

**TEXAS TRADITION**

# RODEO

**APRIL 11-12  
2026**

**Start  
Time  
10:00am**

**\$8,000  
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**North Texas  
Fair and Rodeo  
2217 N. Carroll  
Denton, Texas**

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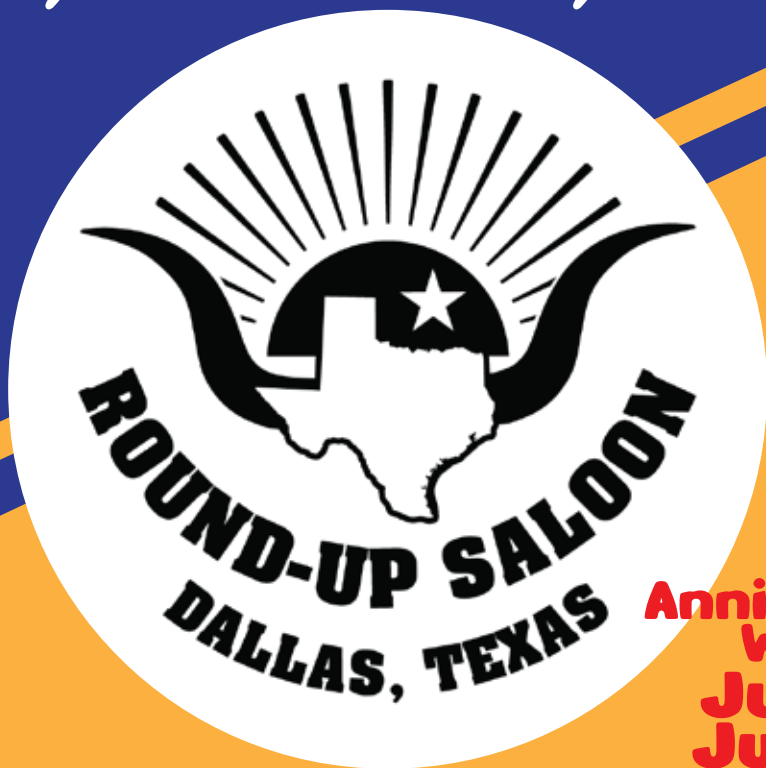


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# TGRA State President

Howdy and Welcome!

On behalf of the membership of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association, its Board of Trustees and army of volunteers, I'd like to welcome you to the 2026 A Texas Tradition Rodeo.



We are excited to be back at the Denton County Fairgrounds here in Denton, Texas. Our Rodeo Director's, Assistant Rodeo Directors, Membership and a group of very dedicated volunteers have been working hard to bring the 2026 A Texas Tradition Rodeo to life! It takes a lot of money to host a rodeo, and we could not do it without our Sponsors! A great big THANK YOU goes out to all our Sponsors!

Good Luck to all our competitors this weekend. Thank you for making the trip to play in the dirt with us. Play Safe, Rodeo Hard, and most importantly enjoy yourself and have a great weekend.

To our amazing group of Volunteers and Officials who gave up their time to come help us put on this rodeo, Thank You for all you do! Y'all are amazing!

And lastly, to all our spectators, Thank You for coming out to visit and support TGRA! Be sure to visit our Cowboy Market for some great finds!

Let's Rodeo!

Randy Edlin

TGRA State President



# A BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN TYPE OF BAR

Houston, TX



# Rodeo Director



Howdy all!

I would like to welcome everyone to the Texas Gay Rodeo Association's annual Texas Tradition Rodeo. We are pleased to have this year's rodeo at the North Texas Fair and Rodeo again.

We are hosting the annual TGRA Royalty Competition and Step Downs Friday night. We would also like to welcome the Oklahoma Tea Party and the Miss Gay Texas State Pageant System on Saturday night. As always, there are vendors, delicious food and drinks, and of course exciting rodeo action.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their countless hours of support, as well as our sponsors, vendors and contestants for choosing to be a part of our rodeo this weekend.

Let's Rodeo!

