



2018 Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo Pageant

Queen/Princess Contestants –

Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Butterfield Stage Days Queen/Princess Contest! Enclosed you will find the official pageant rules, application, contract, waiver agreement, itinerary and the horsemanship pattern.

The pageant events consist of horsemanship, speech, poise and personality, and interview questions. Contestants need to also be prepared to attend required appearances for sponsors, media interviews and the Butterfield Stage Days Parade and Rodeo.

The opportunity to represent the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo for one year is a great honor! To prepare our Queen/Princess to hold the title of Miss Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo Queen/Princess, all contestants will be expected to follow all rules and regulations along with meeting each of the eligibility requirements listed on the following pages.

There will be two categories for the Rodeo Royalty:

Rodeo Queen – ages 11 – 18

Rodeo Princess – ages 7 – 10

BACK CONTESTANT NUMBERS: Will be distributed during Orientation on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 8:30am. You will wear your assigned number during all judged events (horsemanship, speeches, interview and modeling).

BIOGRAPHY: The biography must be typed, in a standard font and printed on white paper. No other pages or computer altered biographies will be accepted.

CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR POLICY: Enclosed is a copy of agreement, this policy was written to insure the integrity of the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo and the Arizona Junior Rodeo Association.

GRAND ENTRY DRESS CODE: is western casual (western shirt, dark blue jeans, western boots and hat).

Grand Entry General Rules:

- Contestants must be mounted with saddles and bridles.
- No additional script will be read; only standard introduction of contestant will be made.
- You may dress in a costume that best describes your personality.
 - A contestant may wear a sports jersey over their shirt, or a surfer girl may wear a swim suit over their shirt and jeans.
- Nothing may be thrown or distributed during the Grand Entry.
- Anything attached to the horses or riders must be safely secured in a way that will not be a hazard to the horses or riders.

This event is intended to be safe and fun; however, safety must prevail over fun!!

HORSEMANSHIP DRESS CODE: Blue denim jeans and a plain white cotton shirt with long sleeves, collar, hat and number. **PLEASE NOTE:** Shirt is to be plain, no ruffles, accessories, tuxedo shirts or other fancy styles are not allowed.

INTRODUCTIONS: will be given a deduction of 10 points from the total score if you deviate from this list. For the introduction, we are looking for something short, simple and to the point. Your introduction should include name, age, hometown and school that you attend.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS: Be sure to mark the back of your submitted photo with your name.

- One (1) vertical photograph (5X7), head and shoulders shot only, no full lengths, no crown or banner. No emailed photos accepted.

SPEECH TOPIC:

Queen – prepare a 3 - 4-minute speech; “What it means to be a Rodeo Queen.”

Princess – prepare a 2-minute speech; “Tell us about your rodeo and/or competition horse from the perspective of your horse.”

Contestants will be judged on content, creativity, voice projection, enunciation and grammar, self-confidence and stage appeal.

SPEECH AND MODELING DRESS CODE: Western casual as stated above with the option as outlined here: Speech and Modeling Competition: At the speech and modeling portion of the competition, contestants have the option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, colored jeans and shirts.

WESTERN CASUAL DRESS CODE: Contestants will wear jeans and western blouses or shirts (no jackets and/or vests are allowed) at all judged events except the speech and modeling competition and horsemanship, where specific attire are allowed. Shirts must be tucked in. Long sleeves, collar, hat and number are mandatory for all categories of the competition. No dresses or skirts during crowning ceremony. All blouses, dresses and shirts worn in the Queen/Princess Contest must have long sleeves and collars.

Please educate yourself in the history and culture surrounding the Butterfield Overland Stagecoach Trail as it relates there will be questions covering this topic.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 623-640-2140 or email me at kvandermolden@gilabendaz.org

Sincerely,

Krista VanderMolen

Krista VanderMolen
Town of Gila Bend
Parks and Recreation Director



CONTESTANT SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change and will be discussed at Orientation

