



**FLICKERWOOD ARENA Youth Rodeo Participants & Families  
2017 - 2018 Season**

Summer vacation IS over & school has started!! It seems like our summer absolutely flew by, but fall IS in the air & it's time to be thinking about the 2017 - 2018 FYR season. As we begin our 23 year of FYR, we would like to re-state our mission: we are committed to creating a positive environment for area youth to learn about & enjoy the great sport of rodeo - regardless of their level of ability - all the while enjoying healthy competition. We continue to see that there are many life skills learned here, NOT just rodeo skills! Lessons like self discipline & responsibility...for calling in & entering on time, for paying fees, for learning & practicing the skills needed to compete in their particular event, for ALWAYS caring for their horses and for learning to be a **gracious loser & a humble winner**. We know that these Life Lessons will help young people, not only to be good cowboys & cowgirls, but also to be more successful young adults! The first rodeo will be here before you know it - so get ready to RODEO, we will see you on Sept 30!

**Enclosed are the 2017-2018 Flickerwood Youth Rodeo flyer & the FYR RULES.**

**Please make sure that you read the RULES! YOU are responsible for knowing & following them!**

**A few things to remember for the '17 - '18 Flickerwood Rodeo Season:**

- ⊕ **SPONSORSHIPS** – Our prize line has continued to increase; last year we awarded over \$11,000 in prizes at the finals! Again this year, we are accepting sponsorships for event buckles &/or the PW, JR, SR Cowboy or SR Cowgirl All-Around Saddles. Your contributions will be announced throughout the year, shared on arena banners, listed on the Flickerwood website & announced at the 2018 FYR finals. If you have sponsored in the past, we appreciate the support, if not, please consider it!
- ⊕ **PERFORMANCE** will still be at 10:30 am & ALL events will be run straight through! There is NO slack! Regardless of when your event falls in the rodeo, your fees are to be paid by 10 am. If fees are not paid on time, that contestant WILL NOT COMPETE!! If there is a last minute emergency, please call, otherwise, you will be marked as a "NO SHOW". Bull riders – your fees MUST be paid or we WILL NOT draw a bull for you!
- ⊕ **The rodeo entry office will be open at 8:30 am.**
- ⊕ **The entry fees for SR Events have been increased to \$20.**
- ⊕ **This year Flickerwood will have DUMMY ROPING for youth 9 & under.** Entry fees will be \$5. It will be held during the rodeo, up on the front concrete. Rules will be posted at the rodeo.
- ⊕ **MILLS BROTHERS' BONUS BUCKS** - Each FYR a contestant will be randomly drawn to compete for the \$25 BONUS BUCKS provided by the MILLS Brothers. 1 contestant will be drawn from each of these events - Team Roping, Tie Down Roping, Sr Barrels & Sr Poles. If the contestant drawn completes a clean run with NO penalties (regardless of placing) then that contestant will win the \$25. If the BONUS BUCKS are not won at that rodeo, then the money will be added to the next rodeo.
- ⊕ **Late entry is ONLY on the Tue following call-in Monday - 7:30 am – 5:00 pm** This was instituted to help those of you who forgot to enter during the normal time. **It IS NOT merely an extension of the call-ins.**
- ⊕ **REMEMBER CASH!! – PLEASE PAY ENTRY FEES IN CASH ONLY!!** There will be NO exceptions! We can provide receipts if needed. We will accept checks for the FYR membership ONLY. ALL FYR pay-backs are in cash!
- ⊕ **TEAM ROPERS** - If you are FYR Youth age, then **YOU MUST BUY A MEMBERSHIP like the rest of the participants to participate in FYR!! Enter TR by 12:30 pm on rodeo day & FEES MUST BE PAID BY THE TEAM.**
- ⊕ **BULL RIDERS** - Your fees are to be paid by 12:30 pm on rodeo day. **A bull WILL NOT be drawn for you if fees are not paid.**
- ⊕ **AGE** – Please enter the appropriate age division, based on the participant's age as of Jan 1, 2018! If you change divisions later, your pts will not go with you, so please begin the year in the correct division!
- ⊕ **MEMBERSHIPS** - your \$45 FYR membership **MUST be purchased by the 2nd rodeo you enter.** This rule will apply regardless of the date of rodeo participation. Points will not be counted for any event prior to the purchase of your FYR membership. Once again, with the help of our FYR sponsors, if you purchase a membership in the fall, it will also include a free T-shirt.
- ⊕ **This year, the FYR finals prize-line will be awarded to the top 3 in each event – depending upon participation!** Mutton Busting will not receive year end awards.

Again, thanks to everyone – PARENTS, PARTICIPANTS & SPONSORS - for your continued support! We are looking forward to the new 2017 - 2018 season...so get ready to R-O-D-E-O at Flickerwood!

**REMEMBER, call-ins for the first rodeo are Sept 25th -**

**See you on Sept 30th! *The Boardmans***