

TOOELE BIT N' SPUR

4th of July Rodeo

THE 72ND YEAR OF THE TOOELE BIT N' SPUR 4TH OF JULY RODEO WAS ONCE MORE A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY-WIDE CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, HELD AT THE DESERET PEAK COMPLEX. Rodeo fans were again treated to exciting and exhilarating rodeo action provided by the cowboys and cowgirls of the Rocky Mountain Pro Rodeo Association [RMPRA]. The July 3 & 4 rodeo is the culmination of a yearlong venture for our rodeo committee and our dedicated team of volunteers working together toward the common goal; to put on one of the most successful, patriotic and largest RMPRA rodeo in Utah.

Our fabulous Grand Entry Riders set the stage for our rodeo with a fast and furious run that is fitting to our very patriotic Grand Entry presentation. We recognize all branches of the military along with our local law enforcement and first responders. We also recognize a past president of the Bit n' Spur as our Grand Marshal who is carried in the Grand Entry by a horse drawn cart or wagon. This year, a beautiful Clydesdale did the honors for our Grand Marshal, owned and driven by club member, Mickey Falkner.

Our famous Mutton Bustin' Buckle Championship again brought out the next generation of rodeo stars. Contestants compete in three go-rounds that produce the final nine contestants in the Buckle Championship. A hefty check and beautiful buckle go to the top three riders. The Championship is a favorite of our spectators, who look forward to this contest each year.

Our rodeo committee continually look for ways to keep our rodeo experience fresh for the spectators. This year we partnered with Country Fan Fest, a four-day country music festival that takes place at the end of July, to have a mini concert with one of the festival's musical acts during our rodeo's half-time following the mutton bustin' each night.

Tooele County's July 4th celebration includes traditional small-town activities, such as parades, concerts, car shows, fireworks and spending time with family and friends.

Tooele County, on the edge of the Great



Basin with big beautiful valleys surrounded by spectacular mountain ranges, offers many recreational activities, with miles of ATV, hiking and horseback riding trails, camping, and viewing the abundant wildlife and wild horses that inhabit this area.



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The Tooele Bit n' Spur Rodeo is rich in history and tradition since 1945 when the Bit n' Spur Riding Club was formed and held its first rodeo. Our members and volunteers share a common goal, to ensure our efforts have a positive impact on the club, the community, and the spirit of the nation's Independence Day. Revenues from the rodeo help sustain our Club's adult and youth riding programs and our facilities. It also enables the club to give back to the community by providing financial support to local charities, junior and high school rodeo, local FFA clubs and a barrel racing association. We also support and participate in an annual local western singer-songwriters event.

This 100% volunteer based event is a yearlong venture that begins when the rodeo ends. But those 2 days in July, make it all worthwhile when the stands are filled and the day sheets are full of talented contestants.

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Tooele
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July 3rd & 4th

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