

2026 Evanston Cowboy Days Rodeo Queen Pageant

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Inside Events: Uinta County Fairgrounds- Exhibit Hall
122 Bear River Drive
Evanston, WY 82930

Horsemanship: Uinta County Fairgrounds- Large Arena
122 Bear River Drive
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Coronation: Uinta County Fairgrounds- Exhibit Hall
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Completed application, photographs, and sponsor fee must be turned in no later than 5pm on Wednesday June 10, 2026. If mailing, it must be postmarked no later than Monday June 8, 2026. Please mail or turn in application to:

Sherrie Bradley
21 Antelope Drive
Bear River, WY 82930
(307) 677-6508

Listed below are the forms/material that must be submitted to complete your application:

- a. Contest Application Form
- b. Signed Expectations Agreement
- c. Colored photographs of yourself in western attire: two 4x6, one 8x10, and one digital copy (send to sdmuir34@gmail.com)
- d. \$200 sponsor fee (Checks payable to Evanston Cowboy Days Royalty)

Competition will include:

- Personality & Appearance: Judging of these categories will take place throughout the whole contest.
- Modeling: Each contestant will be given up to 2 minutes to model their western

attire.

-Impromptu Question: Each contestant will be asked 1 impromptu question. Impromptu question will be the same for all queen contestants.

-Extemporaneous Speech: Each contestant will receive a topic and be given 10 minutes in a private room to prepare a one and a half minute speech. -Personal Interview: Each contestant will be interviewed for 8-10 minutes by the panel of judges.

-Horsemanship: Each contest will complete Horsemanship Pattern #3 on their own horse. Upon completing the pattern the contestant will walk to the gate and be given a flag. The contestant will make two laps around the arena carrying the flag. The first lap being slow and the second lap being fast. They will then return the flag and complete a presentation ride finishing at the gate. Then the contestant will walk to the judges, dismount, and complete a horsemanship interview. Once all contestants have completed the horsemanship portion on their own horses they will randomly draw another contests' horse and complete Horsemanship Pattern #1.

Competition Attire:

-Inside Attire: All clothing of choice must be strictly western style. This includes boots, hats, pants, skirts, blouses, vests, and dresses of all types of material. (Leather is permitted.)

-Horsemanship Attire: Dark blue or black western jeans, plain white blouse with no embellishments. Additional accessories are allowed.

Contest Schedule (subject to change):

9:30 am: Check in and number draw. (Please arrive promptly at 9:30 and come ready to compete.)

9:45-10:00 am: Contestants competing in the queen division will be taken to a separate area and given their extemporaneous speech topic and allowed 10 minutes to prepare.

10:00 am: Modeling, Speech, Impromptu Question, and Personal Interview

12:30 pm: Contestant luncheon with judges

2:30 pm (Tentative): Horsemanship

*Coronation will follow horsemanship once scores are tabulated.

For additional information or questions please contact Sherrie Bradley at sdmuir34@gmail.com or (307)677-6508.

Evanston Cowboy Days Rodeo Queen Pageant Eligibility

Age: Contestant must be between the ages of 16 through 26, as of the day of the contest.

Residence: Contestant must be a female resident of the state of Wyoming or a bordering state.

Marital Status: Contestant must never have been married nor be engaged to be married nor will publicly be engaged to be married during the course of her reign, and have no children. Contestant must not now nor never have been pregnant, nor share living arrangements of the opposite sex in an intimate relationship.

Good Character: Contestant must be of good moral character and have never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude. Bullying, intimidation, and/or harassment to others will not be tolerated. Contestant must not have engaged in any act past or present, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to contestant's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the pageant. Public notices of questionable moral character, indecent exposure, and/or inappropriate social media posts may result in ineligibility or the termination of a title.

No Criminal Record: Contestant must not have been convicted of any crime or felony. A background check may be conducted. The pageant reserves the right to refuse any contestant's application due to criminal records. If the contestant is refused entry there will be no appeal process. If infractions with the law occur during a titleholder's reign it may result in the termination of a title.

