

QUEEN'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you have any questions not addressed below, please email Cavalcade Secretary, Hannah Thomas at CavalcadeRodeo@gmail.com or call/text (918) 978-7633. Our 2024 Queen Director, Emma Alexander, will be contacting you after your entry has been received. You can also reach Emma at emmamariealexander327@gmail.com for questions.

HORSEMANSHIP: Fairgrounds Arena

Preliminary Pattern available on our website

Prelim Horsemanship attire: Cavalcade Queen T-shirt (provided), jeans of any color, boots, hat & sash.

Finals Pattern (for the Sunday performance) - a copy will be handed out to all queen contestants during Personal Interviews the week of the rodeo. (Tuesday night)

Finals Horsemanship attire: Contestant's choice (jeans of any color, boots, hat & sash).

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

Personal Interviews with our judges last ten (10) minutes.

Note: Queen Contestants are encouraged to remain in Interview attire for Modeling at the BBQ. A wardrobe change is allowed between the BBQ and the outside Street Dance. Feel free to bring an interview outfit and a modeling outfit. Although, depending on time there may not be enough time to change. We will do our best to allow you time to change. The judges will know if there was time to change or not.

QUEEN'S BBQ:

TICKETED EVENT. Queen Contestants DO NOT need to purchase a ticket.

Modeling/Impromptu Question: Judges score Queen Contestants as they model their western outfit and answer (2) Impromptu questions on-stage. At QUEEN ORIENTATION, Contestants will submit a neatly prepared (typed) description of the outfit being modeled for the BBQ. It may be best to make a modeling card for both outfits IF you plan to bring one to change into. The Cavalcade Queen will read the outfit commentary as each Contestant models. Note cards (size 3X5) suggested.

STREET DANCE: Downtown Pawhuska

The Street Dance is the official Cavalcade Kick-off Celebration welcoming our rodeo to town. At the end of the Queen's BBQ, our Queen Contestants will gather on Historic Kihekah Ave for the festivities! Our cowgirls will borrow the stage mic for short personal introductions (if time allows). We appreciate the generous support of our community, and the Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce who sponsors our Cavalcade Queen saddle. It's a fun evening! This is NOT a judged event.

RODEO:

Evening Rodeo Performances: 6:45pm Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat – Fairgrounds Arena

***Grand Entry** – Queens are the first to ride in and remain in pivot formation for our rodeo's Historic Grand Entry! Generally lasting 45 minutes to an hour, the traditional cavalcade of riders parading through our arena in a serpentine pattern include numerous horses and riders from our 100+ competing roundup clubs proudly waving their club flags, accompanied by a variety of wagons and teams of horses. Our Grand Entry is the crown jewel of our event! Queens, must be on time! Gather each night at the East arena gate, 6:45pm. Report to work with your American flag. (GRAND ENTRY FORMATION will be practiced immediately following Monday night's horsemanship.)

NOTES: When the last of the Grand Entry riders leave the arena, Queens will ride single file towards the East Bleachers/arena gate to pass off their American flags to our rodeo helpers who stand inside the arena collecting flags. My helpers will then set all flags outside the EAST arena gate against the "low pipe fence" (you won't miss it). Please arrange for someone to pick up your flag there. TIP: Mark your pole so you can easily recognize it from other contestant flags. In the instance that you happen to lose your hat, tack, or **anything** during your Queen's run, DO NOT try to re-enter the arena. Our arena crew will gather it. Please wait for it at the "low pipe fence".

Queen Tent – Following the Grand Entry, QUICKLY put your horse away and report to the Queen tent. The Queen's tent is located near the East Arena Gate. We will sell T-shirts and tickets, in addition to offering a shady spot for our cowgirls to stay hydrated. Nightly, the JUDGES tally Grand Entry scores, and we award a cash prize to the high-point Queen Contestant of the performance at the Queen's Tent! During each performance, our Queen Contestants mingle with the crowd, selling ½ & ½ pot tickets. Sales do not affect the contestant's score. Top sellers each night win legendary Cavalcade Snow Cones!

Rodeo Dance – Dance attendance is strictly up to you. If you choose to go, please conduct yourselves in a mannerly way. There will be people watching.

PARADE: 10:00 am Downtown Pawhuska (Parade Line-up is 9:30am)

Directions: From the Osage County Fairgrounds, traveling on Lynn Ave towards town, the parade staging area is the large field found when you cross the Bird Creek bridge (the field is WEST of Lynn Ave). NO AMERICAN FLAG needed.

FINALISTS: SATURDAY

Top 5 Finalists will be announced during the Grand Entry on Saturday night. Finalists, please report to Queen Tent as usual, QUICKLY. Each Queen Finalist and a parent/guardian and club President must sign a waiver at the Cavalcade Office prior to her Sunday Finals Pattern. The Cavalcade Office is open until after the performance. Cumulative scores for the Finalists will be posted at the office on Saturday night. Score sheets for ALL contestants will be available after the Grand Entry in the Cavalcade Office.

SUNDAY FINALS: 10:00 am Sunday, July 23rd - Arena

*No Grand Entry. Reigning Queen kicks off our Sunday Short-Go by setting the Finals Horsemanship Pattern. Upon pattern completion, Finalists ride to judges, dismount, greet judges and then draw two questions. Contestants may read the questions themselves before passing it to the Queen for reading over the mic. You will be given the questions on Tuesday along with the finals pattern. Use that time wisely to research the questions and memorize the pattern.

FEES:

*The Roundup Club you represent may or may not require a club membership fee, cost generally ranging from \$5-25. (fees vary per club)

***Entry Fee for our Cavalcade Queen's Event is \$90, due June 1st with your club entry form.**

ARMBANDS:

Armbands can be purchased through your club (payment submitted directly to your club) or purchased online via the Stubwire link on our webpage at www.cavalcaderodeo.com – additional fees apply.

The club discount ends on June 1st, so you save the most money by purchasing early and through your club. Watch our social media pages for helpful savings or extended online sales. Without an armband, you will be responsible to pay at the gate before every rodeo performance.

Choices

ALL-ACCESS armband includes every rodeo gate (day and night) PLUS entrance to the nightly dances.

RODEO ONLY armbands include ALL rodeo performances WITHOUT dance entry.

*Queen contestants are NOT REQUIRED to attend rodeo dances or daytime performances, so the minimum armband purchase needed to compete in the Queen's Event is a RODEO ONLY armband.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Pawhuska has a few options for lodging, please visit www.pawhuskachamber.com/hotels for help if you will be finding a place to stay off-site of our event.

Every camper/horse trailer with an air conditioner is required to purchase and display a Cavalcade Electric Sticker as proof of payment for electric use. Please display stickers on the camper/trailer where it can be seen; this rule is enforced. Stickers are valid for the entire week of Cavalcade and will be in the club packet picked up by your club officer as early as July 16th. The cost is \$100 and must be purchased through your club entry form.

HORSE STALLS:

Stalls are available to rent. The cost is \$40 for the entire week. Stalls are reserved on first come-first serve practice. If interested in one, please let Hannah Thomas, Cavalcade Secretary

know as soon as possible to ensure one is reserved for you. Prepay through your club or pay in the rodeo office when you arrive.

*Remember to bring a stall fan. July in Oklahoma is HoT!

If you do not prefer a stall, we welcome you to bring your own panels and build a pen near your campsite for FREE!