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## Cowboys and Cowgirls Ready to Go For Gold in Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY - The field for the much anticipated Days of '47 Cowboy Games and Rodeo is set with a great mix of current and former world champions as well as the new kids on the block trying to etch their names into the PRCA and WPRA record books.

The Komatsu Equipment Days of '47 Cowboy Games & Rodeo presented by Zions Bank, July 19-22 and 24, will take place at the all-new, \$16 million, state-of-the-art Days of '47 Arena at the Utah State Fairpark. The venue—an outdoor arena located in the heart of Salt Lake City—features 10,000 stadium-style seats.

“We are excited to welcome these world class athletes to the new Days of '47 Arena and watch them compete for a share of \$1 million,” said Days of '47 Rodeo General Manager Tommy Joe Lucia. “Looking at our list of athletes combined with our exciting new format, at our brand-new stadium, we anticipate a highly competitive event that fans will enjoy and a life-changing rodeo for the cowboys and cowgirls.”

A total of 32 contestants each in bareback riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, barrel racing and bull riding, along with 32 teams in the team roping have earned the right to compete in the Days of '47 Cowboy Games & Rodeo.

Seven of the current PRCA world champions will compete in one of the first three performances as they look to add a Gold Medal to their 2016 World Champion Gold Buckle.

"It would be pretty outstanding," said 2016 PRCA World Champion Tie-Down Roper Tyson Durfey, when asked what it would mean to add a Gold Medal to his collection. "I have won some pretty cool prizes in my career over the last decade, but never have I ever won a Gold Medal.

"I won a car in Brazil one-time at a big competition, won a rifle, buckles, spurs and all that stuff, but never won a Gold Medal."

This will be the first time in the history of the PRCA/WPRA that contestants will have an opportunity to compete for Gold, Silver or Bronze Medals at a regular season rodeo. The previous two times were in conjunction with the Olympic Winter Games in Calgary (1988) and Salt Lake City (2002), when rodeo was part of the Cultural Olympiad. The medals that will be awarded at the Days of '47 Cowboy Games & Rodeo will be produced by OC Tanner, the same company that made the Olympic medals for the champions of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

This will be an international event with contestants not only from the United States and Canada but also Brazil, Australia and France.

Utah rodeo fans will be treated to the "Wright" show in the saddle bronc riding with brothers Cody, Jake, Jesse and Spencer along with brother-in-law CoBurn Bradshaw and Cody's sons, Rusty and Ryder, all vying for the \$50,000 that will be awarded to the champion on July 24. Other family duos that will be looking to spoil the Wright's celebration will be Jacobs and Sterling Crawley and Cody and Heith DeMoss.

Bull riding fans will be treated to a field that includes three-time world champion Sage Kimzey of Strong City, Oklah. Kimzey recently added \$20,000 to his bank account after conquering leading PBR World Champion Bull contender Pearl Harbor, owned by Chad Berger, for 92 points in an exhibition showdown on July 1 in Mandan, N.D. Kimzey will face more stiff competition in Salt Lake

City with Utah brothers Joe and Josh Frost of Randlett and Tim and Tyler Bingham of Honeyville. They will all be trying to leap frog current world standings leader Garrett Smith of Rexburg, Idaho.

The WPRO Barrel Racing qualifier race on July 18, will christen the new arena with the top four finishers qualifying for the Days of '47 Cowboy Games & Rodeo for the Saturday night performance. These ladies will face some fast competitors led by WPRO World Standings leader Tiany Schuster who has already won \$163,433 in 2017, along with 2016 reserve world champion Amberleigh Moore, and two-time world champion Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, who won the most money of any WPRO member over the Fourth of July week, known in rodeo as Cowboy Christmas.

The top two in each discipline from each day will advance to the Gold Medal Round on July 24. The Gold Medal Round, featuring the top eight in each discipline, will compete in a sudden-death format with the winner collecting a Gold Medal and \$50,000 cash that will count towards the PRCA and WPRO world standings that determine Wrangler NFR qualifiers and world champions. This payout marks the largest one-day payout in the PRCA regular season and will be the most anticipated stop on the Road to Vegas.

The official dedication of the Days of '47 Arena will be on Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. with a performance by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The July 24<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal Round will be televised on CBS Sports Network.

Tickets are still available starting as low as \$14 each at smithstix.com. For more information on the event visit [www.daysof47cowboygames.com](http://www.daysof47cowboygames.com).