Substance Abuse: Contestant must not use any illegal or controlled substance (other than prescription medications in the manner prescribed.) Contestant must not abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances. Underage alcohol use will not be tolerated. Public notices of such violations may result in ineligibility or the termination of a title.

Titleholder and Contractual Obligations: Contestant must not be under a contractual obligation which would interfere with her ability to participate in this contest or interfere with her ability to perform as a title holder. Contestant is allowed to hold another title(s) and ambassadorship(s) as long as there is absolutely no conflict in meeting requirements of each title. If a contestant has been removed from a previous PRCA royalty court she is ineligible to compete. (An appeal letter may be submitted to the Evanston Cowboy Days Executive Officers regarding removal from a previous PRCA royalty.) There is no limit to the number of times an individual can compete as long as all eligibility requirements are met. Should a contestant win she can only hold her title for one year unless she is under 20. If under 20 she can then wait one or more years and try out again.

Attire and Conduct: All titleholders shall dress in appropriate western apparel for all functions in which they are representing their title. Apparel includes hat, boots, belt, and banner. Shirts/jackets must be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves. Long sleeves must be worn for all area appearances. Skirts/dresses must be no less than 3 inches above the knee. Jeans with holes are not acceptable. Hats must be felt. Bright unnatural colored hair is not acceptable. Visible body piercings (other than the ear) and tattoos are not acceptable. Appropriate personal conduct is essential. This includes no swearing, bullying, smoking, drinking, chewing, drugs, or anything of such nature.

Rules and Regulations

1. Contestant must submit the following documents in order to compete in the contest. All documents must be properly completed and signed by the contest and parent/guardian if the contestant is under 18 years of age.
 - e. Contest Application Form
 - f. Signed Expectations Agreement
 - g. Colored photographs of yourself in western attire: two 4x6, one 8x10, and one digital copy (email to sdmuir34@gmail.com)
 - h. \$200 sponsor fee
2. Upon arrival at the location of the contest, contestants will be responsible to and under the jurisdiction of the Evanston Cowboy Days Queen Committee.
3. All contestants are required to dress in full western attire.
4. Any horses that are deemed dangerous by Evanston Cowboy Days Committee or the horsemanship judges will not be allowed to compete. Dangerous is defined as bucking, rearing, running off, or otherwise out of control.
5. Contestant must provide their own horse for horsemanship. They must have a suitable horse for the rodeo and other related events, but does not have to be the horse used in the contest.
6. Contestants shall be the only person riding their horse on the day of the contest. This includes warming up, competing, and cooling the horse down. Contestants shall be able to receive help grooming, saddling, and bridling their horse. Horses must arrive onsite unsaddled. All preparations must be done onsite, including grooming, saddling, and bridling. (Any bathing or clipping needs to be done prior to arriving.)
7. Only members of the Evanston Cowboy Days Committee, Contests, and Judges are permitted in the arena prior to, during, and after the competition.
8. If any problem occurs in the arena, i.e. a tack failure or a thrown horse shoe, the contestant must stop their pattern immediately and go directly to the judges in order to solve the problem. If a contestant experiences a problem and completes the pattern, the issue will not be considered.
9. Any problems that arise should be directed to the Evanston Cowboy Days Queen Coordinator immediately.
10. Any misconduct from contestants or contestants' family may be grounds for disqualification from this contest and ineligibility for future contests.
11. Parents, relatives, and friends are welcome to attend the pageant and must agree to abide by all rules and regulations.
12. A contestant or any individual with the intent to influence or harass may not approach a judge or the auditor before or after any event. Action of this type will be reported to the Evanston Cowboy Days Executive Board and Queen Coordinator and disqualification of that contest could result in all prizes being seized.
13. After the coronation, each contestant, including the new royalty is expected to remain at the event location and demonstrate good behavior and sportsmanship until dismissed by the Evanston Cowboy Days Committee. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated and

could result in contestant being disqualified and may affect future eligibility in the Evanston Cowboy Days Queen Pageant.