Mary Honeycutt

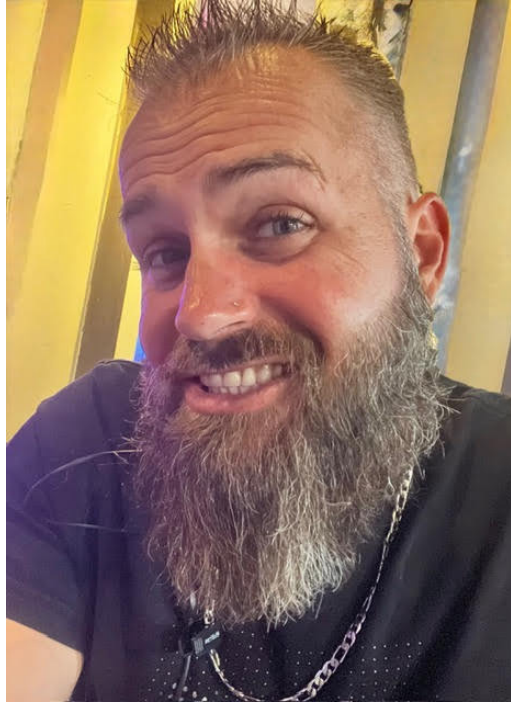
Rodeo Director 2026

# Rodeo Director

Eric is proudly serving his third year as Assistant Rodeo Director for TGRA and currently holds the title of President of the TGRA Fort Worth Chapter. He was honored as the 2024 2nd Runner-Up Mr. TGRA and will be stepping down from his title during this year's rodeo.

Eric warmly welcomes all contestants, spectators, and supporters to the 2026 TGRA Rodeo. Your participation, energy, and continued support are what make this event so special year after year. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated vendors and generous sponsors—your contributions help make this rodeo possible and ensure its continued success.

# Rodeo Director



Hey y'all!

Welcome to the Texas Gay Rodeo Association's "Texas Tradition Rodeo" here in the good old city of Denton, TX!

I want to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers and staff for putting on this great and fun event!

Just wait, it's going to be a blast!

Sincerely,

Clifford Potter

Assistant Rodeo Director 2026

# Rodeo Director



Howdy!

There is nothing quite like the energy of the TGRA Texas Tradition Rodeo. It's an honor to be part of such a legendary weekend, and I'm ready to jump into the action.

The Texas Gay Rodeo Association has such a rich history of community, competition, and heart. Be sure to keep the spirit of "friendship and memories" at the forefront of everything you do here.

I would like to thank the volunteers for everything you are doing this weekend to make this event possible! Good luck to all the competitors, may ride and compete knowing your friends, family, and community are supporting you 100%!

Nick Seelhammer  
Assistant Rodeo Director

# Rodeo Director

Howdy!

Welcome to the Texas Tradition Rodeo. I would like to welcome each and everyone of you to this year's rodeo, where the boots are dirty, the jeans are tight, sashes are worn proudly and the competition is fierce.



Whether you are here to ride, rope or wrestle, we are glad to welcome you. It isn't just about competition but community and chosen family. To our contestants bring the grit, ride hard, stay safe, bring the heart and remember, bring a little showmanship. To all of our volunteers, you are the reason this rodeo runs smoothly. Without you, we could not make this rodeo a success. And to all our fans and first-timers-welcome to the most inclusive, high-energy good time you didn't know you needed. So, tighten your cinches, adjust your hats and get ready to rodeo. And remember, this weekend is bigger than ribbons and buckles. It's about showing up as you are-loud, proud, a little dusty and completely unstoppable. Out here, we don't just make history....we make memories, connections, and maybe a few questionable decisions after the sun goes down.

Let's rodeo, Kaven O'Neil

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## **Calf Roping on foot - Men**

Kirk and Jerry Wylie

## **Calf Roping on foot - Women**

Kirk and Jerry Wylie

## **Steer Riding - Men**

Buds and Blooms Florist

## **Steer Riding - Women**

Buds and Blooms Florist

## **Breakaway Roping - Men**

Doug Sullens

## **Breakaway Roping - Women**

PWA Holiday Charities,  
Houston, TX

## **Team Roping - Header**

Round Up Saloon, Dallas Tx

## **Team Roping - Healer**

Round Up Saloon, Dallas TX

## **Chute Dogging - Men**

Tom Sheridan in memory of  
Johnny Ackerman

## **Chute Dogging - Women**

Kim Mann

## **Pole Bending - Men**

Round Up Saloon, Dallas Tx

## **Pole Bending - Women**

Round Up Saloon, Dallas, TX

## **Steer Decorating #1**

Hidden Door, Dallas TX

## **Steer Decorating #2**

Hidden Door, Dallas TX

## **Barrel Racing - Men**

John Irwin in Memory of Heidi Pursley

## **Barrel Racing - Women**

John Irwin in Memory of Heidi Pursley

# Rodeo Director



Howdy All,

Welcome to Texas Traditions Rodeo  
Thank you to ours Volunteer, Rodeo  
Contestant, Rodeo Officials, Spectators

And our community.

