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### **Smashes, speed and stunts coming to the 2012 Arapahoe County Fair** *Fido 500 dog race, demolition derby and motorcycle stunts among entertainment*

AURORA, Colo. – Grab a seat in the stands at the 2012 Arapahoe County Fair, July 25-29, and get ready for some high-speed, action-packed entertainment. It's all included with general admission, which is FREE Wednesday-Thursday (July 25-26), and just \$10 Friday-Sunday (July 27-29).

The wildly popular Demolition Derby will return for the fifth year and send rubber and steel crashing in the Rodeo Arena at 6 p.m., Sunday, July 29. The Colorado's Demolition Derby Racing Association hosts this all-amateur event for drivers 16 and older, who smash and crash their custom derby cars toward a piece of the purse. The victory lap goes to the last car still running in each limited weld, compact and truck class.

For more excitement on wheels, fairgoers won't want to miss the electrifying Swoop Productions Motorcycle Stunt Show, held twice daily on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Team Swoop features some of the country's best sport bike freestyle riders, who defy gravity and awe spectator with aerial tricks, burnouts and wheelie variations.

A new act delivers fast action on paws, not wheels, in the Fido 500 Mini Dog Race, sponsored by Sam's Club. Twelve rescued purebred pups and one All-American mutt will race Olympic-style for gold, silver and bronze. These canines hail from 12 different countries of origin and five continents, and all weigh less than 19 pounds. Fairgoers can root for their favorite in several daily races.

For some high-kickin' fun, complete with broncs, bulls and rodeo clowns, don't miss the Cowboy's Professional Rodeo Association's pro rodeos, at 7 p.m., Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. Or watch young up-and-comers advance their rodeo talent in the Junior Rodeo at 6 p.m., Thursday.

If you crave excitement from the saddle, check out the Colorado Regulator's Cowboy Mounted Shooters, 12 -5 p.m., Saturday. Competitors will tackle four different courses on galloping horses while shooting at a pattern of balloons. The shooter with the fastest time and fewest misses wins.

More Fair favorites in 2012 will include four tractor pulls, a draft horse show, mechanical bull, daily concerts and the return of Hypnotist Michael Mezmer to hypnotize fairgoers on to the Jim N' Nick's Bar-B-Q Free Stage. The fireworks displays previously scheduled for Friday and Saturday have been cancelled, in accordance with the fire ban implemented by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.

Carnival rides and midway games are sold separately from general admission. Fairgoers 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, a schedule of events and to download a coupon for \$2 off general admission, visit [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com).

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**Derby2011:** Watch dirt fly during the smashing and crashing of the demolition derby on Sunday, July 29.

**Motorcycle\_2011:** Team Swoop will defy gravity in the motorcycle stunt show held Friday-Sunday at the Fair.

**Rodeo\_2011:** Grab your boots and hat for two pro rodeos at the 2012 Arapahoe County Fair.

**MountedShooter\_2011:** Top shots will fire at top speed on the backs of trusted horses in the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Show on Saturday at the Fair.

**ModifiedTractor\_2011:** Bring your ear plugs and check out these dynamic pulling machines in the CTTPA Modified Tractor Pull on Friday night at the Fair.