14. The leather banner, traveling banners, traveling chaps, and horse banner are permanent property of the Evanston Cowboy Days Committee. The queen is responsible for keeping these items in good shape. At the end of the reign the traveling banners need to be dry cleaned and all items returned. Attendants will be responsible to keep their horse banners in good condition and returned at the end of their reign as well. Any damages to the traveling items will result in paying to replace or repair the item(s).
15. The Evanston Cowboy Days Queen can only hold her title for one year unless she is under 20. If under 20 she can then wait one year and try out again.
16. If the Evanston Cowboy Days queen wishes to try out for Miss Rodeo Wyoming the Evanston Cowboy Days Committee will cover the following expenses.
 - a. Dues to Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association
 - b. Miss Rodeo Wyoming contest fees
17. If royalty wishes to attend other rodeos during their reign that require extra funding a formal written request can be submitted to the Evanston Cowboy Day Committee. Upon approval from committee funds may be available for travel or other expenses.
18. Any violations of these rules and regulations may disqualify a contestant from participation in this contest or being a title holder.
19. These rules and regulations are designed for contestants' safety and to keep the contest running properly and in a professional manner. If any grievances arise, either during or after the contest the matter should be brought to the attention of the Evanston Cowboy Days Queen Coordinator.
20. All complaints by contestants and/or parents need to be submitted in writing along with a check in the amount of \$50 to the Evanston Cowboy Days Committee, Box 458 Evanston, WY 82931 within 2 days of the contents.

Mission Statement

The pageant competition selects individuals to serve as official spokespersons/ambassadors who will promote rodeo, our agricultural industry, and our western traditions. A primary outcome of the process is to provide learning opportunities for young women who compete in the pageant and to groom young women of today for the leadership positions of tomorrow.

2026 Evanston Cowboy Days Rodeo Queen Pageant Contest Application Form

Please type or print clearly. If the application form is illegible it may not be accepted. If additional space is needed, please type information on plain white paper (8 1/2 x 11) and attached to this application form.

Applicant's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email: _____
Cell Phone: (____) _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____
School: _____ Shirt/Jacket Size _____
Parent #1 Name: _____ Parent #1 Phone: (____) _____
Parent #2 Name: _____ Parent #2 Phone: (____) _____

Sponsor #1

Name _____
Address _____
Contact _____
Phone _____

Sponsor #2

Name _____
Address _____
Contact _____
Phone _____

WHEN AND HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN HORSES?

WHAT IS YOUR RIDING BACKGROUND?

LIST YOUR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND HOBBIES (not related to horses):

LIST ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITION THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED: (i.e. rodeo or horse related, school, work, church, or community service)

WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE THE EVANSTON COWBOY DAYS RODEO QUEEN?

By my signature on this application, I hereby certify that I have read the eligibility requirements and the rules and regulations governing the Evanston Cowboy Days Pageant, and I acknowledge these requirements and regulations.

I hereby grant permission to the Evanston Cowboy Days Committee to verify any information contained on my application. Failure on my part to disclose this information to local officials will automatically disqualify me from participation in the pageant. Prizes of any kind which I may receive will be returned to the queen coordinator.

I hereby release the Evanston Cowboys Days from responsibility of injury or loss to persons or property involving myself, relatives, or sponsors.

I hereby release title, claim, and the rights to photographs and/or public relation materials involving me to the contest for use in contest promotions.

Evanston Cowboy Days will be released from any and all liability resulting from my actions.

In the event that I receive Evanston Cowboy Days Queen or Attendant title I will complete all requirements and follow all rules and regulations. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations or complete requirements will result in the forfeit of the title and all prizes will be returned to the Evanston Cowboy Days Queen Coordinator.

