

Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo Queen's Court Contestants Information & Registration Packets

Queen, Princess and Sweetheart candidate(s) must be single, never been married, never had a child and between the ages of Queen (17-25) Princess (14-16) Sweetheart (10-13) years inclusive, as of September 1st.

It is understood that when a candidate is named Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart she is to remain single during her reign. If a girl is named Queen, Princess or Sweetheart and marries during her reign, her title is automatically relinquished.

Entry blanks must be completed and signed by the candidate and her parents, and must be submitted to the Los Alamos County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Administrative Offices by **Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 by 5:00pm**. These applications may be turned in at the Aquatic Center in care of the L.A.C. F & R Competition.

A candidate must furnish her own horse; however, the mount may be borrowed.

Candidate must be a Los Alamos County Resident or must attend Los Alamos Public Schools and provide a report card.

If a tie should occur the break will be based on high score for the horsemanship portion of the contest. Decision of the judge(s) is final.

Contest Date: The contest will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, 2020**. The riding portion will begin at 9:00am at the Brewer Arena. The Personality portion of the competition will begin at 12:00pm at the Los Alamos Golf Course 4290 Diamond Dr., Los Alamos, NM.

(Time subject to change depending on the number of participants)

The contest will be judge accordingly: Horsemanship 60%, Personality 40%.

Horsemanship – Each candidate will be expected to perform a designated riding pattern included in the packet. Each candidate will be asked to perform two (2) minutes of free riding time. Please provide a copy of pattern. Western-riding rules will be used in the riding competition. Uniform for the riding competition will be a long sleeved collared plain white shirt, blue denim jeans, western hat and western boots.

Each Candidate must stop in front of the judges and dismount Judge(s) will ask questions and re-mount and exited the arena. Each Candidate will be asked to perform a Queen's run. You will be judged on control of your horse and handling various riding patterns your ability to sit in a saddle; balance, position of hands, feet and seat, as well as, mounting and dismounting. Your understanding of horsemanship skills will be judged not the horse; however, it is certainly recommended that you have your horse and tack clean and ready for competition. Please make sure your equipment is in good working order. Western riding rules, common to ranch horse, rodeo competition and horsemanship will be used in judging.

Personality - The Queen's Court speech and modeling section will be held in the Los Alamos Posse Lodge. Contestants will be requested, after they have been announced, to model their outfits, walk the center and introduce themselves by name, and introduce their family if they are present. It is recommended that candidates wear western attire which includes western dress, shirt, pants, long sleeved collared shirt accompanied with a western hat and western boots. The candidate's posture and poise is important. She should have an awareness of fashionable western dress and style with particular attention given to proper style

and color coordination, which enhances her total appearance. The judge(s) will observe a contestant's posture, how she sits, walks and models her outfits, the style she projects and her overall appearance and behavior.

Each Candidate will give a three (3) minute memorized speech about herself on what you are presently doing, your goals, your education and something about Los Alamos County. After the presentations each candidate will be asked to answer a question from the judge(s). These questions will pertain to horse showing and/or rodeos. After the presentations have been completed each candidate will have a personal interview with the judge(s). This interview will last approximately five (5) minutes.

Behavior – The Queen's Court is expected to behave in a manner befitting your title. Queen's Court are required to represent the Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo in a responsible and appropriate manner at all times and all events. Inappropriate behavior is not allowed nor will it be tolerated. Inappropriate behavior may result on the title being pulled with or without warning. The following will be considered inappropriate behavior:

- Swearing, smoking, chewing tobacco, consumption of alcohol or use of controlled substances
- Public displays of affection with a significant other to include kissing, handholding, sitting on laps
- Anger, aggression and/or abuse displayed toward your horse
- Verbal abuse or arguing with anyone
- Unbecoming posts, comments, and photos via text messaging or social networking that reflect poorly on you and the Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo

Appearance and Communication – The Queen's Court will wear the designated attire when representing the Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo which includes dark western jeans, long sleeved collared shirt, western hat, western boots, crown, sash and belt buckles. You and your horse must always be neat and well groomed. The Queen's Court will not have visible tattoos, face/body piercing or ear gauges. Single ear piercing is excluded. Issues, questions, and concerns should first be directed to the Los Alamos County Recreation Division Staff.

