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For the St. Paul Rodeo

RODEO FOR ALL

St. Paul Rodeo hosts low-stimulation event for all ages and all disabilities

St. Paul, Ore. (June 9, 2025) – The “St. Paul Rodeo For All” is a dedicated event for people with disabilities.

Held on July 1 from 10 am to 12 noon, people can bring their loved ones of all ages and all disabilities to the rodeo, along with their families.

Sue Coleman, a long-time St. Paul Rodeo volunteer and the mother of a daughter with special needs, is organizer of the event. “We are very excited to give people in the special needs community an opportunity to attend a spectator event so that they can build their skills and confidence,” she said.

“Some families have greater challenges, and the ability to come to the rodeo maybe isn’t possible for their loved ones,” she said. “Maybe it’s the noise, or too many people, or it’s overstimulating. This way, there is no risk, everybody gets to go, and it’s at no cost.”

Attendees get to watch rodeo action: “slack,” the extra competition that doesn’t fit into the evening shows. It includes tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling, and barrel racing.

Last year was the first year for the St. Paul Rodeo for All. Coleman capped the attendee list at 300 people and within five days, the list was full and a waiting list was started. This year, she is planning on 500 guests.

The St. Paul Rodeo for All is a setting where all guests feel comfortable. Last year, Coleman noticed that a young boy stimming, moving his arms repeatedly, to help regulate his emotions and senses, had the space to do that. She also noticed an adult guest who needed to walk around to feel at ease. “We can help meet their needs, so the whole family can come and be comfortable and enjoy the rodeo.

During the two-hour event, the St. Paul Rodeo Court and rodeo personnel will greet and take pictures with guests. Each registration will receive a Buckaroo Bag. Guests and their family will receive a hot dog meal as well.

The Marion County Board of Commissioners is the main sponsor for the event. Commissioner Danielle Bethell is thrilled to be part of it. “Knowing there are members of our community that would have been unable otherwise to attend brings us even more joy to be supportive with funding and volunteering. We all look forward to being there in person to enjoy the rodeo together.”

Registration is required for the St. Paul Rodeo for All. Guests can register their loved ones and themselves at this link: <https://www.stpaulrodeo.com/p/events/stpaulrodeoforall>

The St. Paul Rodeo is July 1-5 with performances nightly at 7:30 pm and a 1:30 pm matinee on July 4.

Tickets are available online at StPaulRodeo.com. They range in price from \$26 to \$80.

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1 St. Paul Rodeo Royalty pose with a guest at last year's St. Paul Rodeo For All event. Photo courtesy St. Paul Rodeo.

2 Sue Coleman, organizer of the St. Paul Rodeo For All event, with her daughter. Photo courtesy St. Paul Rodeo.

3 The national anthem is performed in sign language at the start of the St. Paul Rodeo For All. Photo courtesy St. Paul Rodeo.





