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Rodeos for the big kids and the little ones

Don't miss the CPRA rodeo and mutton bustin' at the Arapahoe County Fair

Aurora, Colo. --- Whether you're are a big kid or a little one, there's tons of fun at the Arapahoe County Fair this week, July 21- 25, at the Fairgrounds in Aurora. Feel right at home in a cowboy hat and boots during the rodeo Friday and Saturday night or while watching kids in the daily mutton bustin' contests.

Unlike many other major events across the state, the Arapahoe County Fair makes it incredibly easy for a child to participate in the mutton bustin' competition. There is no lottery; no one needs to sign up days or weeks in advance. It's simple: any child who weighs less than 50 pounds can sign up to compete 30 minutes before each scheduled show. Sponsored by the City of Littleton, this action-packed, fun event is for wee thrill seekers to see if they have the chops for rodeo.

For the big kids, there's the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association sanctioned rodeo, which brings professional cowboys looking to increase their national ranking. It's an action-packed rodeo filled with bull riding, team roping, calf roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, bare back and saddle bronc riding, breakaway roping, and rodeo clown.

As an added bonus, Friday night fairgoers will enjoy an impressive fireworks show, weather permitting.

If you get hungry, choose from a variety of food vendors. Try the fair's newest items: deep-fried Twinkies, Oreos and candy bars. And what's a fair without food on a stick? Choose from fried chicken, Cajun fried shrimp, pork chop and steak – all on a stick. There are dinosaur ribs, funnel cakes and turkey legs too.

All entertainment (excluding carnival rides and games) is included in gate admission. On Wednesday-Thursday, enjoy \$5 gate admission, or \$15 for admission and unlimited carnival rides. From Friday-Sunday, enjoy \$10 gate admission, or \$25 for admission and unlimited carnival rides.

Arapahoe County Fair sponsors include Waste Management, City of Littleton, E-470, Go Toyota Scion Arapahoe, Potestio Brothers, Royal Crest Dairy, Sinton Dairy, Tagawa Gardens and media sponsors CBS4, 92.5 The Wolf, Mix 100, Radio Disney, Villager Newspaper, Aurora Sentinel and I-70 Scout.

The Arapahoe County Fair is located at 25690 E. Quincy Ave. Aurora. For a full schedule of events, to volunteer and to download a coupon, visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

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There are several photography/video opportunities for media during the Fair. Media Note: When arriving on the fairgrounds, your media credentials will allow you to gain access into the fair, or call Nichole Parmelly at 303-710-7894.

To download photos click on the following link: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/FAIR/2010>

Photo Captions:

Rodeo: You've got 8 seconds to grab your boots and hat for the rodeo at the 2010 Arapahoe County Fair.

Mutton Bustin': Sponsored by the City of Littleton, mutton bustin' at the Arapahoe County Fair is an action-packed event for wee thrill seekers to see if they have the chops for rodeo.