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## Days of '47 Cowboy Games Contestant List

*As of July 10, 2017*

*Contestant list for first three performances schedule to change*

### Bareback Riding

Contestant Name	Hometown	Qualification Category	Perf #
Richmond Champion	The Woodlands, Texas	Top 10	First
Caleb Bennett	Tremonton, Utah	Top 10	First
Tanner Phipps	Dalton, Ga.	Rookie	First
Justin Miller	Billings, Mont.	Circuit	First
Orin Larsen	Inglis, MB, Canada	Circuit	First
Tyler Waltz	Martin, Tenn.	Circuit	First
Anthony Thomas	Palistine, Texas	Circuit	First
Zachariah Phillips	Gillette, Wyo.	Circuit	First
Tanner Aus	Granite Falls, Minn.	Top 10	Second
Jake Brown	Cleveland, Texas	Top 10	Second
J.R. Vezain	Cowley, Wyo.	Top 10	Second
Wyatt Bloom	Bend, Ore.	RNCFR	Second
Tilden Hooper	Carthage, Texas	Circuit	Second
Luke Creasy	Lovington, N.M.	Circuit	Second
Matthew Smith	Saraland, Ala.	Circuit	Second
Ty Breuer	Mandan, N.D.	World Standings	Second
Bill Tutor	Huntsville, Texas	Top 10	Third
Clayton Biglow	Clements, Calif.	Top 10	Third
Evan Jayne	Marseille, BD, France	Top 10	Third
Wyatt Denny	Minden, Nev.	Circuit	Third
Shane O'Connell	Rapid City, S.D.	Circuit	Third
Steven Peebles	Redmond, Ore.	Circuit	Third

Tyler Nelson	Victor, Idaho	World Standings	Third
Jake Vold	Ponoka, AB, Canada	World Standings	Third
Mason Clements	Santaquin, Utah	Trials	Fourth
Austin Foss	Terrebonne, Ore.	Trials	Fourth
Steven Dent	Mullen, Neb.	Trials	Fourth
Jessy Davis	Power, Mont.	Trials	Fourth
Seth Hardwick	Ranchester, Wyo.	Trials	Fourth
Logan Corbett	Las Cruces, N.M.	Trials	Fourth
Blake Smith	Zap, N.D.	Trials	Fourth
Jamie Howlett	Roma, QL, Australia	Trials	Fourth

### Steer Wrestling

<b>Contestant Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Qualification Category</b>	<b>Perf #</b>
Olin Hannum	Malad, Idaho	Top 10	First
Nick Guy	Sparta, Wis.	Top 10	First
Tanner Milan	Cochrane, AB, Canada	Top 10	First
Josh Peek	Pueblo, Colo.	Top 10	First
Scott Guenther	Provost, AB, Canada	Top 10	First
Hunter Cure	Holliday, Texas	Circuit	First
Justin Shaffer	Hallsville, Texas	RNCFR	First
Jason Thomas	Benton, Ark.	World Standings	First
Jace Melvin	Fort Pierre, S.D.	Circuit	Second
Baylor Roche	Tremonton, Utah	Top 10	Second
Matt Reeves	Cross Plains, Texas	Top 10	Second
Kyle Irwin	Robertsdale, Ala.	Circuit	Second
Dirk Tavenner	Rigby, Idaho	Circuit	Second
Justin Morehouse	Crawfordsville, Ind.	Circuit	Second
Sterling Lambert	Fallon, Nev.	Circuit	Second
Tyler Pearson	Louisville, Miss.	World Standings	Second
Ty Erickson	Helena, Mont.	Top 10	Third
*Tyler Waguespack	Gonzales, La.	Top 10	Third
Dakota Eldridge	Elko, Nev.	Top 10	Third
J.D. Struxness	Appleton, Minn.	Circuit	Third
Trevor Knowles	Mount Vernon, Ore.	Circuit	Third
Chason Floyd	Buffalo, S.D.	Circuit	Third
Jesse Brown	Baker City, Ore.	Rookie	Third
Clayton Hass	Weatherford, Texas	World Standings	Third
Chance Howard	Cedarville, Ark.	Trials	Fourth
Will Lummus	West Point, Miss.	Trials	Fourth
Jacob Talley	Keatchie, La.	Trials	Fourth
Jon Ragatz	Beetown, Wis.	Trials	Fourth
Rowdy Parrott	Mamou, La.	Trials	Fourth
Tom Lewis	Lehi, Utah	Trials	Fourth
Ryle Smith	Oakdale, Calif.	Trials	Fourth
Riley Duvall	Checotah, Okla.	Trials	Fourth
*Reigning World Champion			

