

## **New Children's Rodeo Association, Lil' Cowpoke Rodeo Association (LCRA)**

Please give me a moment to tell you about our new rodeo association for children. My husband and I are the founders of the Lil' Cowpoke Rodeo Association, a rodeo for children ages 3-17 with age appropriate events. We came up with the idea while putting on our first WRCA (Working Ranch Cowboy's Association) style rodeo in Arcadia after seeing how many ranching families were interested.

We want to provide a family oriented association that teaches horsemanship skills, self confidence and socialization through the fun and excitement of rodeo.

Of course as a newly formed association we are looking for any help getting started. We are looking for sponsors, arenas, and donations of any kind. If you or anyone you may know would be interested in being part of this new concept in children's rodeo, please contact me for further information. It would be greatly appreciated!

We will have 4 age divisions with appropriate events, such as;

1. Lil Cowpokes (3-5): stick horse barrels, stick horse poles and goat tail untying. These events are "foot races" basically – not done on horseback.
2. Cowpokes (6-9): goat tail tying, stake race, barrel race. These contestants must be self sufficient – not lead-line classes.
3. Wranglers (10-13): goat tying, barrels, poles, obstacle course, breakaway roping and stock sorting.
4. Cowboys (14-17): goat tying, barrels, poles, obstacle course, breakaway roping and stock sorting.

We plan on adding more stock events next year once the idea takes off. Entry fees will be minimal with an acceptable yearly membership fee which will go towards year-end awards. We are hoping to give overall event winners buckles and possibly top male and top female a saddle! We will allow "jack-potting" the top 2 age groups so the kids can make some money! We hope to get enough help to give prizes away for each event, each rodeo.

Please consider helping us change the lives of youth through rodeo! It's all about the kids.

Thank-you for you for your generosity.

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