



ACE HARDWARE GREAT FALLS PRESENTS...

2017 BIG SKY PRO RODEO ROUNDUP QUEEN SELECTION

APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
SIGN AND RETURN PAGES FOUR, SIX, AND SEVEN TO:

Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup
PO BOX 781
GREAT FALLS, MT 59403

2017 Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm July 23, 2016

Important Dates:

Mandatory Orientation Meeting (Candidates & Parents)
Wednesday, July 27, 5:30pm Location to be announced at a later date.

Pageant Brunch (speech, modeling, personal interview)
Tuesday, August 2, 11am-1pm, Celtic Cowboy

Riding Competition (Candidates arrive at noon)
Wednesday, August 3, 3:00-4:00pm, Rodeo Arena

Queen Coronation
Saturday, August 6, 2016 in the rodeo arena just prior to rodeo performance

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
BIG SKY PRO RODEO QUEEN COMMITTEE
JODY REMPEL (406) 899-4640 / LINDSEY KUNKEL 868-7996 / Sonya Mahlum 799-5965**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Candidates are required to volunteer a minimum of four hours during the 2016 Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup in addition to being at each rodeo performance.

Selection of the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen is made by the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Committee and judges selected by the committee. Applicants are judged on the basis of their application information, personal interviews, horsemanship, and public speaking ability. Applications are available online at www.bigskyprorodeo.com or from any member of the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup committee. Applications must be returned to any rodeo committee member or by mail to PO Box 781, Great Falls, MT 59403 no later than 5:00pm July 23, 2016.

The candidate and her parents should be prepared for personal interview with members of the rodeo committee. Committee members will explain the Queen's responsibilities and answer questions of the parents and candidate.

The candidate should be prepared to demonstrate her horsemanship skill before the rodeo committee and judges. The candidate must supply her own horse.

During the Pageant Brunch, candidates will be asked to give a 1 ½ minute speech (topic: an aspect or aspects of Great Falls, Montana) as well as answer impromptu questions and model.

The 2017 Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen will be announced just prior to the rodeo performance on Saturday, August 6, 2016, in the arena. The 2016 and 2017 Queens will both work the final performance of the rodeo.

Possible agenda for the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen will consist of appearances at local schools, 4-H clubs, college/high school rodeos, local parades and PRCA rodeos, western art week, and various Great Falls community events. The Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen represents the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup, the Montana State Fair, and the community of Great Falls. Many appearances are promotional with no rodeo events taking place. The Queen is a marketing tool to promote the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup.

If you are selected as the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen, you will be expected to make personal appearances, some on short notice. The most important attributes that the Rodeo Queen must possess is a comfortable way with people, a willingness to be flexible, and a contagious enthusiasm for our rodeo and community, although being a horsewoman is a necessity as well.

It is an honor to be chosen to represent the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup. It is the duty of each lady chosen to help promote, advertise, and sell our rodeo. It is the desire of the rodeo committee to be helpful in explaining to the candidates and their parents what is expected of them if they are chosen the Queen. If you or your parents do not feel you can give 100% towards the Queen's functions involved, please do not enter the competition.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates must not be younger than 17 years of age and not older than 21 as July 23, 2016. A birth certificate may be requested.
2. Candidates must be legal residents of Cascade, Hill, Toole, Judith Basin, Fergus, Glacier, Pondera, Liberty, Chouteau, or Teton County and live with her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) throughout her reign. Special considerations will be made for contestants attending college or university.
3. Candidates must be attending or have completed high school and must furnish a copy of your most recent grade transcripts, and must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.
4. Candidates must be single, not engaged, and not be or become betrothed or have marital obligations during her reign.
5. Each candidate must have access to a horse (stallions not permitted) and reliable transportation for herself and her horse for the pageant. The horse should be well mannered and well groomed. It is encouraged that the candidate ride the same horse during the competition that she would intend to use if she were selected to be the Queen. Your safety and that of everyone who has to be around your horse is the most important consideration. Horses should be used to carrying a flag and candidates should provide their own flag boot.
6. Candidates must never have been disqualified from any pageant, resigned from another royalty program, nor previously held the title of Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen.
7. Candidates must have a clear criminal history (no felonies, drug or alcohol related offenses, etc.)
8. Candidates who may not meet all of the criteria may petition the Rodeo Committee for approval. These cases will be reviewed on an individual basis.