Thank you for your support of TGRA,  
Michael Butts AKA Mipsy Mikels  
Assistant Rodeo Director

# Buckle & Award Sponsors

## **Flag Racing - Men**

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## **Flag Racing - Women**

Club Reflections, Ft Worth TX

## **Goat Dressing #1**

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## **Goat Dressing #2**

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## **Bull Riding - Men**

Buds and Blooms Florist

## **Bull Riding - Women**

Cheryl Wayne

## **Wild Drag #1**

Club Reflections, Ft Worth TX

## **Wild Drag #2**

Club Reflections, Ft Worth TX

## **Wild Drag #3**

Club Reflections, Ft Worth TX

## **Dwight Jones Memorial**

Double J Ranch

## **Bruce Eden Award**

Kyle McCann

## **Officials Awards**

TGRA Dallas Chapter

## **Grand Marshal**

TGRA Houston Chapter

## **High Point Category Awards**

TGRA Dallas Chapter

## **Volunteer Award**

Karl Weaver



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## **Community Goat Dressing #1**

Deejay Johannessen

## **3rd Assistant Rodeo Director**

## **5th Assistant Rodeo Director**

## **Community Goat Dressing #2**

Deejay Johannessen

## **Chocho Set #1**

The Round Up Saloon

## **Chocho Set #3**

Help, Ft Worth TX

## **Chocho Set #2**

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## **Chocho Set #4**

Hidden Door, Dallas, TX

## **Rough Stock Robbons**

Fallen Hero's

## **Speed Event Ribbons**

The Round Up Saloon, Dallas TX

## **Roping Event Ribbons**

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# 2025 IGRA Rodeo Schedule

FEB 14-16 – ARIZONA GAY RODEO, PHOENIX, AZ

APR 11-13 - TEXAS TRADITION RODEO, DENTON, TX

MAY 2 - 4 – HOT RODEO, PALM SPRINGS, CA

MAY 9-11 – SHOW-ME STATE RODEO, KANSAS CITY, MO

MAY 23-25 – BIG HORN RODEO, LAS VEGAS, NV

JUN 20-22 – CROSSROADS OF THE WEST REGIONAL RODEO,  
OGDEN, UT

JUL 11-13 – ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL RODEO, DENVER, CO

AUG 8-10 – GREAT PLAINS RODEO, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

AUG 22-24 – ZIA REGIONAL RODEO, SANTA FE, NM

SEP 12-14, – BEST BUCK IN THE BAY, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

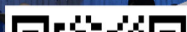
OCT 9-13, – WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS, RENO, NV

For the most current schedule please refer to the IRGA Schedule at  
<http://igra.com/CalendarRodeo.htm>



