic event.” It derived from the practice of breaking saddle horses, but evolved into an event that combines strength, style, grace, and rhythm. The contestant sits in a saddle with no saddle horn at the front. For support, the rider holds a thick rein, which can only be held with one hand. When the gate swings open, every move the rider makes is an effort to remain synchronized with the horse’s movements. If the rider touches any part of the horse or himself with his free hand or bucks off before the eight-second whistle, he is disqualified.

TEAM ROPING

Partnership, precise timing, and anticipation – this is what team roping is about. Between header and heeler, this is the only true team event in rodeo. Both contestants begin in their respective “boxes” on either side of the chute containing the steer. Once the steer has received its head start out of the chute, the header takes off in pursuit of the steer, roping it around the horns, then turns the steer quickly to the left so the heeler has a shot at its hind legs. The fastest time wins.



Audience Participation Events:

CALF SCRAMBLE

Children between the ages of 4 and 10 line up in the arena while calves with ribbons on their tails are released from their pens. The objective is to grab a ribbon or any part of that ribbon off a calf’s tail and return it to the Arena Official. Once all the ribbons have been removed from the calves’ tails, the contest is over and all participants receive a prize and winner get a trophy.

MUTTON BUSTIN’

Little buckaroos “cowboy up” and hold on to a woolly sheep for eight exciting seconds. Participation is limited to boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 7, weighing less than 50 lbs.

BURRO RACING

Burro racing is a crowd participation event, requiring three teams of three. Three burros are lined up with one person riding on the burro, one person pulling on a lead rope, and one person pushing the burro. The first team of three to get their burro around the barrel and across the finish line wins.

CHICKEN POOP BINGO

Place a bet on an oversized bingo board. Whichever square the chicken poops on, the winner takes the pot, splitting it half and half with the Snowmass Rodeo.

To purchase tickets, visit
www.snowmassrodeo.org

- Snowmass Rodeo Video
- Kid’s Guide to the Snowmass Rodeo