

August 10, 2009

Howdy Past, Present and Future Wrangler Members and Parents,

Well it is hard to believe but it is that time again. **RODEO TIME!** I would like to first congratulate our team that went out west to nationals. They did an awesome job of representing our state in many different areas. Hannah O'Bryan 7th in goat tying, Alexandria Hancock 8th in break away and Cole Aubrey made a great attempt in the final round but miss the buzzer in bull riding. These were our three that made it to the short go but we had other great times and scores turned in during the two go rounds. You may visit the national website to check everyone out. Our state got 2nd place in the "can/food drive" for the local community. Teams of Wesley Carter/Lane Shelley took 2nd place and Kayce Stewart/Colt McKnight was 4th place in the shooting competition. Paige Stallons represented us in the election for National President. We also tried our hand at the games this year as a team in tug-of-war and volleyball. Congrats to all the above for your hard work and efforts and to the whole Kentucky team, you represented our state well. To everyone thanks for a great year and best of luck to the leaving 8th graders...high school team is gaining great kids and parents...we will miss you.

For you new and returning 6th, 7th and 8th graders, this letter is an invitation to join the Kentucky Wrangler Division. Most Kentucky Junior Rodeos are a points rodeo for KJRA and Wrangler Division. Points are kept separately because normally Wrangler will have a few more rodeos during the year. We will be planning our annual Quad state rodeo again in the month of March and there could be a possible invitation to other rodeos that the board will consider for the team to go to thru out the rodeo season. We have national dues of \$28, National magazine subscription of \$15, and Western Horseman magazine subscription for \$2 and national insurance of \$35 covers you at any Wrangler Rodeo anywhere in the country. There will also be state dues of \$25 and optional parent membership fee of \$10 for single or \$15 for both. The total cost to join will be \$115 (\$120). Points are accumulated over the entire season and the points determine who qualifies in each event to attend the national finals in Gallup, New Mexico on June 27- July 3, 2010. The top 4 contestants in each event will be our team we take to nationals. We always have a great time so we would love for everyone to get qualified and go.

Enclosed you will find a membership application for Wrangler Division. Please have these filled out and notarized with an embossed stamp. I will also need a current report card on hand from the last grade you attended. Last year members already have those on file with me. Please mail back to me (which I prefer) or bring to the first rodeo. It must be into me before the rodeo starts for your points to count. Make your check out to Kentucky Wrangler Division.

Our first rodeo will be Cadiz, September 12/13. The Wrangler meeting will be held at 10am Saturday morning. This meeting is very important and packed full of lots of information for the year. We will elect student officers and student event directors for the Wrangler Division. We will also be purchasing team shirts at this time (optional) cost is roughly \$35. Mark and I will be there on Friday night to answer any questions.

Don't hesitate to contact us when you have any questions about Wrangler Division. We are excited about another year with Wrangler as your leaders.

Many Blessings,
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