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Houston, TX



# Running Order

Starting at 10:00 AM

Grand Entry

Calf Roping on Foot

Break-Away Roping

Team Roping

Pole Bending

Steer Decorating

Steer Riding

Chute Dogging

Goat Dressing

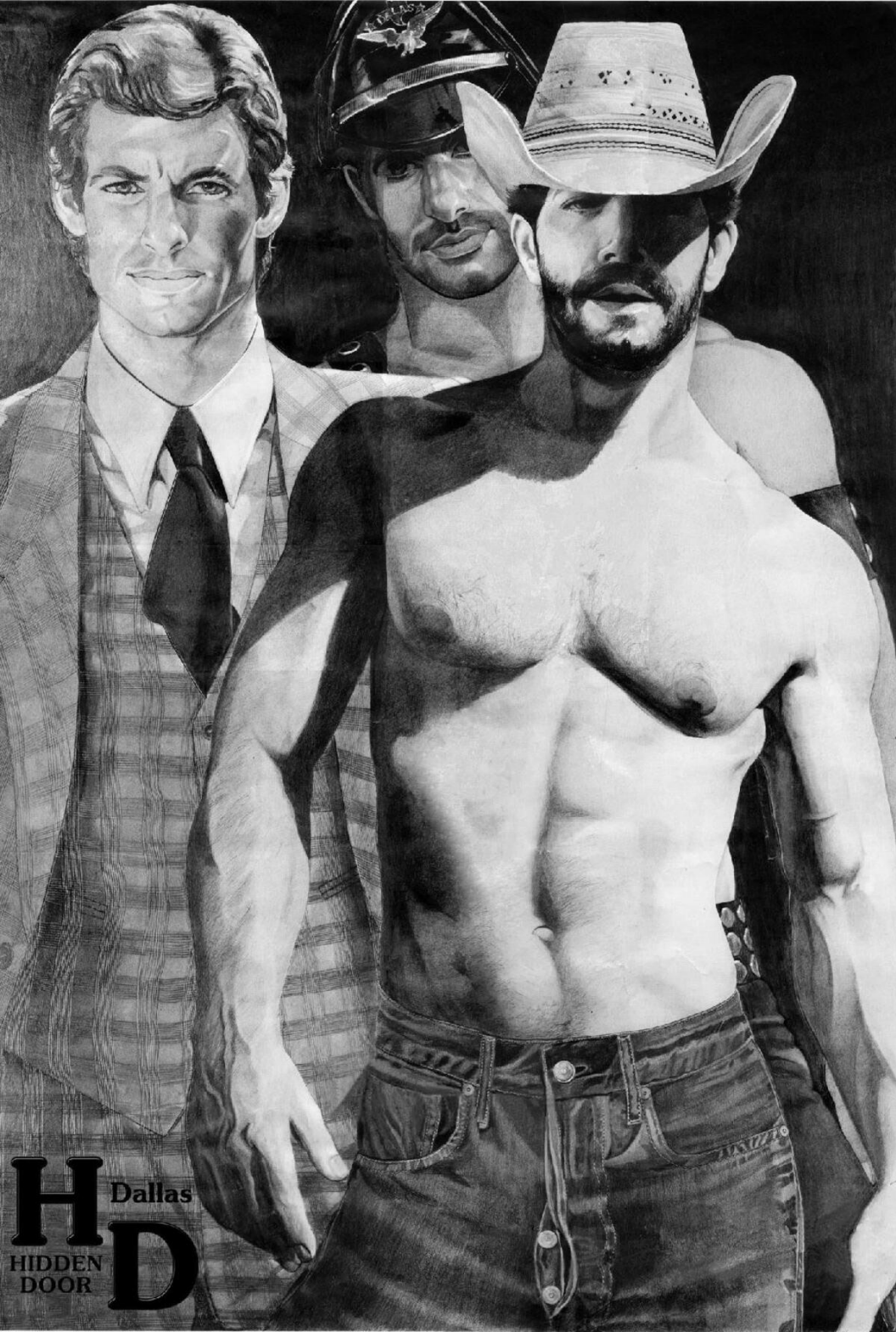
Community Goat Dressing

Barrel Racing

Flag Racing

Wild Drag

Bull Riding



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# Event Descriptions

## Rough Stock Events

Mounted on top or standing beside an animal many times their size and weight, it's contestant against beast. In these events, the contestant attempts to out balance or out maneuver the animal's natural instinct to rid itself of an unusual weight on its back or to escape from the clutches of the contestant. These events require a great deal of skill and experience before a contestant can become a champion. Many IGRA sanctioned rodeos will hold rodeo schools before a rodeo or during the year, where experienced competitors can give the new contestant good instruction and suggestions as to how to improve.

### Bull Riding

The ultimate event of the rodeo, Bull Riding, is an advanced version of Steer Riding, but with one-half ton more beef to contend with and the added danger that many bulls turn back on the rider and attempt to get even for having their routine disrupted. Guaranteed, once you are on the bull and the gate opens, few riders ever leave this event without being slammed to the ground and scurrying for cover, as the Bull Fighter moves in to save the cowboy or cowgirl.

### Steer Riding

This is a good beginner's event, but it's not as easy as it looks. Steers are male cattle which have been castrated. The rider has a "bull rope" wound around the animal just behind the front legs and then around the rider's hand; no knots are allowed. This hand hold and the riders legs, wrapped around the animal, are all the rider has to count on to stay on top. A rider who is able to spur, or move their legs back and forth on the animal's sides, will receive a higher score.