**Team Roping - Heading**

<b>Contestant Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Qualification Category</b>	<b>Perf #</b>
Luke Brown	Stephenville, Texas	Top 10	First
Garrett Rogers	Baker City, Ore.	Top 10	First
Dustin Egusquiza	Mariana, Fla.	Top 10	First
Riley Minor	Ellensburg, Wash.	Top 10	First
Chad Masters	Cedar Hill, Tenn.	Circuit	First
Blake Teixeira	Tres Pinos, Calif.	Circuit	First
Jr. Dees	Aurora, S.D.	Circuit	First
Nelson Wyatt	Clanton, Ala.	Rookie	First
Erich Rogers	Round Rock, Ariz.	Top 10	Second
Cody Snow	Los Olivos, Calif.	Top 10	Second
Coleman Proctor	Pryor, Okla.	Top 10	Second
Clay Smith	Broken Bow, Okla.	Top 10	Second
Hayes Smith	Central Point, Ore.	Circuit	Second
Tom Richards	Humboldt, Ariz.	Circuit	Second
Brady Tryan	Huntley, Mont.	Circuit	Second
Clayton Van Aken	Descanso, Calif.	Circuit	Second
Kaleb Driggers	Albany, Ga.	Top 10	Third
*Levi Simpson	Ponoka, AB, Canada	Top 10	Third
Marcus Theriot	Poplarville, Miss.	Circuit	Third
Jesse Stipes	Salina, Okla.	Circuit	Third
Adam Rose	Willard, Mo.	Circuit	Third
Rhett Anderson	Anabella, Utah	Circuit	Third
Edward Hawley Jr.	Surprise, Ariz.	RNCFR	Third
Charly Crawford	Prineville, Ore.	World Standings	Third
Clay Tryan	Billings, Mont.	Trials	Fourth
Lane Ivy	Adrian, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Matt Sherwood	Pima, Ariz.	Trials	Fourth
Clayton Hass	Weatherford, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Manny Egusquiza Jr.	Marianna, Fla.	Trials	Fourth
Ty Blasingame	Ramah, Colo.	Trials	Fourth
Jake Orman	Prairie, Miss.	Trials	Fourth
Garrett Tonozzi	Fruita, Colo.	Trials	Fourth
*Reigning World Champion			

**Team Roping - Heeling**

<b>Contestant Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Qualification Category</b>	<b>Perf #</b>
Jake Long	Coffeyville, Kan.	Top 10	First
Jake Minor	Ellensburg, Wash.	Top 10	First
Kory Koontz	Stephenville, Texas	Top 10	First
Travis Graves	Jay, Okla.	Circuit	First
Cody Pearson	Tucson, Ariz.	Circuit	First
Matt Kasner	Cody, Neb.	Circuit	First
Cody Hogan	Athens, Texas	Rookie	First
Brady Minor	Ellensburg, Wash.	World Standings	First
Cory Petska	Marana, Ariz.	Top 10	Second

Wesley Thorp	Throckmorton, Texas	Top 10	Second
Billie Jack Saebens	Nowata, Okla.	Top 10	Second
Paul Eaves	Ionedell, Mo.	Top 10	Second
Russell Cardoza	Terrebonne, Ore.	Top 10	Second
Buddy Hawkins II	Columbus, Kan.	Top 10	Second
Kyle Lockett	Visalia, Calif.	Circuit	Second
Kory Mytty	Lolo, Mont.	Circuit	Second
<b>**Junior Nogueira</b>	Presidente Prudente, Brazil	Top 10	Third
Joseph Harrison	Overbrook, Okla.	Circuit	Third
<b>*Jeremy Buhler</b>	Arrowwood, AB, Canada	Circuit	Third
Clint Summers	Lake City, Fla.	Circuit	Third
J.W. Beck	Moville, Iowa	Circuit	Third
Quinn Kesler	Holden, Utah	Circuit	Third
Trey Yates	Pueblo, Colo.	Circuit	Third
Ty Romo	Whiteriver, Ariz.	RNCFR	Third
John Robertson	Polson, Mont.	Trials	Fourth
Jake Corkill	Fallon, Nev.	Trials	Fourth
Tanner Luttrell	Oroville, Calif.	Trials	Fourth
Trace Porter	Leesville, La.	Trials	Fourth
Daniel Braman IV	Victoria, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Tyler Domingue	DeKalb, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Wyatt Cox	Arroyo Grande, Calif.	Trials	Fourth
Patrick Smith	Lipan, Texas	Trials	Fourth
<b>*Reigning World Champion</b>			
<b>**Reigning World Champion - All-Around</b>			

