



### Top College Cowboys And Cowgirls From Kansas And Oklahoma Set For 58th K-State Rodeo

“There are 591 entries from 27 colleges entered in the 58th annual K-State Rodeo.”

Doug Muller (shown), K-State Rodeo Team coach, announced, “We’ll have four performances Friday through Sunday, Feb. 21-22-23, at Weber Arena on the north end of Manhattan’s Kansas State University campus.”

Advertised heavily on The BIG 94.5 Country and promoted extensively on both [www.WIBWNewsNow.com](http://www.WIBWNewsNow.com) and [www.KansasAgNetwork.com](http://www.KansasAgNetwork.com), the rodeo, sponsored by the 40-member strong K-State Rodeo Club, kicks off at 7:30 Friday evening. It has been designated a Tough Enough To Wear Pink performance, in order to serve as a major benefit for increasing cancer awareness and research.

The Saturday matinee starts at 1 o’clock, and has been designated as Kid’s Day, with children getting in free by bringing one non-perishable food item for the Flint Hills Breadbasket. A KSU Rodeo Queen Pageant, led by 2013 K-State Rodeo Queen Lindy Singular and her court, starts the Saturday evening performance at 6:45.

From the first three performances, the ten contestants in each of the nine college events, sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA), will compete in the Sunday afternoon short go-round finals at 1 o’clock. “Sunday will be Military Appreciation Day with complimentary rodeo tickets for those serving in the military, and sharp ticket price discounts for their family members,” Muller pointed out.

Again, livestock for the college-age cowboys and cowgirls representing the Central Plains Region of Kansas and Oklahoma will be competing on professional rodeo livestock provided by Dell Hall’s Rafter H Rodeo Livestock Company of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Scott Grover, also a professional rodeo announcer and K-State alumni, will be in a return engagement calling the Western action.

Several additional attractions are planned in conjunction with the rodeo, according to Muller. A Rodeo Kick-Off Party is set Wednesday evening, Feb. 19, featuring a concert by Aaron Watson, with special guest Cody Johnson, at RC McGraw’s, popular cowboy attraction for a number rodeo club and team members in Manhattan.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 20, a jackpot team roping benefitting the KSU Rodeo Club, and open to all college rodeo contestants, as well as any interested competition team roper, is planned by Cindy Brown’s JC Rodeo Livestock at the Hatcher Indoor Arena, north of Strong City. K-State Rodeo dances are also again scheduled at RC McGraw’s following both the Friday and Saturday evening performances.

Because there are so many contestants entered at this year’s K-State Rodeo, some of the event slack, especially in barrel racing and breakaway roping, is to be on Friday and Saturday mornings. “We have 112 contestants in barrel racing, 110 in breakaway and 98 teams in team roping. There are 82 entries in calf roping,” Muller said.

Information is available at [www.k-staterodeo.com](http://www.k-staterodeo.com).



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