Friday, February 16, 2018	
<p>8:30 A.M.</p> <p><i>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</i></p>	<p>Orientation Best Western Space Age Lodge 401 E. Pima Street, Gila Bend, AZ</p>
Friday, February 16, 2018	
<p>9:00 A.M.</p> <p><i>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</i></p>	<p>Contestant Self Introductions, Impromptu, Modeling and Speeches Best Western Space Age Lodge 401 E. Pima Street, Gila Bend, AZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dress Code: Impromptu speaking – Western Casual * All contestants will be at the front of the room for introductions and will go in numerical order starting with #1. * For the introduction, we are looking for something short, simple and to the point. Your introduction should include name, age, hometown and school that you attend. Do not go on with a lengthy introduction or you will lose 10 points. * After each contestant has introduced themselves, all contestants will exit the room and wait in a designated location. * Impromptu speeches will start with #1 and go in numerical order. * Contest judges will ask each contestant the same impromptu question to answer, while remaining contestants wait in a separate location. After the contestant answers, they will be returned to a designated area. <p>Change for Modeling and Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The contestants will be given time to change from their pant and shirt impromptu outfits into speech and modeling attire. * Dress Code for Modeling and Speeches contestants have the option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, colored jeans and shirts. * Modeling and Prepared Speech will start with contestant #1 and go in numerical order. * During modeling the first section of the contestant’s biography will be read. * After the contestant models, she will give her prepared speech. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speeches will be timed. If the speech is not completed when the timer sounds, the contestant may only finish the sentence she is currently speaking. * <u>Speech Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Queen – prepare a 3 - 4-minute speech; “What it means to be a Rodeo Queen.” - Princess – prepare a 2-minute speech; “Tell us about your rodeo and/or competition horse from the perspective of your horse.” * Contestants will be judged on content, creativity, voice projection, enunciation, grammar, self-confidence and stage appeal.



<p>10:00 A.M.</p> <p><i>CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC</i></p>	<p>Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dress Code: Western Casual * Interviews will start with contestant #1 and go in numerical order. * Time limit of ten minutes for each contestant's interview.
<p>Lunch</p> <p>11:00 A.M. – 12:00 A.M.</p> <p><i>CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC</i></p>	<p>Hosted Lunch by the Best Western Space Age Lodge & Restaurant</p>
<p>1:00 P.M.</p> <p><i>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</i></p>	<p>Grand Entry Gila Bend Rodeo Grounds 100 E. Highway 85, Gila Bend, AZ 85337</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dress code is western casual (white long sleeved western shirt, blue denim jeans, western boots and hat). * Contestants must be mounted with saddles and bridles. * No additional script will be read; only standard introduction of contestant will be made. * Contestants and/or horses may dress in a costume that best describes their personalities. * Examples: A contestant may wear a sports jersey over their shirt, or a surfer girl may wear a swim suit over their shirt and jeans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing may be thrown or distributed during the Grand Entry. - Anything attached to the horses or riders must be safely secured in a way that will not be a hazard to the horses or riders. <p>This event is intended to be safe and fun; however, safety must prevail over fun!! This is not a speed event!</p>
<p>1:30 P.M.</p> <p><i>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</i></p>	<p>Horsemanship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All contestants will be required to groom, saddle and bridle their own horses. Princess contestants may have help, with permission from coordinators to saddle and bridle their horses. No parents/guardians, trainers or any other individuals will be allowed to assist, give pointers, warm up any horses, etc. once released to prepare for horsemanship. Once the contestant is mounted, no parents/guardians, trainers or any other individuals will be allowed to interact with the contestants. Should a need arise, a parent/guardian can ask the coordinator to handle upcoming concerns or escort them to their child. No trainers, parents/guardians or others allowed to warm up contestant horses at any time. * Dress Code – Blue denim jeans and plain white cotton blouse or shirt with long sleeves, collar, hat and number are mandatory. Blouse or shirt is to be plain; no ruffles, accessories, tuxedo shirts or other fancy style are not allowed. * Parents or coaches will not be allowed in the arena. * Horsemanship will be in reverse numerical order starting with the last contestant. * Contestants will be required to mount and dismount at the beginning and end of their patterns. A description of the riding pattern is included in the orientation packet. The pattern will only change based on the entrance and exits available at the arena. * The Horsemanship portion of the contest is to demonstrate the ability of the contestant to show herself and her horseman skills. Therefore, the pattern is used to demonstrate basic horsemanship skills such as controlling speed, increasing speed, picking up correct leads.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Judges will perform an interview upon completion of riding pattern for each contestant.* Contestants <u>must</u> stay until the last contestant performs her pattern.* Pictures will be taken after all horsemanship patterns have been completed.
Approximately 2:30 P.M. <i>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</i>	Coronation of the 2018-2019 Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo Queen and Princess <ul style="list-style-type: none">* All judge's decisions are final at the time of the coronation and crowned winners will remain as such.* In the event that there is an overall tie in the final score, such ties will be broken by using the highest horsemanship score.



2018 Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo Pageant Entry Form



Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

I am running for the title of: Queen (ages 11 – 18): _____ Princess (ages 7 – 10): _____

Parent or Guardian Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Contestant e-mail address: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Why do you want to compete in the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo Pageant?



**2018 Butterfield Stage Days
Pageant Contestant Biography**

Use This Official Form Only. No other resume, computer altered biography or additional pages will be accepted.

Only this portion will be read for the Modeling Competition:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Hometown: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Name of School: _____

Speech Title: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION USED BY THE JUDGES:

Academic Achievements:

Other Activities/Hobbies:

Your Hero and why:

My Horse:

If you had one wish come true, what would it be?

