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Snowmass Rodeo Returns for 46th Summer Season

One of the Longest Continuously Occurring Rodeos in Colorado Runs Every Wednesday from June 12 to August 21, 2019



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Snowmass Village, Colo., (Summer 2019) – The Snowmass Rodeo returns for the 46th season this summer. One of the longest running rodeos in Colorado, the Snowmass Rodeo occurs every Wednesday, rain or shine, from June 12-August 21, 2019. The true Colorado Western experience includes competitions such as Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding, Team Roping, and Barrel Racing. Children can participate in the Calf Scramble and Mutton Busting events.

Rodeo arena gates open at 5:00 p.m. Pre-rodeo activities including a chicken poop bingo, petting zoo, a bouncy house, and kids roping, mechanical bull rides, a cowboy saloon, and a BBQ dinner. The rodeo begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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.
- **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.

In addition to professional rodeo activities, the Snowmass Rodeo offers events and activities for guests to participate in as well.

- **Calf Scramble** - Children between the ages of 4 and 10 lineup 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 trophies.
- **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.

The Snowmass Rodeo takes place at the Snowmass Rodeo Grounds. For more information on the Snowmass Rodeo or to purchase tickets visit: snowmassrodeo.org. [Click here](#) for video of the rodeo and [click here](#) for the Kid's Guide to the Snowmass Rodeo.

About Snowmass Village, Colorado – A renowned winter playground and vibrant summer community just 9 miles from Aspen, Snowmass consistently ranks as one of the best ski areas in the world. For 2019, Ski Magazine named Aspen Snowmass the #1 "resort of the year" in the West. Snowmass offers guests incredible views of mountain vistas, in addition to 2.8 million adjacent acres of wilderness, open for activities and exploration. Snowmass offers a wide variety of outdoor activities, 30+ restaurants, 95 percent slopeside lodging, shopping, unique

special events and music – all year round. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit: www.gosnowmass.com.

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