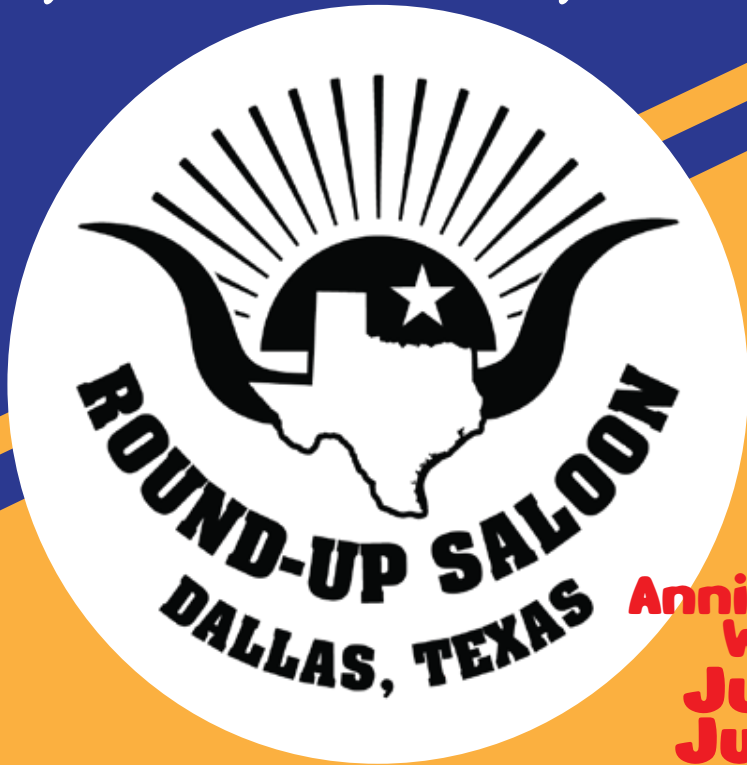
### Chute Dogging

This event is designed to give even the novice a chance to compete in rough stock events. The steer and the contestant both start in the bucking chute and face a 60-second time limit. When the chute gate opens, the contestant must bring the steer out to a 10-foot line in front of the chute, and then attempt to wrestle, or "dog" the steer to the ground. The contestant will turn the steer's head up and toward the steer's shoulder, hoping the steer will fall over on its other shoulder, causing all four feet to point in the same direction as the head was turned. If the steer is contrary and falls the other way, it is termed a "dog fall" and the contestant can either attempt to turn the head the same direction or let the steer up and start over. In this event either the contestant "dogs" or gets "dogged."

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# Event Descriptions

## Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding

Beginning with the 2017 rodeo season, Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding (sometimes abbreviated to Ranch Bronc Riding) was added to the list of optional events. In this event the horse is fitted with a full saddle. The rider holds onto a soft rope which is fastened to the horse's head with a special halter. The rider can use their free hand to hold onto the saddle, unlike the regular saddle bronc ride where the rider must not touch the horse or rider's body with his or her free hand. All other rules generally follow those of Bareback Bronc Riding above. This video is from a regular non-gay rodeo. It will be replaced after we obtain a video from a gay event.

## Roping Events

Gay rodeo presents three roping events with one designed for beginners. The other two can be costly, because your success depends on a very good horse. Many roping horses sell for \$10,000 and up. These events always begin with the contestant in a "roping box." An imaginary start line runs across the front of the roping box and the chute where the calf or steer is held. Should the contestant cross this line, called the "barrier", before the calf or steer clears the chute, a 10-second penalty shall be assessed and added on to the time.

## Calf Roping on Foot

This is the second step in a roper's career. Most beginning ropers practice on fence posts or other stationary objects and then move in to the arena with a live animal. The contestant stands in the roping box and when the calf is released, attempts to throw the loop over the calf's head. Once the loop passes over the calf's head, the contestant must pull up the slack in the rope.

## Mounted Break-Away Roping

The roper is mounted on horseback with one end of his or her rope tied to the saddle horn by a piece of string. When the calf is released from the chute, the roper will be in hot pursuit with lasso swirling above his or her head. When the loop is thrown, it must pass completely over the calf's head. As the calf pulls away from the rider and horse, the rope grows taut and will break away from the saddle horn.