### **Saddle Bronc Riding**

<b>Contestant Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Qualification Category</b>	<b>Perf #</b>
Jacobs Crawley	Boerne, Texas	Top 10	First
<b>*Zeke Thurston</b>	Big Valley, AB, Canada	Top 10	First
Taos Muncy	Corona, N.M.	Top 10	First
Sterling Crawley	Stephenville, Texas	Circuit	First
Nick LaDuke	Livermore, Calif.	Circuit	First
Joe Lufkin	Sallisaw, Okla.	Circuit	First
Joseph Austin	Benton, Ky.	Circuit	First
Shade Etbauer	Goodwell, Okla.	Rookie	First
Audy Reed	Spearman, Texas	Top 10	Second
Ryder Wright	Milford, Utah	Top 10	Second
Rusty Wright	Milford, Utah	Circuit	Second
Tyler Corrington	Hastings, Minn.	Circuit	Second
Curtis Garton	Lake Charles, La.	Circuit	Second
JJ Elshere	Hereford, S.D.	Circuit	Second
Sage Newman	Melstone, Mont.	Circuit	Second
Cody Wright	Milford, Utah	World Standings	Second
CoBurn Bradshaw	Beaver, Utah	Top 10	Third
Hardy Braden	Welch, Okla.	Top 10	Third
Jesse Wright	Milford, Utah	Top 10	Third

Tyrell Smith	Sand Coulee, Mont.	Top 10	Third
Clay Elliott	Nanton, AB, Canada	Top 10	Third
Brody Cress	Hillsdale, Wyo.	Circuit	Third
Chuck Schmidt	Keldron, S.D.	RNCFR	Third
Heith DeMoss	Heflin, La.	World Standings	Third
Cody DeMoss	Heflin, La.	Trials	Fourth
Jake Wright	Milford, Utah	Trials	Fourth
Allen Boore	Axtell, Utah	Trials	Fourth
Isaac Diaz	Desdemona, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Cort Scheer	Elsmere, Neb.	Trials	Fourth
Bradley Harter	Loranger, La.	Trials	Fourth
Spencer Wright	Milford, Utah	Trials	Fourth
Wyatt Casper	Pampa, Texas	Trials	Fourth
*Reigning World Champion			

### **Tie-Down Roping**

<b>Contestant Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Qualification Category</b>	<b>Perf #</b>
Marty Yates	Stephenville, Texas	Top 10	First
Tuf Cooper	Weatherford, Texas	Top 10	First
J.C. Malone	Plain City, Utah	Top 10	First
Randall Carlisle	Athens, La.	Top 10	First
Matt Shiozawa	Chubbuck, Idaho	Top 10	First
Cade Swor	Winnie, Texas	Circuit	First
Cooper Martin	Alma, Kan.	Circuit	First
Tim Pharr	Resaca, Ga.	Circuit	First
Caleb Smidt	Bellville, Texas	Top 10	Second
Marcos Costa	Childress, Texas	Top 10	Second
Shane Hanchey	Sulphur, Texas	Top 10	Second
Joseph Parsons	Marana, Ariz.	RNCFR	Second
Tyler Milligan	Pawhuska, Okla.	Rookie	Second
J.R. Myers	Felton, Pa.	Circuit	Second
Kevin Peterson	Kilgore, Neb.	Circuit	Second
Hunter Herrin	Apache, Okla.	World Standings	Second
*Tyson Durfey	Weatherford, Texas	Top 10	Third
Cody Quaney	Cheney, Kan.	Top 10	Third
Ryan Jarrett	Comanche, Okla.	Circuit	Third
Riley Pruitt	Gering, Neb.	Circuit	Third
Ryle Smith	Oakdale, Calif.	Circuit	Third
Blake Ash	Aurora, Mo.	Circuit	Third
Jesse Clark	Portales, N.M.	Circuit	Third
Tyler Theil	Belle Fourche, S.D.	Circuit	Third
Cory Solomon	Prairie View, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Timber Moore	Aubrey, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Ace Slone	Cuero, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Cimarron Boardman	Stephenville, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Trell Etbauer	Goodwell, Okla.	Trials	Fourth
Blane Cox	Cameron, Texas	Trials	Fourth

