

Contestant Schedule of Events

Entry Deadline Monday September 26th 2022
Entries will be accepted after this date but photo, bio, etc. will not be included in newspaper, pageant catalog, etc.

Contestant orientation Monday, October 3, 2022 @ 6pm
Arena Bar & Rodeo Grounds – Back Room
250 N Prickly Pear Rd, Benson, AZ 85602

Friday October 7

8:00am Horsemanship @ Arena Bar
250 N Prickly Pear Rd, Benson, AZ
(Open to the public)

11:30 pm Private Luncheon/ Interview for Contestants & Judges
Red Barn Event Center

3:30pm Speech, Formal Modeling, and Impromptu Portion
Red Barn Event Center

(Open to the public)

Saturday October 8

7:30 am Parade staging area (parade starts at 9 am;
depart staging area for line up around 8:30 am)
Benson High School football field parking lot
Union St.

2:00 pm Kid's Rodeo
5:00 pm GCPRA Rodeo
Arena Bar

Sunday October 9

Noon Kids Rodeo
1:45 pm Coronation & GCPRA Rodeo - Arena Bar



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Questions?
Preslee Rush
Queen Coordinator
520-456-4732
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Required Appearances

Benson Butterfield Parade and Rodeo	October
Helldorado Days Parade	October
GCPRA Finals (Queen Only -\$200 travel allowance for this event)	November
Benson Christmas Light Parade (Truck or trailer float No Horses)	December
Tucson Fiesta De Los Vaqueros Parade	February
Pima County Fair GCPRA Rodeo	April
Benson 4 th of July Parade	July
Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo	September
Greenlee County Fair & Rodeo	September
Rex Allen Days	October
Benson Butterfield Parade and Rodeo	October

Parade applications will be completed by Queen Coordinator

*Other appearances can be requested by the rodeo committee or queen coordinator.
Queen must provide her own transportation for herself and her horse to these events.*

Benson Butterfield Rodeo Royalty Contest

Instructions

- Read entire packet
- Complete all enclosed forms
- Entries must be turned in by Monday, September 26th 2022

Entries will be accepted after this date but will forfeit photo, bio, etc. that will be included in newspaper, pageant catalog, etc.

Turn your entry in to:

Preslee Rush

Presleerush20@gmail.com

(please call/text once application emailed to verify receipt due to spam filters)

520-456-4732

When turning in your entry be sure to include:

1. Your signed application form
2. Signed waiver of liability
3. Signed expectation statement
4. Copy of Arizona driver's license
5. 8x10 photo (headshot-shoulders up and only you in the photo in GCPRA approved attire) for photogenic category, pageant catalogue, and local paper.

**Raffle tickets will be mailed to contestant if application not turned in in person*

Important information

- Contestants will be judged on Friday and Saturday
- You are required to attend all events
- Coronation will be held before Sunday's rodeo
- There will be a mandatory orientation meeting (10/3/22)
at the Red Barn Event Center

Qualifications

- 1) Queen contestant must be 17 years of age and not older than 23 as of October 1, 2022.
- 2) Princess contestant must be 12 Years of age and not older than 16 as of October 1, 2022.
- 3) Contestant must reside in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz, Pima, Pinal, or Maricopa County.
- 4) Contestant must not be or ever have been married, had a marriage annulled, or is now or ever have been pregnant (getting married or becoming pregnant during reign forfeits the title).

Contestant/ Title holder Rules and Regulations

- 1) Contestant must sign a waiver of liability, expectation statement, completed application, and have proof of age.
- 2) Contestant and parents/guardian will be required to sign a contract between herself and the Benson Butterfield Rodeo Committee. Refusal to sign will deem the Runner-up as the Benson Butterfield Rodeo Queen or Princess.
- 3) Contestant/Queen/Princess must conduct herself in a professional manner, portray high moral standards, and good sportsmanship.
- 4) Contestants/Queen/Princess are expected to be supportive and respectful of one another. You are being watched at all times.
- 5) In horsemanship, the conformation of the horse, and the quality of the equipment will not be judged.
- 6) Contestants/Queen/Princess will provide their own transportation to and from contest and all activities.
- 7) Contestants/Queen/Princess are required to have a suitable horse for rodeo and parade.
- 8) Contestants/Queen/Princess are responsible for grooming, tacking, feeding, and watering their horse during the pageant and weekend. Points will be deducted if someone else takes care of your animals or tacks your horse for you.
- 9) Contestants must be aware of and conform to GCPRA dress code (long-sleeved shirts, western jeans, hat, and boots).
- 10) Contestants/Queen/Princess are not permitted at any time to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, use drugs, or use foul language.
- 11) All contestants/Queen/Princess are required to dress in western attire when representing Benson Butterfield Rodeo in any capacity.
- 12) Any problem that may arise should be quickly directed to the Queen Coordinator.
- 13) The contestant who sells the most raffle tickets will win a prize.
- 14) Parents, friends, and relatives are welcome to attend all events. Appropriate language and respect of other competitors, judges, and committee members will be displayed at all times during competition and throughout the reign.
- 15) If you are a reigning queen for another association, you must relinquish that title immediately. If not, you will forfeit your Benson Butterfield Rodeo Royalty crown and all benefits derived thereof.