## Team Roping

Hours of hard work go into the training for this event. This event is loaded with hazards, such as collisions, entanglements, and worst of all, possible loss of fingers. The team consists of two ropers and two well-trained horses. One roper is called the "header" and his or her responsibility is to catch the steer by the horns while the teammate, called the "heeler," has the responsibility of catching the steer's back legs, or heels. When the header makes the catch, he or she must wind the rope around the saddle horn, called "dallying off," and turning the steer away from himself causes the steer's heels to fly in the air for the heeler's loop to catch. When both ropers have been successful in their tasks, they must turn their horses to face the steer and pull their ropes taut.



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# Event Descriptions

## Speed Events

Speed and agility are two highly prized qualities in these contestant's horses. These three speed events pit the horse, under the skillful hand of its rider, against the clock. Negotiating the prescribed pattern is a test of the rider's skill and the horse's speed and agility. A running start is permitted in these events and the fastest time wins.

## Barrel Racing

Contestants vie for the fastest time in running a 3 point, cloverleaf pattern around three barrels. The horse and rider are allowed a running start and time begins and ends upon crossing a visible starting line. A 5-second penalty is assessed for knocking over a barrel. The pattern can be started either from the left or right, and contestants that go off the prescribed course are disqualified.

## Pole Bending

In this event, horse and rider compete for fastest time working a linear pattern through six equally spaced poles. The poles must be at least 6 feet in height and spaced 21 feet apart. A running start is allowed and a 5-second penalty will be assessed for knocking a pole down, and disqualification will take place if the team goes off course.

## Flag Race

A triangular pattern similar to that of the barrel race is used, with the substitution of a pole in place of barrel number three. The two other barrels will have a bucket that is 3/4 full of rabbit pellets placed on top of it, and a flag in one of these buckets. The rider may choose to run to the right or left and as they pass the first barrel, they pick up the flag, race past the pole, back to the second barrel, and attempt to place the flag in the second bucket. If the rider knocks over the first bucket or the pole, a 5-second penalty will be assessed. If the rider does not pick up the flag or misses the second bucket, no time will be given. If the second bucket or barrel are knocked over, the rider is disqualified. Sounds easy, but try this at 30 plus miles per hour!

# POLISH YOUR BOOTS AND TIGHTEN YOUR CHAPS....



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Empress XLV Aunty Flame  
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# Event Descriptions