Any other comments about yourself:

**2018 Butterfield Stage Days
Pageant Contestant Liability & Image Release**



In consideration of my accepted application as a contestant for the title of Queen or Princess, I am permitted to engage in the Butterfield Stage Days (BSD) and Rodeo Royalty contest, I hereby for myself, my executers, assistants, family, administrators, and friends agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the BSD Royalty contest and I assume all liability and responsibility for any and all loss, accident, or injury whether to person or property.

I enter this contest at my own risk and understand that I am subject to the contest rules, both written and verbal.

I also agree to hold harmless the Butterfield Stage Days committee members, coordinators, the Town of Gila Bend, Town Council and any others involved in such event for the entire term of the contest and/or the duration of my reign.

I agree that this release of liability will remain in force until the final night of my term as BSD Royalty which will be the final night of all BSD functions of the following year. Also, I hereby release the right and claim of any photographs that may be taken by the Rodeo committee or others designated to take such photos for use of promotion and publicity.

I agree that I have read and understand all above rules and expectations of the BSD royalty contest. I agree that I must abide by such rules and regulations and agree that failure to comply with such rules can result in disqualification of current and future participation in such contest.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF ARIZONA)
 ss
COUNTY OF MARICOPA)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by _____.

Notary Public State of Arizona
My Commission Expires: _____

(SEAL)

This form must be notarized no later than February 16, 2018 (**Notary will be provided on site**).



Butterfield Stage Days Pageant Conduct and Behavior Policy Agreement



You will be a representative of the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo and symbolic of its reputation, principles and interest to other students and adults in the community. Because of the importance of your position and what your appearance and behavior say to others about you, it is imperative you understand the expectations and responsibilities that accompany your position. You will be expected to comply with the dress code and other requirements and behave in accordance with the standards provided in the Rules and policies set by the Butterfield Stage Days Committee.

The Rules and Bylaws provide that acts of insubordination, misconduct or acts, which are detrimental to the reputation, principles and interest of the Butterfield Stage Days Committee, will subject a contestant to discipline. Disciplinary action can include a variety of penalties – even removal of title.

Activities for which discipline has been, and will be imposed include (but are not limited to) any association with or use of alcohol or drugs, or immoral or lewd conduct. Regardless of the permissive laws of Arizona or the indulgence or permission of your parents or legal guardian, these activities will not be permitted while you are attending local or state rodeo events, meeting or functions or serving as a representative of the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo in any way.

The Butterfield Stage Days Committee will investigate all alleged offenses and the incident will be reported to the queen's parent or guardian. A hearing pursuant to the Disciplinary Action or Disqualification will be scheduled at which the queen/princess will have the opportunity to present a defense to the charges.

Upon the imposition of Disciplinary Action requiring relinquishment of the crown, or, suspension or expulsion from the Butterfield Stage Days Committee, the crown and all other property of the Butterfield Stage Days Committee must be returned within seven (7) days at the queen/princess expense. Other items that belong to the Butterfield Stage Days Committee and are required to be returned with the crown, include, but are not limited to, the Queen Parade Banner, buckle, sash and all other Butterfield Stage Days property.

During your year, you will be required to adhere to all the Butterfield Stage Days policies and procedures for travel, making appearances, attending official functions, state meetings, activities and any other State or local events. You will be expected to carry out all responsibilities as Queen/Princess. **Expectations:** As Queen or Princess, you will be required to attend the following functions (not limited to the following): February 26, 2018 Council Meeting; Town of Gila Bend 4th of July Celebration; August 23, 2018 League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference and the December Holiday Light Parade/Santa in the Park event.

As the Queen/Princess, you should be aware that posting photographs, comments or statements on any website such as Snap Chat, Facebook or any other website or internet page that associates them with the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo is not allowed without the permission of the Butterfield Stage Days Committee. They should also be aware that any statement, comments or photographs posted that sheds a negative light or is detrimental to the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo, its mission or the sport of rodeo in anyway could subject them to disciplinary action resulting in censure, probation, removal, suspension or expulsion.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I have read and am familiar with the rules pertaining to dress code and conduct contained in the Rules and Bylaws of the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo as well as the policies contained herein. I agree to the conditions of the Conduct and Behavior Policy Agreement and assume responsibility for my actions.

Print Name

Queen/Princess Signature

Date

Parent Signature: _____

Date

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
COUNTY OF MARICOA)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by _____.