Contestant

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

*If contestant is under 18 years old

Expectation Agreement

This expectation agreement is between the Evanston Cowboy Days Rodeo Committee and _____, an Evanston Cowboy Days Rodeo Queen contestant, competing for the honor of being selected as the Miss Evanston Cowboy Days Queen or attendant. The purpose of the expectation agreement is to make both the parents and contestants aware of their responsibilities in the event the contestant is selected as Miss Evanston Cowboy Days Queen or a member of her court.

If I am selected as Miss Evanston Cowboy Days Queen or a member of her court, I agree to abide by the following expectations during my reign:

1. **I will write thank you notes to all sponsors and appropriate Evanston Cowboy Days Rodeo Committee officials. I will turn in the thank you notes in addressed and stamped envelopes to the queen coordinator within 7 days of the date I am crowned.**
2. I will promote Evanston Cowboy Days and the sport of rodeo in a positive manner at all times.
3. I will ALWAYS demonstrate good sportsmanship, behavior, etiquette, and honesty. This includes but is not limited to use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
4. If under 18 years old will be chaperoned at events by either of my parents, Evanston Cowboy Days Committee Member (21 years old or older), or an approved chaperone.
5. I will treat all horses and animals humanely.
6. I will have a horse and appropriate tack suitable for use in all of my appearances and the Evanston Cowboy Days Rodeo, Grand Entries, Parades, and other special events.
7. I will wear my banner, crown, and proper western attire (outlined in eligibility) wherever I make public appearances. I will stay in attire through the entire event I am attending.
8. I will represent the Evanston Cowboy Days at local functions, fundraisers, or requested sponsor events.
9. I will keep in close contact with my queen coordinator to represent Evanston Cowboy Days throughout the year and will notify them if I am unable to meet any of my obligations as Miss Evanston Cowboy Days Queen or a member of her court.
10. I will approve all appearances with the Evanston Cowboy Days Queen Coordinator.
11. I will work with all other members of the royalty as a team. We will coordinate and represent Evanston Cowboy Days throughout the whole year.
12. I will only use my cell phone for emergencies or communication regarding Evanston Cowboy Days during official Cowboy Days events.
13. I will be able to promote and be available from September 4, 2026 through September 7, 2026,, as requested.
14. I will attend the 2027 Evanston Cowboy Days Royalty pageant to give away my title of Miss Evanston Cowboy Days Queen. (Attendants are not required to attend.)
15. If chosen as the 2026 Evanston Cowboy Days Queen I will submit photos and/or videos of my sponsored chaps within 14 days of receiving them.
16. I will represent Evanston Cowboy Days throughout the year by:
 - a. attending 6 rodeos, 2 parades, and 2 other events of my choice. (Events during Evanston Cowboy Days do not count towards these requirements.)
 - b. sharing 10 posts made by Evanston Cowboy Days on social media from June 20th, 2026 -September 7th, 2026.
 - a. submitting a digital photo and short write up of each appearance made in Cowboy Days Rodeo Royalty attire to the queen coordinator knowing these photos can and will be used to promote Evanston Cowboy Days through social media and online. Photos must be submitted within 24 hours of appearance.
 - a. completing any video recordings or pictures requested by the Evanston Cowboy Days Queen Coordinator or Committee.

If I am unable to fulfill my duties or if I do not adhere to this expectations agreement, I agree to forfeit my title and return all Evanston Cowboy Days property and all prizes received.