16) Benson Butterfield Rodeo Committee is not responsible for any guarantees granted by the reigning queen and it must not disrupt any expectations of the title.

17) Chaps, butt sash, and crown are to be kept in great condition as it will be passed down to future royalty.

18) Queen scholarship must be used within 2 years unless specified by rodeo committee. Proceeds will be paid out after successful completion of college courses by proof of transcript. A portion of the scholarship can be paid out before reign completed but is to be specified by rodeo committee on case-by-case basis.

19) While traveling to events, curfew is midnight in order to be presentable for activities.

20) Royalty's boyfriend/significant other (or what appears to be) is not permitted to take royalty to required events unless parent/guardian is present.

21) Failure to appear at mandatory events will warrant disciplinary action and/or removal from her reign and for the queen only, possible forfeiture of scholarship, failure to appear includes being tardy for any event after check in time is scheduled by coordinator. It is the responsibility of royalty members to properly manage time. Being late or tardy to a scheduled event may result in dismissal from that event for the day. If you are unable to attend a required event you must notify the queen coordinator at least 1 week in advance.

22) Parent code of conduct: Parents/ guardian of title holders are expected to respect the rules set forth by the Benson Butterfield Rodeo committee and conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manor at all events and on social media. If a parent/ guardian cannot refrain from such behavior, they may be asked to not attend events and/or it may result in suspension or removal of the title holder.

23) The queen decides the attire/ decor for all rodeos and parades. If an agreement cannot be reached between the queen and princess, the queen coordinator will make the final decision.

24) Queen/Princess are required to reach out to 3 potential new sponsors during their reign (a current sponsor list will be provided) proof must be shown that contact was made (example: email response, signed business card).

25) Communication: all phone calls/emails/ text messages from the queen coordinator and/or rodeo committee must be responded to within 24 hours.

Contest Categories

Horsemanship (worth 100 points)

Contestants will be judged on how well they execute a pattern on their horse. Contestants can also be asked to do rail work as a group. The judges will be looking at how well you sit on your horse, your hand and body position, your ability to ask the horse to complete a maneuver, and how well you mount and dismount your horse. They will evaluate how well you handle yourself and your horse as situations arise. Some examples of faults include losing or touching your hat, losing your stirrups, or omitting/incorrect part of your pattern. Contestants will also be judged on a hot lap and flag presentation.

After your horsemanship pattern, you will approach the judges, dismount, and proceed with your interview. Each judge will ask a minimum of two questions. Horsemanship outfit is your choice.

Private/Horsemanship Interview (worth 75 points)

The group of judges will interview contestants on an individual basis. Question topics are unlimited. Expect questions on rodeo rules and events, equine anatomy, tack, your goals, any information found on your application, current events, and the GCPRA history and/or current standings. Each judge will ask a minimum of two questions each

Speech (worth 40 points)

Contestants are judged on how well they speak and how well they present themselves in front of a crowd. Judges listen to how clear the speech is, how grammar is used, how organized it is, how well you stay focused on the topic, and how well you keep the audience engaged in the subject. Speech relevancy is also important. The speech is to be no more than three minutes long and memorized. The speech topic for this year is "If I could add an Event/Activity to the rodeo it would be..".

Formal Modeling (worth 40 points)

The contestants are judged on how you present yourself and how well you engage with the crowd. We are not looking for the most beautiful girl, but the one who has her act together. The formal outfit should be appropriate for eveningwear. You should wear a skirt or a dress. The casual outfit consists of jeans, long sleeve shirt, boots, belt, and hat. Your posture is looked at and so is your poise, along with your ability to model your chosen outfit.

Impromptu Questions (worth 20 points)

After you have finished your speech, you will be asked two impromptu questions. Impromptu questions will consist of current events or rodeo events and a fun question. These questions are used to determine how well you answer questions and your creativity as well as knowledge of the subject.

Silent Judges

You will be judged throughout the weekend. That includes all public appearances. You will also be judged on your promptness at all scheduled events. You are always being judged.

Parade

Each contestant should be safe at all times during the parade. If at any time, the contestant is deemed unsafe by the queen coordinator or rodeo committee member, the contestant must forfeit further activity of this portion (deduct 10 points).