## Camp Events

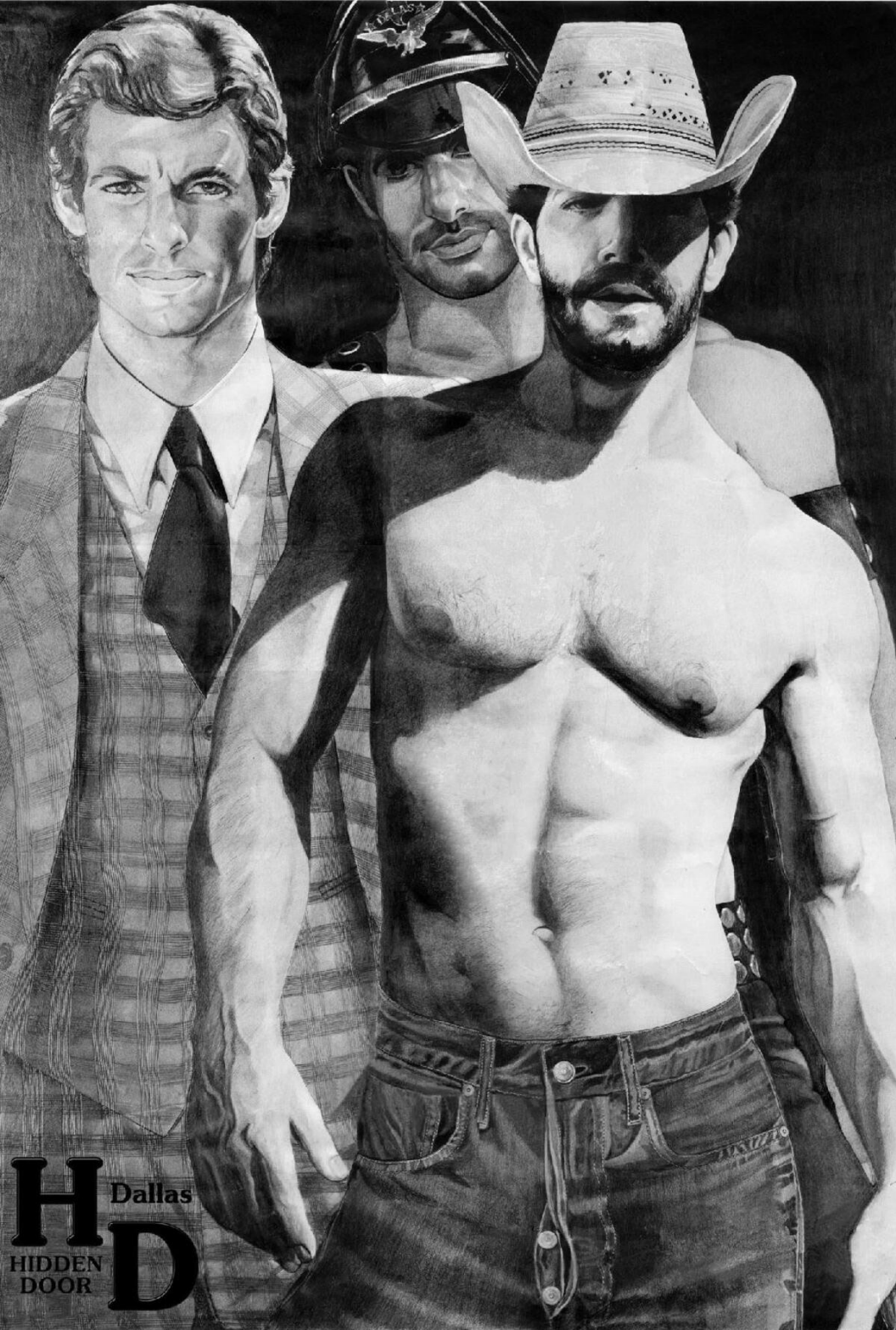
Whenever a group of cowhands get together for a good time, hell is going to be raised! Cowhands generally have their own definition of fun and challenge. After a few beers and some serious ego pumping, it is amazing what a group of hands can come up with! Prerequisites for participation are a willingness to eat dirt and the ability to hold your own with an ornery steer or goat. Sixty percent of gay contestants get their start in these three events and the old-timers stay in because the payoffs (or winnings) are the best of all events.

## Steer Decorating

This event requires a two-person team. One member stands ten feet from the chute gate holding the end of a 25 foot rope, which is looped around the steer's horns. The other team member stands 40 feet from the chute and has a 24-inch long ribbon. When the chute gate opens, the team must bring the steer out and across the ten-foot line. One team member tries to tie the ribbon on the steer's tail while the other team member tries to remove the rope from the steer's horns. When the ribbon is on the tail and the loop is off the horns, the ribbon-tier must tag the timer.

## Wild Drag Race

The Wild Drag Race is an audience favorite all across the IGRA rodeo circuit. Even though the competition is serious and the payoff sizable, a large number of competitors also believe this to be a very entertaining event for the audience. The drag costumes come from "Goodwill" stores, from second-hand stores, and many from raiding mom's closet. A team is made up of one male, one female, one "drag" (either male or female), and one wild steer. The steer, with a halter and a 25-foot lead rope, is in a bucking chute at the beginning of the event. The cowgirl holds the rope and the cowboy and drag stand 40 feet from the chute. When the chute gate opens, the team tries to direct (or harass) the steer toward the finish line, which is 70 feet from the chute. They must get the steer across the finish line, mount the "drag," and then ride back across the finish line. The "drag" must be mounted on the steer before the steer starts back across the finish line and must stay on the steer until all four feet of the steer have crossed back across the finish line. Sounds easy, but the "drag" may get bucked off several times before the event is ever completed!



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# Event Descriptions

## Goat Dressing

This two-person event was created specially for gay rodeo. The team stands 50 feet from the point where the goat is tethered. One of the team members has a pair of jockey-style underwear worn over their forearms. When the whistle sounds, the team runs to the goat. The team member without the underwear picks up the goat's rear hooves, grabs the underwear from around the other member's arms, and pulls it up the legs of the goat. Both team members must then race back to the start/finish line and cross the finish line to stop the time. The underwear must stay over the goat's tail bone until the timer is tagged by both members.

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entire staff want to thank the **Dallas**  
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