

Dear Contestant:

Thank you for applying to be a member of the La Pine Rodeo Association's Queen Court. I have put together some important and also helpful information for the day of tryouts and during the Queen's reign.

First and foremost make sure to mark the **mandatory meeting on October 14** at Ponderosa Pizza at 6pm. We will be handing in all paperwork and going over any questions that you and your families may have. This will also be the deadline for any packets to get turned in. No packet will be accepted after this date and therefore you will not be allowed to tryout.

On the day of tryouts you will need to come dressed in a long sleeve western shirt, jeans, boots, belt and western hat. Be sure that your hat is clean and shaped. Chaps will not be needed during tryouts so therefore will not be allowed.

Tryouts will start at 11am on October 23. You should plan on showing up early enough to get your horse ready (including warming them up) and have some time to mingle and meet some of the Board members. We will get together at approximately 10:45 to go over the day's agenda, answer any last questions and draw your numbers. The number you draw will be the order you will ride as well as give your speech and have your interview.

You will be judged in various categories such as horsemanship, speaking, preparation of speech, interview and overall impression.

For horsemanship you will be asked to perform 2 separate run-ins -- #1 as a Grand Entry Queen's Run In and #2 carrying a flag. You will then also be given a pattern on the day of tryouts that you will follow. Horsemanship is not necessarily to be done in the fastest manner and shall be judged by the conditions of the arena and the footing. Judges will also be looking at how you and your horse work together. When you are carrying your flag remember to keep it straight up or slightly bent forward, never to the back.

Knowing information about your local rodeo that you are about to represent is important. Make sure that you are up on current events, local happenings and facts about the La Pine Rodeo and its community. LRA is sanctioned with the NPRA, so be aware of what that is. Take time on your speech, feel comfortable about what you are going to talk about so that you are confident in relaying your information. When you are asked a question, think about repeating that question in your answer so it gives you a chance to formulate your answer.

Remember that you are being judged at all times during tryouts.

The crowning of the 2011 LRA Queen will follow the tryouts after the judges have completed their scoring.

HAVE FUN!!!!!! This is a serious undertaking, but having a sense of humor and positive attitude is a very important part of the JOB and with our team we like to have fun.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU. Please contact me if you should have any further questions.

Bobbie Bashian
LRA Queen Advisor
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La Pine Rodeo Queen Tryouts

APPLICATION PACKET

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Mom's Name: _____

Dad's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

High School or College Attending:

_____ Grade or Level: _____

Activities you are involved such as sports and clubs:

3 References (may not be a relative)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relation: _____

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QUEEN PAGEANT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

* La Pine Rodeo Association contestants should be a resident of South county (La Pine, Gilchrist, Crescent, Chemult or Chiloquin) and be between the ages of 16 and 21 (by January 1, 2011). Outside of these parameters if you feel that you are able to represent the La Pine Rodeo, a separate petition letter must accompany all your paperwork and be presented to the Board for approval.

* Contestants must be unmarried, not pregnant, have no children at the time of tryouts and remain so during your reign.

* Contestants must be able to furnish their own horse or have a written lease agreement for the use of a horse suitable for the activities that you will be asked to participate in for the entire reign. A horse used for the tryouts will be the horse you are planning on using for the entire Rodeo Queen season, unless sickness or injury requires substitution, then approval of the Court Advisor must be obtained. Your horse must be healthy, current on vaccinations and worming. You also agree that your horse will be kept clean, trimmed and appropriately shod. No stallions, later term pregnant mares, or mares with foals are allowed.

* The chosen Queen must be willing to travel to all speaking engagements, rodeos and parades and other events as designated by the Court Advisor. A tentative schedule will be put out on the 5 local Rodeos and parades that you will be expected to attend. Transportation of your horse and yourself is the Queen's responsibility. If there is prior engagement or conflict it must be discussed prior to your trying out and listed on your application.

* Contestants are selected by a panel of judges based on their performance in several categories, which may include horsemanship (pattern, arena run and flag run), personal interview and speech, impromptu questions, personality, appearance, and an overall impression. Contestants and family members may not approach a judge at any time during the pageant. Action of this type will result in a disqualification.

* QUEEN TRYOUTS ATTIRE. On the day of tryouts you will be expected to wear a long sleeved western shirt, western jeans, boots, belt and hat of your choosing of color. No chaps please. Your horse shall be clean and in good health. Equipment shall be clean and in good repair also. It is entirely up to the contestant if you so choose to have a changed outfit for the speech and interview although it is not a requirement but maybe an "eye" catcher for the judges.

* Contestants will be required to give a 2-3 minute speech on a topic related to "rodeo and why you should be the 2011 Queen for La Pine Rodeo Association." The speech may be memorized or you may use notes. The speech and personality division will be judged on poise, ability to project oneself, voice expressiveness and appearance.

