



ARGRAculture

April 2009 Edition

Don't forget to get your discounted rodeo weekend packages... prices go up June 1, so get your weekend package today! (packages will be available at the May dance)

Rodeo Contestants: Remember that if you have an IGRA competitor number you need to register before June 5!

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2009 Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo
June 26 to 28

Check out the Calgary to Strathmore Bus Schedule at www.argra.org look under CRIR Rodeo - Travel to Calgary.

MINI-RODEO-DANCE

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2009



Compete in
Mini-Rodeo
Events!

Buy Your Rodeo Packages at Early Bird Prices & Sign Up to Volunteer

Wet your Whistle with great drink prices! Late Night Buffet!

Where: Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community hall, 1320 5th Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alberta
Doors open at 8PM. Membership available for purchase, Admission Members \$6 - Non Members \$10.





A Letter from the Rodeo Director

And the countdown begins...

As I write this we are only 7 weeks away from the 16th annual Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo. Although that may seem like a long way off it's coming closer and quicker than you think.

I would like to encourage everyone to check out ARGRA's award winning website at www.argra.org for continuous updates regarding the rodeo. Our website is your "one stop shopping experience", where you can purchase your weekend packages; book your camping spots; sign up to volunteer; or look up information regarding the Team Challenge and the Olde Tyme Country Carnival.

When you're at the rodeo this year a "must-see" is the 4th annual silent auction, which has also taken on an art show component this year. To date there are over 90 items being put up for auction and we will be featuring a number of artists who have contributed original pieces. The list of donated items up for grabs is growing daily and there is definitely something for everyone in the auction so stop by and check it out!!

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ALBERTA ROCKIES GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

You could be the winner of a full western outfitting
Just by attending this year's
Canadian Rockies International Rodeo
JUNE 26 - 28, 2009 STRATHMORE AG. SOCIETY RODEO GROUNDS

Each day of the Rodeo (Sat & Sun), one spectator
will be announced as a lucky winner of a full Lammles
Outfit.
(a \$500.00 value)

The Contest is open to 2 day/3 day package holders only.
1 ballot per package holder only.
Ballots available upon pickup of 2 day/3 day packages.
Entry box will be located in the Retail Tent.
Prize will be drawn during each rodeo day.
Winner must be present after Wild Drag competition each day to collect the prize.
Contest is not open to ARGRA executive, Rodeo Committee and Competitors.
All ballot information gathered for this contest will not be used
for any other purposes.

This year's rodeo committee has done an amazing job of organizing what we're hoping will be one the best CRIR's in ARGRA's history. There are over 25 people on the Rodeo Committee this year and each one of them has put in hundreds of hours to help put together this years' show. I would like to personally thank each and every one of them, as well as the countless number of volunteers who step up to the plate every year to help make the rodeo such a success. If you're at the rodeo this year please take a minute to say 'Hi, and Thank-You' when you see one of our many volunteers. Without them this would not be possible!!

Speaking of volunteers, we're pleased to once again this year have the continued support of The SHARP Foundation. They will be handling all the liquor ticket sales for us this year as well as providing attendants to maintain and manage our parking lot. All they ask

in return is a \$2 donation at the main entrance so please watch for them as you pull into the grounds.

If you are interested in getting more involved with ARGRA or the Rodeo Committee please feel free to drop me a line at rodeodirector@argra.org. The more involved you become the more fun you will have, and that's a promise!

Happy Trails,
Janie



Homos on the Range and Fairies on the Prairies

The Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo June 26-28 is quickly approaching.

It's going to be an awesome weekend and you don't want to miss a thing so book your campsite and attend all or any part of the exciting, fun, and fabulous weekend events.

You might be parked in the Homos on the Range section or the Fairies on the Prairies section, but wherever you are it will definitely be fun! In fact, plan on decorating your campsite and winning some prize money!

Remember all campsites are un-serviced, and picnic tables will not be provided.

Numerous shower units will be available.

Book your campsite now for only \$45 for the entire weekend. Go to www.argra.org and check out CRIR Rodeo – Camping for all the details.

While you're there book your Rodeo Weekend Package and Tickets.

See ya at the Rodeo !

Judy Munson
Communications Director



Calling all Volunteers....

The 2009 Bud Light CRIR needs you. Volunteering provides a great way to meet new people and to give back to the community, and have fun while you do. ARGRA and the CRIR wouldn't be what it is today without volunteers like you! If you would like to be involved, contact volunteers@argra.org to find out more.

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DANCE DATES 2009~2010

- September 26, 2009
- October 24, 2009
- November 21, 2009
- December 12, 2009
- January 23, 2010
- February 27, 2010
- March 27, 2010
- April 24, 2010
- May 29, 2010

THE BUDLIGHT CANADIAN ROCKIES INTERNATIONAL RODEO JULY 2-4, 2010

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CRIR 2009 RODEO TEAM CHALLENGE

**Calgary, Alberta, Canada
June 26-28, 2009**

**Ever thought about competing in the Rodeo?
Well, why not do it as a TEAM !**

**Get a group together and take part in this year's
Bud Light CRIR 2009 Rodeo Team Challenge!!**


**OPEN TO: • GROUPS • BUSINESSES • BARS • INDIVIDUALS
ANYONE WHO WANTS TO PUT A TEAM TOGETHER**

**PRIZES FOR TEAM PARTICIPATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP !
Great advertising for a Team Sponsor!!**


To enter the Team Challenge – It's as simple as 1, 2, 3...

- 1. Fill out Rodeo Team Challenge form, bring to Contestant Registration**
 - Team name – Be Creative!
 - Team members – Minimum 4 team members.
 - Events Entered – At least 1 per team member.
- 2. Everyone must register for their individual events per IGRA rules.**
- 3. Come up with a Team Shirt! Be Original!**


**Check out the ARGRA website at
WWW.ARGRA.ORG to get the
DETAILS and SIGN UP!
Good Luck and Have Fun!**



The Flamingos



The Pilots

 www.ARGRA.org



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