Reese Riemer	Stinnett, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Trevor Brazile	Decatur, Texas	Trials	Fourth

\*Reigning World Champion

### Barrel Racing

<b>Contestant Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Qualification Category</b>	<b>Perf #</b>
Stevi Hillman	Weatherford, Texas	Top 10	First
Kassie Mowry	Dublin, Texas	Top 10	First
Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi	Victoria, Texas	Top 10	First
Kris Gadbois	Escondido, Calif.	Circuit	First
Jana Griemsman	Piedmont, S.D.	Circuit	First
Jordan Moore	Mauston, Wis.	Circuit	First
Sabra O'Quinn	Ocala, Fla.	Circuit	First
Michele McLeod	Whitesboro, Texas	Circuit	First
Tiany Schuster	Krum, Texas	Top 10	Second
Amberleigh Moore	Salem, Ore.	Top 10	Second
Nellie Miller	Cottonwood, Calif.	Top 10	Second
Tillar Murray	Fort Worth, Texas	Top 10	Second
Sydni Blanchard	Albuquerque, N.M.	Top 10	Second
Ari-Anna Flynn	Charleston, Ark.	RNCFR	Second
Kimmie Wall	Roosevelt, Utah	Circuit	Second
Pamela Capper	Cheney, Wash.	Circuit	Second
Tammy Fischer	Ledbetter, Texas	World Standings	Second
Kathy Grimes	Medical Lake, Wash.	Top 10	Third
Kellie Collier	Hereford, Texas	Top 10	Third
Taci Bettis	Round Top, Texas	Rookie	Third
Lori Todd	Willcox, Ariz.	Circuit	Third
Kim Schulze	Larkspur, Colo.	Circuit	Third
Emily Miller	Weatherford, Okla.	Circuit	Third
Lisa Lockhart	Oelrichs, S.D.	Circuit	Third
Jessie Telford	Caldwell, Idaho	Trials	Fourth
Ivy Hurst	Springer, Okla.	Trials	Fourth
Jane Melby	Bokchito, Okla.	Trials	Fourth
Ericka Nelson	Century, Fla.	Trials	Fourth

\*Remaining four for the Fourth performance will be determined after the WPRA Qualifier on July 18

### Bull Riding

<b>Contestant Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Qualification Category</b>	<b>Perf #</b>
Joe Frost	Randlett, Utah	Top 10	First
Dustin Bowen	Waller, Texas	Top 10	First
Josh Frost	Randlett, Texas	Circuit	First
Shane Proctor	Grand Coulee, Wash.	Circuit	First
Will Crain	St. Peter, Ill.	Circuit	First
Christopher Byrd	Compton, Calif.	Circuit	First
Jesse Petri	Athens, Texas	Circuit	First
Trevor Reiste	Linden, Iowa	World Standings	First
Garrett Smith	Rexburg, Idaho	Top 10	Second

Ty Wallace	Collbran, Colo.	Top 10	Second
Jordan Spears	Redding, Calif.	Top 10	Second
Brady Portenier	Caldwell, Idaho	Top 10	Second
Audie Maier	Ardie Maier	Circuit	Second
Dave Mason	Burnet, Texas	Rookie	Second
Trey Benton III	Rock Island, Texas	World Standings	Second
Dalan Duncan	Ballard, Utah	World Standings	Second
*Sage Kimzey	Strong City, Okla.	Top 10	Third
Roscoe Jarboe	New Plymouth, Idaho	Top 10	Third
Tim Bingham	Honeyville, Utah	Top 10	Third
Brennon Eldred	Sulphur, Okla.	Top 10	Third
Boudreaux Campbell	Crockett, Texas	Circuit	Third
Lon Danley	Tularosa, N.M.	Circuit	Third
Trevor Kastner	Sulphur, Okla.	Circuit	Third
Jacob Smith	LaSalle, Colo.	Circuit	Third
Cole Melancon	Liberty, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Bayle Worden	Charleston, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Elliot Jacoby	Fredericksburg, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Garrett Tribble	Bristow, Okla.	Trials	Fourth
Eli Vastbinder	Athens, Texas	Trials	Fourth
Tyler Bingham	Honeyville, Utah	Trials	Fourth
Riker Carter	Stone, Idaho	Trials	Fourth
Kurtis Turner	Washington, Utah	Trials	Fourth
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