* Horsemanship will be judged on your control at all times of your horse. You are only allowed to bring 1 horse for tryouts.

* On the day of tryouts there will be between 3 to 5 judges who will be choosing our next Queen to represent La Pine Rodeo Association. The applicant that scores the highest will be chosen as the Queen and the second highest will be named as the “runner-up.” A runner-up may move up into the Queen’s position if at any time she is unable to follow her obligations and is asked to resign or quits. This will be the only circumstance that the runner-up would be asked to step forward.

* Once a Queen has been chosen, they are not allowed to try out for the court in subsequent years. A runner-up will have the opportunity to try out for Queen the following year.

**** **A mandatory pre-tryouts meeting will be held on October 14, 2010.** This will be the time to turn in all required paperwork and go over any questions. The meeting will be at Ponderosa Pizza in La Pine at 6pm.

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CONTRACT

- During your reign as the La Pine Rodeo Association's 2011 Queen you understand that you are looked at as the "PUBLIC RELATIONS" of our rodeo. With that you will be expected to portray the highest of moral standards at all times.
- As a court member along with family members you are expected to represent the LRA in a courteous, professional manner. A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND TEAMWORK IS EXPECTED.
- You understand that you must be able to furnish your own horse or have a written lease agreement for the use of a horse suitable for the activities that you will be asked to participate in for the entire reign. A horse used for the tryouts will be the horse you are planning on using for the entire Rodeo Queen season, unless sickness or injury requires substitution, then approval of the Court Advisor must be obtained. Your horse must be healthy, current on vaccinations and worming. You also agree that your horse will be kept clean, trimmed and appropriately shod. No stallions, later term pregnant mares, or mares with foals are allowed.
- You are responsible for transportation for yourself and horse or unless prior arrangements are made ahead of time with the court advisor.
- The La Pine Rodeo Association will provide a buckle and sash for the Queen in which you will be able to keep at the end of your term. The serapes, flowers, crown and chaps are revolving and must be returned at the end of the year for the following Queen. **Other clothing and accessories worn by Queen will be furnished by the Queen through sponsorships, fundraising and or out of the pocket.** You will be expected to have at least 2 run-in shirts, boots and jeans (black or blue). Your attire must look professional and follow the colors of the La Pine Rodeo Association of red, white and blue. The LRA will not provide funds for the Queen's attire except what is mentioned in the above. Dependent on funds after Queen's attire has been purchased, travel and/or meals are not necessarily reimbursed.
- You must be dressed in the appropriate court outfit (cleaned and pressed), hair and makeup at all court events as designated by the advisor. Appearance shall reflect being "on the job" at all times, setting the example.
- You are also aware that all upkeep of tack and clothing is your responsibility during your reign. Horse tack and apparel must be kept in showmanship condition. Any lost, torn or damaged clothing or tack must be replaced or repaired at your expense. During your reign revolving items (crown, serapes, flowers, chaps, flowers, etc.) shall not be altered in any way unless prior approval from the court advisor.
- The Queen shall not attend any functions or act on behalf of the LRA w/o a chaperone (parent) or the court advisor.

If at any time the Queen is unable to fulfill obligations or is in breach of this contract or guidelines, the board and court advisor may ask her to resign her position. If a Queen is asked to resign in the middle of her term any items purchased for that court member through sponsors, fundraising or donations will be returned to the La Pine Rodeo Association in its original condition along with the revolving items owned by LRA. These items will need to be returned within 10 days.

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This contract is to be signed prior to tryouts for the 2011 La Pine Rodeo. By signing this you agree that if you are selected you:

- *have read all paperwork in its entirety and agree to abide by these rules for the entire duration of your reign,
- *understand that any violations could result in suspension or dismissal,
- *and release LRA, board members and court advisor from any responsibility for loss, injury, accident, theft or damage to horse, rider, persons or property.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

LIABILITY RELEASE

I, the undersigned, hereby agree for myself and my heirs to fully and forever release and discharge La Pine Rodeo Association, its Board members, and Court Advisor thereof from any claims, demands, damages, rights of action of or cause of damage or loss on account of any injuries or damages, or there wise of every kind of character to me or to other persons or property resulting from or which may result either directly or indirectly from the participation and use of the facilities and equipment of La Pine Rodeo. I hereby agree that I am doing this at my own risk and I assume full responsibility for such use and for any result thereof. In addition, I/we agree to assume all responsibility and risk from participation in these equine activities. I fully understand that horseback riding is a risk sport and engage in the sport at my own risk. I shall abide by all the rules of LRA now in effect or later adopted. And I further agree to hold La Pine Rodeo Association, its Board, Advisor, and members free and harmless from all damages or liability for an injury to person horse or property rising as a result from this participation including attorney and court costs.

Signature of Parent

Date

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____

Physician _____

Phone _____

Allergies _____

Medications being
taken _____

Addition Medical
Information _____