Crowning - The Queen's Court will be announced following the personality portion of the competition. Official crowning/presentation will be held **Saturday, August 8th, 2020** at Brewer Arena before the rodeo. Candidates are required to represent Los Alamos County at the Rio Arriba County Rodeo and Rodeo de Santa Fe. The Sweetheart is only responsible for the Los Alamos County Fair and Rodeo. Any other appearances will be at their own expense. Los Alamos County will pay the entry fee for the State Fair Queen's Competition for the Queen. The Queen's Court candidates will be responsible for all travel, lodging, and food expenses. The Queen's Court should be accompanied by a parent or adult chaperone at all events. Los Alamos County is not required to send staff to the Rio Arriba County Rodeo, Rodeo de Santa Fe, or State Fair Queen's Competition. You may choose to attend other rodeos as time allows. The Queen's Court is required to make several appearances during the Los Alamos County Fair and Rodeo. The Queen's Court is required to wear western attire at all appearances. The Queen is has the option to represent Los Alamos County at the State Fair Queen's Competition.

A stipend will be award to in the following amounts, Queen \$300.00 and Princess \$150.00. The Sweetheart will not receive a stipend. Stipends will not be awarded until the crown and chaps are returned to Los Alamos County.

Los Alamos County will pick a photographer of the County's choice for group and individual photographs of the Los Alamos County Queen's Court.

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Queen's Court Contestants

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: (_____) Cell: (_____)

Email: _____

CHECK WHICH CATEGORY AND GRADE LEVEL YOU WILL BE COMPETING IN:

- | <u>Category</u> | <u>Grade Level</u> |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweetheart (Ages 10 – 13): | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th <input type="checkbox"/> 7 th <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Princess (Ages 14 – 16): | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 th <input type="checkbox"/> 10 th <input type="checkbox"/> 11 th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Queen (Age: 17-25): | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 th College: <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> Soph <input type="checkbox"/> JR <input type="checkbox"/> SR |

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: (_____) Email: _____

Name of School / College: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Horse's Age: _____

Horse's Breed: _____

What are your future plans and goals? _____

Are you involved, or a member, of any Civic and/or Social Clubs? _____

If you have been a member of a Rodeo Queen's Court within the last two years, please provide your title and the Rodeo location: _____

Do you compete in rodeo? NO YES: Which Events? _____

Do you compete in other horseshow events? NO YES: How Many Years? _____
Which Events? _____

What is your Free Time Event? _____

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Liability/ Photo Release Form

RELEASE OF LIABILITY – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING – MUST BE SIGNED:

RISKS OR HAZARDS INHERENT IN THE QUEEN'S COURT COMPETITION THAT MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ILLNESS, BODILY INJURY OR DEATH INCLUDE, BUT MAY NOT BE LIMITED TO: TRIPPING, FALLING, ANIMALS, ADVERSE WEATHER, CUTS, SCRAPES, SPRAINS AND BREAKS.

I acknowledge that there are certain hazards and risks inherent in the Queen's Court Competition, and I understand and appreciate the nature of the risks. I understand that these hazards or risks could result in property damage, illness, bodily injury or death to myself, my family members, or my guests. I agree to fully explain these risks to my family members and my guests prior to the activity.

I also agree to abide by the rules and policies established by the Los Alamos County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Division. Candidate understands that failure to comply with the rules of the contest will necessitate surrendering all privileges as a Los Alamos County Fair and Rodeo Queen, Princess or Sweetheart.

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry by my signature, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the organizers of the County for any and all injuries sustained and suffered by me during this event.

IN CASE OF INJURY OR INABILITY TO FINISH THE COMPETITION, I HEREBY GRANT THE LOS ALAMOS COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DIVISION PERMISSION TO TRANSPORT ME / MY CHILD TO THE NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY.

I have carefully read this statement and understand it to be a release of all claims and causes of action for illness, injury or death that occur while participating in the Queen's Court Competition, and an agreement to indemnify Los Alamos County for losses, damages and liabilities that may arise as a result of participation in this activity. In the event that I am legally precluded from extending indemnification to the County, I will be required; nevertheless, to agree to be responsible for all claims and damages arising from personal injury or damages caused to persons or property resulting from my activities, subject to all applicable immunities and exceptions. This agreement and release of liability is voluntary given.

I certify that I am 18 years of age and have read and accept the responsibility clause of this form (if contestant is under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must sign the form). I hereby grant full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, and any other record of my participation in Recreation Programs for any legitimate purpose.

Participant Written Name

Participant Signature (if 18 or older)

Date

Parent Written Name

Parent Signature (If Participant Under 18)

Date

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Queen/Princess/Sweetheart Contestants Horsemanship Pattern

1. Walk through gate, turn left, then right.
2. Pick up the trot as you pass the judges box.
3. Continue to south end.
4. Pick up lope to center of arena – opposite judges box.
5. Do a small figure eight, starting to the right.
6. Do a large figure eight.
7. Continue on to cone and stop and back.
8. Dismount and mount.

