



It's Rodeo Time!!!

Gila Bend AJRA Rodeo February 17 & 18, 2018

Gila Bend Rodeo Grounds

1440 E Pima St. Gila Bend, AZ

Gila Bend has put much time and \$ into this weekend and the celebration of Butterfield Stage Days. There is a lot planned this weekend by the Town of Gila Bend & everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in all activities.

We will be running two arenas! Order of events will be as follows-
10:00/ 8:00 - Main arena 10:00/8:00 - Second arena ***note varying start times**

16-18 Barrels
13-15 barrels
9-12 barrels
4-8 barrels
GRAND ENTRY approx 12:00

4-8 Calf Riding
9-12 Steer Riding

16-18 poles
13-15 poles
9-12 poles
4-8 poles
16-18 chute dogging
13-15 chute dogging
9-12 calf touch
16-18 calf roping
13-15 calf roping
9-12 boys breakaway
16-18 breakaway
13-15 breakaway

9-12 breakaway
16-18 Ribbon roping
13-15 ribbon roping
9-12 ribbon roping
4-8 team roping
9-12 team roping
13-15 team roping
16-18 team roping
4-8 calf riding
9-12 steer riding

4-8 goats
9-12 boys goats
16-18 goats
13-15 goats
9-12 goats

NO Stalls available.
Panels & Tie Ups are allowed.

City Volunteers will be helping us park so that we can all fit. Please be patient with them. (see below)
If day tripping rather than camping park across the street by Elks Lodge rather than inside rodeo grounds to lessen

Be sure to thank Gila Bend Volunteers for putting in a new second arena, just for us, comping the beautiful awards, and planning such a fabulous event.

**** PARKING****

Contestants and vendors will enter through the main gate. Spectators will enter through the pedestrian gate only. This is where you will get your tribute ribbon.

- There are two sections inside the rodeo grounds reserved for contestant vehicles only. Once full, overflow contestant parking will be open in the Elks Lodge Parking Lot (west side of entry road)

- There is no parking fee for contestants, but we do ask the following:

- Must have name checked off entry list (help us to ensure onsite parking is for contestants only)
- Must have parking ticket hanger visible on rearview mirror at all times Spectator/Visitor

Parking: In the Elks Parking lot (east side of entry road). The Gila Bend High School Senior Class will be raising funds for their senior trip and are charging \$5 for parking for spectators/visitors.

PARADE FUN – the AJRA has a spot reserved in the parade Saturday morning. The parade staging area is within 1 mile of arena so no trailering is necessary. We would love to have as many AJRA contestants as possible come and be apart of the fun. Consent forms are needed so email me the attached Parade Entry form to confirm your spot (No BIO needed). Parade is at 8:30. Plan on being to staging area by 8:00.

We are not doing a ‘PERFORMANCE’ but will be doing a **GRAND ENTRY** at approx 12:00. All are encouraged to ride in arena horseback & are asked to participate in the special tribute the town is doing for a young man who was killed last month.

Here’s how the Grand Entry will run-

- When announced, all contestants will ride into arena, circle around and line up in center facing grandstands, rodeo royalty will ride in at this time with contestants.
- Rodeo Royalty will ride forward when their names are announced & then make hot lap.
- Flags will be brought into arena, presented, & National Anthem played.
- Tribute to Ethan Gonzales (ribbons will be handed out upon entering the parking lot*)
- Prayer
- Contestants to follow the leader out of the arena

* “ We are asking everyone in possession of a ribbon to wrap it around your right wrist (however it works best). When you hear the words, “Hold ‘em high,” at the end of the dedication, we ask

that you raise your right arm in the air so the teal ribbon is visible to Eythan's family. Feel free to use a peace sign, the love sign, a fist, or a simple hand in the air."

CHURCH SERVICE - Josh Hand will be conducting Cowboy Church in the grandstands at 7am Sunday morning.

COWGIRLS- Don't miss out on the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo

Pageant on Friday 2/16. See attachment for details.

ROUGHSTOCK RIDERS - Saturday you will ride two head that count for the Marana rodeo points. Sunday you will ride two head for the Gila Bend rodeo points.

If you are only entered in the Gila Bend, you will only ride on Sunday.

\$5 RAFFLE – This Electric Scooter will be raffled off at the Finals in May. Sale of tickets will fulfill sponsorship donation and go towards awards fund. Be sure to pick up your tickets.



Super Turbo 1000 Elite

VOLUNTEERS – Many volunteers are needed to keep our day running smoothly and efficiently. We do not assign volunteers but rely on our parents to step in when called. You may need to flag, work the gate, set barrels/poles, time or announce. If your not sure how to help please ask.

Be sure to see if you are listed as a TIMER, as this is the only assigned position.

To help with the close of each rodeo I will be asking local families to stick around through the end of rodeo to help with clean up and take down. This job assignment includes- removing & rolling up arena banners, picking up any trash around grandstands & arena area, locking stalls/ mucking stalls (if needed), etc..... This job is important as many of our facilities are provided free or at a discounted rate & we want to leave them looking great.

Clean Up Families - Magley, Odom, Thorstenson, Kepler, & Connelly.

**Arena will need to stay clear this weekend to ensure spectators can see. Do your part and stay out of arena when not competing.
THANKS!

Dynamite Horseman Supply will be there for all your tack needs.

Concession stand will be OPEN @ 7am each day.

** Be sure to read thru the Gila Bend Butterfield Stage Days Celebration details for all events happening this weekend.**

DOUBLE K DIAMOND PHOTOGRAPHY will be here to capture all this weekends rodeo action.

