



Clovis Rodeo Association

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Top PRCA Contestants Scheduled to Compete at Clovis Rodeo **April 23 – 26, 2009**

(Clovis, California): 440 PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) contestants have entered the Clovis Rodeo events including bareback riding, barrel racing, team roping, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding and bull riding. Qualifying runs for the riders will begin next week and the PRCA sanctioned Clovis Rodeo will run April 24 – 26.

One of the top three rodeos in California and top twenty across the nation, PRCA sanctioned Clovis Rodeo is a draw for some of the top contestants in the sport. The winning purse that totals more than \$300,000 also helps Clovis draw top competitors. Rodeo fans will have the opportunity to see several reigning PRCA 2008 World Champions in Clovis next week including:

Justin McDaniel, Bareback Riding
JW Harris, Bull Riding
Cody Wright, Saddle Bronc Riding
Luke Branquinho, Steer Wrestling
Matt Sherwood, Team Roping (Header)
Stran Smith, Tie Down

Competition will be tough across the events as top ranked riders and former world champions like Bobby Mote in bareback, Chad Masters in team roping (header), Taos Muncy in saddle bronc and Wes Silcox in bull riding fill out the roster of riders looking for a winning ride in Clovis. All vying for the kind of winning rodeo season that takes them to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas at the beginning of December.

The Clovis Rodeo is a member of the California Six-Pac Rodeo series, a group of the finest PRCA rodeos in California. The Six-Pac awards additional prize money and a beautiful buckle to the cowboy who wins the most points while competing in all eight-member rodeos.

The Clovis Rodeo will open on Thursday, April 23 with the return of the USST PBR Bull Riding Challenger Tour. The Friday night rodeo action will be followed by a concert for rodeo fans with multi-platinum country performing group, LONESTAR. Two days of rodeo activities will continue through the weekend, along with the popular Clovis Rodeo parade on Saturday, April 25. Tickets are available by calling 559-299-5203 or visiting www.clovisrodeo.com. Ticket office hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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The all-volunteer, non-profit Clovis Rodeo Association (CRA) has 580 members. Approximately \$125,000 in proceeds from the Clovis Rodeo and related events coordinated by CRA members benefit local charities annually, including 4-H, FFA, Clovis Schools, Clovis Police Activities League, California High School Rodeo Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Break the Barriers, Boy Scouts of America, Clovis Community Hospital and the Central California Blood Center.