RODEO COMMITTEE COMMITMENT

1. The Rodeo Committee will award the Reigning Queen a \$500 academic scholarship upon successful completion of her reign, payable to the school/college/university, and she will have two years in which to use it. In addition, any remaining funds from the Queen’s own fundraising efforts will be added to the scholarship amount.
2. The Rodeo Committee will provide travel expenses for the Queen up to \$1,000 for appearances, which will be approved in advance. Parents are expected to pay for their own expenses.
3. The Rodeo Committee will provide a wardrobe budget for the Queen up to \$350. All items must be approved in advance. Cleaning and upkeep is the responsibility of the Queen.
4. Communication throughout the year will be made directly to the Queen by the Rodeo Committee.
5. The Rodeo Committee will allow the Rodeo Queen to fundraise for additional budget. Committee will provide sponsorship guidelines and forms to use. 100% of Queen fundraising will go into the Rodeo Committee account and the Queen will retain 85% for her budget. The Rodeo Committee will keep 15% to help offset expenses. The Rodeo Committee is a 501©(3) charitable organization.

PAGEANT INFORMATION

1. Candidates are expected to be prompt and on-time to all functions, abide by all rules, and conduct themselves in a professional manner.
2. Candidates and their parents are expected to accept the judges’ decision and outcome of the pageant as final, and to display good sportsmanship throughout.
3. Throughout the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup, candidates are expected to provide their own meals and lodging, if needed, with the exception of the Pageant Brunch. Contestants’ and parents’ lunches will be provided at the Pageant Brunch.
4. All items provided to the Rodeo Queen are on loan until fulfilling all required duties. Some of the items, including crown and chaps, are passed down to the next Queen upon selection. Some of the items provided to the Queen may be gifted to the Queen after completion of her reign.
5. Judging will be determined by select members of the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Committee and two outside judges. Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Committee judges will be silent judges and their identity will not be known to candidates.

To be completed by parents:

_____ has our permission and support as a candidate for the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Queen. We have discussed the obligations, rules and duties with our daughter and we understand them and agree to abide by them.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Signature of Parents

QUEEN COMMITMENT

1. I understand that if I am selected as the 2017 Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen, I will be expected to sign an agreement with the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Committee and agree to abide by the rules and regulations outlined within.
2. I understand that if I am selected as the 2017 Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen, I will be an official representative of the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup. I will strive to represent the organization with sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character and humane treatment of animals. I will avail myself to all opportunities to appear as Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen to the public and to be prepared for photographs and interviews for the promotion of the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup. I will strive to set a good example to the public, to the future competitors and the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Royalty Program.
3. I understand that it is my responsibility as Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen to act, speak and dress according to the esteem my title deserves anytime I am in the public eye. At no time will drugs, alcohol or tobacco be consumed. Complete outfit including crown and banner shall be worn at all times during public appearances.
4. There will be no dating or fraternizing with men during appearances as Miss Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen.
5. Riding and horsemanship skills are essential to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills in order to better promote the sport of rodeo. I understand that I must provide my own horse which must be capable of performing basic required maneuvers in a safe and controlled manner. Proper grooming and care of my horse is my own responsibility as well as any equipment, saddling and transportation. I understand I am responsible for the transportation of myself and my horse to all events when required to do so.
6. The Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Committee along with the Montana State Fair holds all rights for promotional television, radio and photographic materials involving the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Queen. Permission for publicity and promotional use must be granted in advance.
7. I understand that during official Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup activities, an official chaperone may be designated for me and that I will abide by that chaperone.
8. I also understand and agree that my official appearances must be approved by the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Committee. I agree to maintain close contact with them in order to accomplish this.
9. If I possess a personal website or profile (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.), I agree that all material contained therein will be maintained to reflect a positive image of me and my position as Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen.
10. I agree that my commitment as Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen will be my first priority over and other activities I may be involved in (i.e. sports, clubs, organizations) throughout the year of my reign.
11. I agree to assist in the fundraising process or seeking sponsorships for the benefit of the title of Miss Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup. The Big Sky Pro Rodeo Committee will cover certain expenses for the title, but the Queen will be expected to assist in the fundraising process.
12. In consideration of my application being accepted, I hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the selection of Miss Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup and I assume all liabilities and responsibility for any loss, accident or injury, whether as to property or

person, arising in any way out of the activities of the committee or management, of the selection of the Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup Queen. As for the consideration aforesaid, I further agree to indemnify your committee and management from and against and loss or damage sustained by you by reason of any claims made by any of my executors, administrators or assignees. I certify that I have read and understand expectations of the title of Miss Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup and agree to abide by them.

Candidate's Signature of Commitment:

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Date



**APPLICATION FOR THE 2017
BIG SKY PRO RODEO ROUNDUP QUEEN – PRESENTED BY ACE HARDWARE**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age as of August 1, 2016: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent(s) Address(s): _____

Are you currently attending high school? _____ Year in School: _____

Do you plan to attend college? _____

If already attending college, list college and expected graduation date:

What is your educational interest? _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What has been your involvement with horses and rodeo? _____

List clubs and organizations you are a part of, as well as recent scholastic awards and recognition:

Candidates are required to volunteer a minimum of four hours during the 2016 Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup. Please set up your time with the Pageant Committee.

Date: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

** Please attach a copy of your current G.P.A. / grade transcripts.