Rodeo Performance

During the performance, you will be judged on your queen lap, carrying a flag, and how well you interact with the crowd and contestants. Safety is of utmost importance during the rodeo performance. If deemed unsafe (as above), contestant will forfeit further activity of this portion (deduct 10 points).

Appearance (worth 25 points)

Please submit one 8 x 10 photo (headshot-shoulders up and only you in the photo) to be judged on with your application. Please follow GCPRA dress code. Along with this photo, please submit a short bio of yourself, not to exceed 1000 words. This will not be judged. This will be posted by your photo for the audience to see at the entrance for speech, modeling, and impromptu portion. It will also be used in the pageant catalogue and local paper.

Ticket Sales

The contestant that sells the most raffle tickets will receive a prize for their hard work.

**Benson Butterfield Rodeo Royalty
Application Form
2022**

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Phone: _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Your Employer (if applicable): _____

High School: _____

College: _____

Career Goal: _____

Tell us about you:

What activities do you do with your horse?

List your special activities, community service, interests, and hobbies:

List any awards or recognition you may have received:

Explain why you would like to be Benson Butterfield Rodeo Royalty. What do you hope to receive from the experience? Please explain in 100 words or less.

For Sweethearts: Please write down 2 questions that will be asked by the emcee during the speech, modeling, and impromptu portion of the pageant. Please practice with your daughter on answering these questions.

1.

2.

Sweetheart Name: _____ Age: _____

School Attended: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Sweethearts Only:

- Please submit a 4x6 headshot (shoulders up) in western attire by September 26, 2022
- Appearance Requirements:
 - Friday
 - Speech, modeling, and impromptu portion of pageant ***mandatory***
 - Horsemanship portion of pageant ***attendance is welcome***
 - Saturday
 - Saturday's parade ***mandatory***
 - Rodeo performance ***highly encouraged***
 - Sunday
 - Coronation ***highly encouraged***
 - Rodeo performance ***highly encouraged***

**Benson Butterfield Rodeo
Queen Contest
2022**

Waiver of Liability

It is the purpose of this agreement to exempt, waive and relieve releases from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including and if caused by negligence, including the negligence, if any, of releases. "Releases" include Benson Butterfield Rodeo Committee, City of Benson, Benson Chamber of Commerce; affiliate associations or organizations, event hosts, other participants, officials, sponsors, advertisers, and each of them, their officers, directors, agents, employees, and volunteers.

For and in consideration of the undersigned participant's application as a contestant in the Benson Butterfield Rodeo pageant and being allowed to participate in Benson Butterfield Rodeo Royalty activities, participant waive release and relinquish any and all claims for liability and cause of action arising out of participation in Benson Butterfield Rodeo Royalty events, activities, the sport of rodeo, and/or activities incidental thereto, and by this agreement any such claims, rights, and cause of action that participant may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished. Participant acknowledges and assumes all risks relating to participating in said event and activities.

Participant acknowledges that they have read the above paragraphs and are fully advised of the potential dangers and understand these waivers and releases are necessary to allow the applicant to participate in the events and activities to select the Benson Butterfield Rodeo Royalty.

Signature of contestant

Parent Signature

Date

**Benson Butterfield Rodeo
Royalty Contest
2022**

Expectation statement & Code of Conduct

I understand that if I win the title of Benson Butterfield Rodeo Queen/Princess, I will be the official representative for Benson Butterfield Rodeo and responsible to present the sport of rodeo in its true light. I cannot be the queen for any other association or entity once I accept this title. I will give up all other titles.

I will strive to represent unparalleled sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character.

This competition recognizes a number of attributes: sportsmanship, personality, public speaking, and appearance. Therefore, it is my responsibility, as Benson Butterfield Rodeo official rodeo representative to act, speak, and dress according to the esteem my title deserves any time I am in the public eye.

Riding and horsemanship skills are key to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills in order to better promote the sport.

If I become Butterfield Days Rodeo Queen/Princess, I Will:

- Wear my crown and sash any time I am acting in the capacity as Benson Butterfield Rodeo Queen/Princess and only with the approval of queen coordinator.
- Make myself available for all opportunities to appear as Benson Butterfield Rodeo Queen/Princess to the public.
- Attend specific events as requested by the rodeo committee. Queen Coordinator must approve all official appearances.
- I Understand it is my financial responsibility to attend all required appearances.
- Agree and understand that I must submit this agreement by October 11, 2019 in order to compete for the title of Benson Butterfield Rodeo Queen/Princess.

Contestant signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



Awards

\$1,000 College Scholarship Queen
Butterfield Days Rodeo Queen/Princess Crown (passed down)
Butterfield Days Rodeo Queen/Princess Chaps (passed down)
Butterfield Days Rodeo Queen/Princess Sash
Butterfield Days Rodeo Queen/Princess Buckle