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Arapahoe County Fair offers tons of fun for little ones

Aurora, Colo. – Family-friendly entertainment and games make the Arapahoe County Fair a perfect place to find summer fun for children. Parents will find tons of activities for kids packed in with their general admission to the Fair, July 25-29 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park in Aurora.

The City of Littleton Mutton Bustin' contest is a favorite, where wee thrill-seekers can see if they have the chops for rodeo by attempting to ride a sheep for 8 seconds. The Arapahoe County Fair does not require the luck of a winning a lottery number to compete. Any child ages 4-7 and under 60 pounds can simply sign up 45 minutes before each scheduled event. Helmets and protective vests are provided; long-sleeve shirts and pants are recommended.

Another popular contest is the Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull, sponsored by Parker Trailers. Kids ages 4-12 can try their skill at pedaling their way down a 25 foot track on a little John Deere Pedal Tractor Pull, while the weight behind them slowly gets heavier. Sign up just 30 minutes before each scheduled competition.

Families can get up close and personal with fine furry creatures at the Petting Zoo, sponsored by Royal Crest Dairy and brought to the Fair by the friendly members of the Elk Creek 4-H Club in Strasburg.

In the Let's Pretend Wild West Show, sponsored by Fairfield Inn and Suites at Southlands, audience members of all ages become part of the act in an interactive and adorable 30-minute show. This western comedy is full of sharp shooting, horse racing and other fun improvisation. Stars are cast and costumed 15 minutes before show time.

If the kiddos haven't gotten their fill as a cowboy, head to the Lil' Arena, sponsored by Alliance Construction, for the Stick Horse Rodeo and the new Hoppin' Horse Race.

Then swing by the Kids Corral, where little green thumbs are welcome to pot their own plant and take it home at the Tagawa Gardens' Children's Gardening. At the E-470 Transportation Safety Foundation's Toddler Driving School, the littlest tykes can earn their first driver's license and learn the rules of the road in a mini-car.

If the kids start to tucker out from all the fun, families can take a break in the shade and watch one of many concerts or shows on the Jim N Nick's BBQ Free Stage, head indoors to the barns and exhibit hall to learn about [Arapahoe County 4-H](#), or take a seat at the grandstands at the Waste Management Rodeo Arena to be wowed by the rodeo or demolition derby.

It's all included with general admission, which is FREE Wednesday-Thursday (July 25-26), and just \$10 Friday-Sunday (July 27-29). Carnival rides and midway games are sold separately. Families can buy tokens and pay per ride, or get a daily unlimited carnival ride pass for an additional \$25.

The Fair would not be possible without our sponsors: Sam's Club, Waste Management, Fairfield Inn and Suites, Anadarko Petroleum Corp., City of Aurora, City of Littleton, Jim 'N Nicks Bar-B-Q, Parker Trailers, Potestio Brothers, Royal Crest Dairy, Steel Tractor, Tagawa Gardens, and media partners CBS, I-70 Scout, Aurora Sentinel and 92.5 The Wolf/Kool 105.

For directions, schedule of events and to download a coupon for \$2 off general admission, visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

To download photos click on the following link:

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Petting Zoo_2011: Kids and adults will love the petting zoo during the Arapahoe County Fair, July 25-29.

Mutton Bustin_2011: Any child under 60 pounds age 4-7 can sign up for the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Arapahoe County Fair just 30 minutes before each scheduled show.

Kiddie Tractor Pull_2011: Kids can pedal their way to victory in the Kiddie Tractor Pull at the Arapahoe County Fair.

StickHorseRodeo: The horses are imaginary and the cowboys are pint-sized in the stick horse rodeo at the Arapahoe County Fair.