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Get Ready to Rodeo! Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo July 21-24

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DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – The 5th Annual Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo will return to Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center (DSRP) July 21-24 with thrilling rodeo action, a carnival, live entertainment, a steer show, a Mutton Bustin' Shootout, good food and drinks, kids' activities, and family fun.

Hosted by Dripping Springs Ag Boosters Association and the City of Dripping Springs, this annual community tradition has transformed into a top notch Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association ("CPRA") Rodeo and fundraiser to support area 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America (FFA) youth, who are involved in agricultural projects and programs.

From 6 pm to 10 pm on Thursday, July 21st, festivities will kick off with the Magic Valley Rides Carnival. As there are always more cowboys and cowgirls entered into the rodeo than there are slots for them to compete, a FREE Slack Rodeo will be held starting at 7 pm on Thursday evening. Scores and times posted during the slack performance count just like those posted during the regular rodeo performance.

On Friday, July 22nd, gates will open again for the carnival at 5 pm. Starting at 5:30 pm, the first 10 kids, weighing 55 lbs and under, can sign up for \$20 each to compete in the rodeo's Mutton Bustin' Shootout. The goal of this crowd favorite is for the kids to hold on as long as possible for a wild ride on a woolly sheep. Beginning at 6 pm, individuals can enjoy a cold beer or dinner while shopping at various arts and crafts booths in the DSRP Event Center. Rodeo fans will be on the edge of their seats as the Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) Rodeo kicks off at 8 pm and cowboys and cowgirls compete for cash prizes, exhilarating rides, and top rankings. Stay late and listen to featured music artist Lonnie Atkinson for FREE and "shop until you drop" at the vendor booths until midnight. Kids and families can enjoy the carnival until 10 pm.

Saturday, July 23rd will be packed with fun and will start with a FREE Cowboy Breakfast at 8 am which is open to the public. From 9 to 11 am, as many kids that show up can sign up for \$20 each and compete in the Mutton Bustin' Shootout. The Carnival and vendor booths will be open all day and night, so plan to stay all day and bring the kids! Hill Country Bible Church will provide FREE kids' inflatables and there will also be a face painter and pony and tractor rides for nominal fees. A FREE Ranch Rodeo will be held at 1 pm featuring Central Texas cowboys and cowgirls, who will be representing some of the region's historic ranches and competing in various events including Trailer Loading, Branding, Yoking, and Steer Tying. Saturday night's thrilling CPRA Rodeo will start at 8 pm and includes the Mutton Bustin' finalists. A FREE dance will follow immediately with featured musicians *Hired Guns*.

On Sunday morning, July 24th, start the morning right with a traditional Cowboy Church worship service at 8 am. Wrap up the weekend with a non-sanctioned Summer Sizzler Steer Show. The show starts at 10 am and will feature American, British, Mini-Herford, and other exotic breeds. Bring the kids out from noon to 6 pm for their last chance to enjoy the exciting carnival. Pricing of carnival wristbands for unlimited rides vary from \$15 to \$20 daily, depending on the hours of operation. Individual tickets will be sold for \$1 each.

For more information on the Dripping Springs Fair and Rodeo, check online at www.drippingspringsfairandrodeo.com or call Dripping Springs City Hall at 512-858-4725.