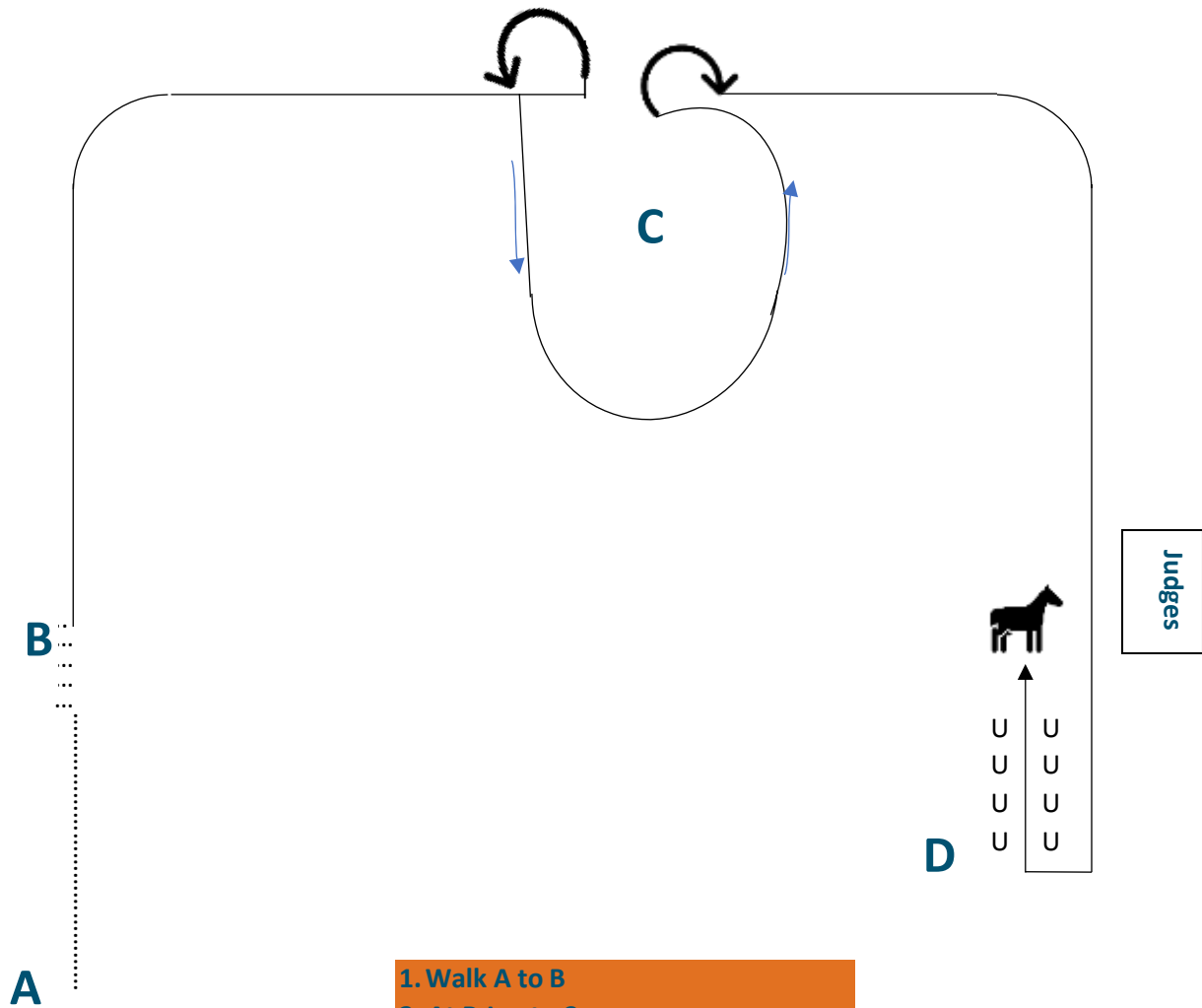
Notary Public State of Arizona
My Commission Expires: _____

(SEAL)

This form must be notarized no later than February 16, 2018 (***A notary will be provided on site.***)



Butterfield Stage Days Competition Riding Pattern



1. Walk A to B
2. At B Jog to C
3. Stop at C and perform a 180 degree turn to the left
4. Jog a circle around C
5. Stop at C and perform a 180 degree turn to the right.
6. Lope on the left lead to D
7. Stop at D and back approximately one-horse length.
8. Turn and face the Judges for questions.





Contestant packets must be received no later than 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 16th and must include all items listed below:

- Entry Form
- Signed Conduct Policy and Behavior Agreement
- 5X7 Photo
- Biography
- Rodeo Royalty Contract
- Rodeo Royalty Contest Liability and Image Release Form
- Grades from your school

Mail to:

**Town of Gila Bend
Attn: Krista VanderMolen
P.O. Box A
644 West Pima Street
Gila Bend, AZ 85337**

Hand Deliver to:

**Town of Gila Bend
Attn: Krista VanderMolen
644 West Pima Street
Gila Bend, AZ 85337**

OR

**Bring application to the
Orientation on Friday,
February 16, 2018**

