

## 2024 Fort Bend County Fair Exceptional Rodeo Rules

- 1. Exceptional Rodeo 2024 event is scheduled to take place on Friday, Oct 4th at 10 a.m. at the Tucker arena.
- 2. All entry forms/applications must be received by TBD.
- 3. Space is limited first come first serve with **completed** entry forms including:
  - A. 2024 EXHIBITOR/PARTICIPANT FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, PHOTO CONSENT WAIVER
  - B. ONLINE ENTRY FORM (S).
- 4. Parents can register their child separately from the class.
- 5. Exceptional Rodeo will pair children (ages 3 to 12, living in Fort Bend County) with intellectual, developmental and/or physical disabilities, with professional cowboys, cowgirls & volunteers to help assist in fun and non-competitive rodeo activities.
- 6. Classes may register as a field trip subject to availability per size of class.
- 7. Space is limited and may fill up before the deadline, so don't delay.
- 8. Siblings without special needs are welcome to be spectators; however, they may not participate *No Exceptions*. *If you have more than one child with special needs, please complete a separate application for each child.*
- 9. Kids in Wheelchairs, on oxygen, or any disability that can be transported from Exceptional Rodeo station to station will be welcomed and accommodated as a guest of the Fort Bend County Fair's 2023 Exceptional Rodeo.
- 10. "Contestants" should arrive between 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. (if you are a class or parent please be aware of the time to arrange for transportation via school bus, personal vehicle, or other means.
- 11. Grand Entry will start at 10:00 a.m. promptly.
- 12. Each contestant may receive a cowboy hat, Rodeo Contestant back number, stick horses, trophy, and other gifts. Subject to supplies.
- 13. Each contestant will be paired with a volunteer to help through their Exceptional Rodeo experience.
- 14. Families are welcome to attend. The fairgrounds and fair events are closed during the time of the Exceptional Rodeo but seating in the arena is available.
- 15. The approx. 2 hour-long event will include: roping station, barrel station, pole station, goat station, horseback riding station, and picture station. Horseback riding station is a once only visited station. (One ride per child)
- 16. Kids, 3 to 12, PPCD to Middle School age, FBC residents, with intellectual, developmental and/or physical



- 17. disabilities. Example: children presenting with Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Autism Spectrum, CP, using a wheelchair, etc.
- 18. To apply for participation in the Exceptional Rodeo, fill out the online entry form that will be released via email or made available at: https://exceptionalrodeo.com
- 19. Lunch will be provided by the Rosenberg McDonald's for the child "contestant" only. (Please pack your own lunch if not adequate for your child's diet)
- 20. NOTE: If your child is afraid of animals, clowns, balloons and/or crowds, the Exceptional Rodeo experience may not be a suitable situation for that child.
- 21. All "contestants" (classes/teachers/parents) will be notified of their entry forms being accepted for participation in the Exceptional Rodeo.
- 22. The Fort Bend County Fair's Association Board decision is final.