

20th Annual Bull-A-Rama weekend has arrived

The Coyote Country Rodeo Club, which is organizing the 20th Annual Bull-a-Rama for Aug. 24 and 25, invites everyone to come and join in the festivities.

As this is the last stop of the sanctioned "Extreme Bull Riders Tour" for 2013, it will be packed with bull-riders trying to score their last big ride of the season.

Most of the events will be taking place at the Clay County Rodeo Arena, which is two miles west of Vermillion on Timber Road.

On Saturday morning, Aug. 24, there will be a Bull-A-Rama Promotional Event running from 10 a.m.-noon in the Pump-N-Pak parking lot at the corner of Cherry and Stanford streets. This is the only opportunity to register for the Kids Mutton Bustin and is sure to draw a big crowd.

In addition, teens may sign up for the Youth Steer Riding, there will be free horse rides and presale of 20th Annual Bull-A-Rama tickets.

It is also a chance to meet bull-riders and a rodeo clown, get autographs and get up close and personal to a bucking bull. We will unveil this year's Bull-A-Rama t-shirts and have them for sale to the public.

Once again Western Trails in Yankton has donated an eye catching Montana Silver western buckle to be raffled off and those raffle tickets can be acquired too.

This year, Novak's Trading Post of Newton, IA, will host a booth at both the promotional event and evening event. They showcase a variety of glow-in-the-dark items, blingy jewelry and hats.

This is just a warm-up to the main event, which begins Saturday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. at the rodeo grounds. The 20th Annual Bull-A-Rama will include sanctioned extreme bull-riders, an open class event, steer riding for the youth, mutton bustin' and a candy toss.

There will be food stands operated by Hy-Vee, K & C Kettle Corn, Craig's Shave Ice and Hecks Dakota Style BBQ, as well as beer sales.

In addition to selecting the winners of the raffles, there will be lots of items given away through the evening.

Following the conclusion of the extreme bull riding there will be a fireworks display by Fireworks Unlimited of Vermillion. Immediately after the fireworks subside will be the start of a free dance featuring the local country band Clay Creek Deaf Cowboy Band. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the free fireworks and free dance, meet the members of the Clay County Rodeo Club and have a relaxing western style evening under the stars.

The bull riding may be the activity that draws the biggest crowd, but be sure to stop to savor the fireworks and the band and dance. It is the culmination of lots of hard work and dedication and the members of the Coyote Country Rodeo Club would really like to meet and spend the most enjoyable part of the evening with the community.

Sunday morning, Aug. 25, will begin with an all-denominational outdoor

Cowboy Church Service at 10 a.m., lead by Larry and Freida Fossum of The Cowboy Way Church of Hartford. We will then enjoy an 11 a.m. potluck lunch, followed by a trail ride at noon, which starts from the rodeo grounds and winds down along the beautiful Missouri River. The trail ride is free and we encourage all horse riders to attend as the ride will be relaxing and very scenic.

This year's Bull-A-Rama would not be possible with out the support of the community, our sponsors and generous donations. We would like to thank our major sponsors who help get this event off and running: Double S Bulls, Hy-Vee, Budweiser, Premium Best Transport, Yankton Press & Dakotan, WNAX – the WOLF, Western Trails, Polaris, Fireworks Unlimited and KMP Trucking/Mark Christensen.

This year will have four local businesses having their names designated as sponsors of the bucking chutes and they are: Mart Brothers Construction, TZ Enterprises/Dave and Amy Thiesse, The Old Lumber Company and Nygren's True Value.

Bull-A-Rama pre-sale tickets are also available in Vermillion at Hy-Vee, Pump-N-Pak and Freedom Value Store and in Yankton at Hy-Vee and Western Trails

The members of Coyote Country Rodeo Club invite everyone out to enjoy a historical South Dakota tradition.

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Tank, a schnoodle (a cross between a schnauzer and a poodle) owned by Michelle Webb of Vermillion had a great time diving into the pool over and over again Monday during the Pooch Plunge at the Prentiss Park swimming pool.

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