

**GILA BEND
BUTTERFIELD STAGE DAYS CELEBRATION
2/15 – 2/18**

THURSDAY 2/15	FRIDAY 2/16	SATURDAY 2/17	SUNDAY 2/18
CARNIVAL <i>Community Center Park 202 N. Euclid Ave. 5pm – 10pm</i>	RODEO PAGEANT <i>Space Age Lodge 401 E. Pima St. 8:30am – 2:30pm</i>	PARADE <i>On Pima St. from Dodson to St. Louis Ave. Entry form required asap 8:30am – 9:30am</i>	AJRA RODEO <i>Gila Bend Rodeo Grounds 1440 E. Pima St. 8:00am – 4:00pm</i>
<p>\$20 unlimited ride cards must be purchased before 2/12/18.</p> <p>Please call Krista directly for more information 623-640-2140.</p>	<p>8:30am Orientation 9:00am Introductions, Speeches 10:00 Interviews 1:00pm Grand Entry (approx.) 1:30pm Horsemanship (rodeo grounds) 2:30pm Coronation (rodeo grounds)</p> <p>(some aspects open to public)</p> <p>Queen and Princess to receive: -crowns, sashes, jewelry and one of a kind buckles</p>	<p>7:30am Staging on Williams St. 8:00am Hard close of Pima St. 8:30am Parade Start Time No entry fee</p>	<p>7:00am Cowboy Church</p> <p>Rodeo Grounds Events/Activities <i>ENTERTAINMENT:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -music -line dance fun -Hoola Hoop Contest -Pony Hop Races -Cornhole -Horseshoes -Bed/Outhouse Races (if entries made) -art demonstrations and classes (vary) -raffle (quite possible) <p>FOOD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Concession Stand (coffee served by 7am) -Sonoran Kettle Corn (truck) -Chuck Wagon Old Fashioned Soda (truck) -Chillin’ Ice Cream & Treats (truck) <p>ARTISAN/CRAFTERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Designs by Paula: wine bottles/mason jars -Love AZ Designs: string art -San Lucy Tribal arts
<p>If unlimited ride card is not purchase in advance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -single tickets \$1 -30 tickets \$25 -60 tickets \$50 <p>All rides require 3, 4 or 5 tickets</p>	CARNIVAL <i>Community Center Park 202 N. Euclid Ave. 5pm – 10pm</i>	AJRA RODEO <i>Gila Bend Rodeo Grounds 1440 E. Pima St. 10:00am – 5:00pm</i>	
	<p>If unlimited ride card is not purchase in advance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -single tickets \$1 -30 tickets \$25 -60 tickets \$50 <p>All rides require 3, 4 or 5 tickets</p>	<p>10:00am Start Time 12:00pm Grand Entry (appx)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Queen/Princess Hot Laps - Court? - Flags - Rodeo Tribute to Eythan Gonzales <p style="background-color: yellow;">(see tribute notes below)</p>	
	RODEO GROUNDS	<p>Rodeo Grounds Events/Activities <i>ENTERTAINMENT:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wells Fargo Stage Coach – photo ops -Music -Line dance fun 	
	<p>Light concessions will be available!</p> <p>Tamales, burritos, water, soda</p>		

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		GILA BEND HISTORY TOURS Town Hall 644 W. Pima St. 9:30am – 3:00pm	GILA BEND HISTORY TOURS Town Hall 644 W. Pima St. 9:00am – 2:30
		1 ½ hour tours ½ hour at Gila Bend Museum 1 hour tour of Gatlin Archaeology Site 9:30am – 11:00am, 11:30am – 1:00pm, 1:30pm – 3:00pm	1 ½ hour tours ½ hour at Gila Bend Museum 1 hour tour of Gatlin Archaeology Site 9:00am – 10:30am, 11:00am – 12:30pm, 1:00pm – 2:30pm
		Tour Guide: Preservation Archaeologist, Aaron Wright -Space is limited; sign-up required -call Town Hall to sign up 928-683-2255	Tour Guide: -unknown at this time. Tours will be unavailable without guide confirmation.
		CARNIVAL <i>Community Center Park</i> 202. N. Euclid Ave.	CARNIVAL <i>Community Center Park</i> 202. N. Euclid Ave.
		12pm – 10pm	12pm – 10pm
		STREET DANCE <i>Elks Lodge</i> 1400 E. Pima St. 7:00pm – 1:00am	

	Enjoy a steak, hamburger or chicken fingers and live entertainment within walking distance of rodeo grounds!	
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TRIBUTE:

In early January the Town of Gila Bend suffered a tremendous loss. A beloved young cowboy, Eythan Gonzales, went for an afternoon of hunting and fishing with his father, and both fell victim to a single vehicle accident.

Our community has been gearing up for not only the celebration of Butterfield Stage Days, but for the visit of the AJRA Rodeo for months; Eythan was especially excited to enter the Rodeo along with his cousin. As a show of love and support for his mother and two sisters, we are dedicating the rodeo to Eythan and will hold a small, but meaningful tribute in his honor.

We are hoping contestants and their families will join us in our tribute to our young cowboy with wings on Saturday at the end of the Grand Entry, just before the prayer. We will be handing out teal colored ribbons at the contestant entry gate until we run out.

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.

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.

STALLS

At this time we do not have adequate materials to supply rental stalls at this time. Please keep your animals safe.

TICKET PRICES

Rodeo Grounds entry fees are \$3 kids 3-17 and \$5 for adult (not for contestants and families in same vehicle)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) The Wells Fargo Stage Coach will make its way from the parade to the rodeo grounds; anticipate traffic will be stopped to ensure safety. Please keep your distance from coach as it makes a loop around the rodeo grounds. The coach will stop for photographs near entertainment tent.
- 2) Please drive slowly (5mph) on rodeo grounds for safety and dust control.
- 3) Butterfield Stage Days is being promoted regionally: Metro Valley Digital Calendars, West Valley View 70k homes, 107.9 KMLE Country, and 96.3 Real Country (Wickenburg), with weekend pass giveaways. We expect more visitors than ever, please arrive early.