Contestant

Date

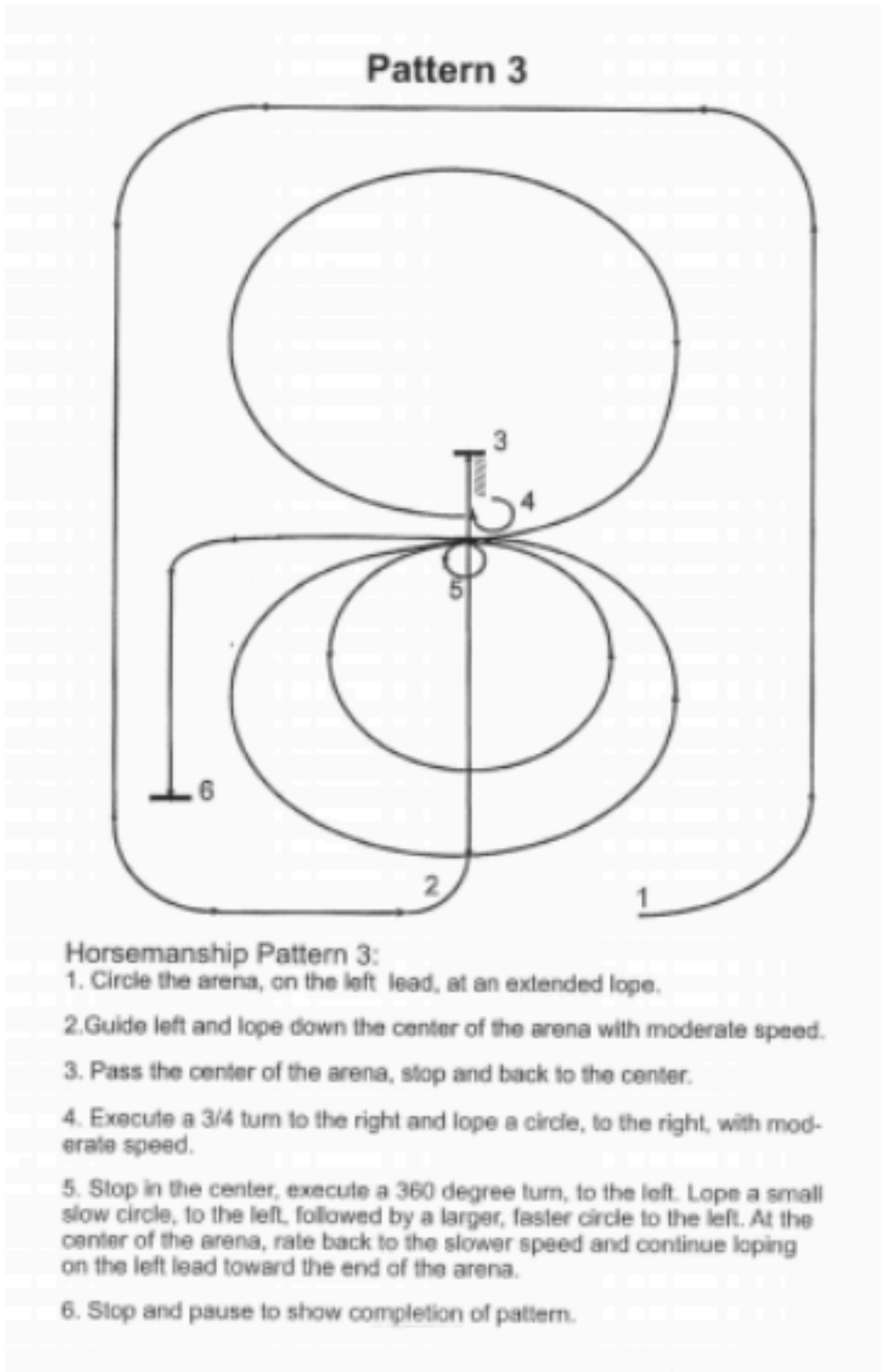
As the parent or guardian of the above queen contestant, I have read the expectation agreement and agree to abide with them and to make sure that my daughter also abides with the agreement. I understand that if my daughter does not abide by these rules she agrees to forfeit her title and return all Evanston Cowboy Days property and prizes received.

Parent or Legal Guardian

*If contestant is under 18 years old

Date

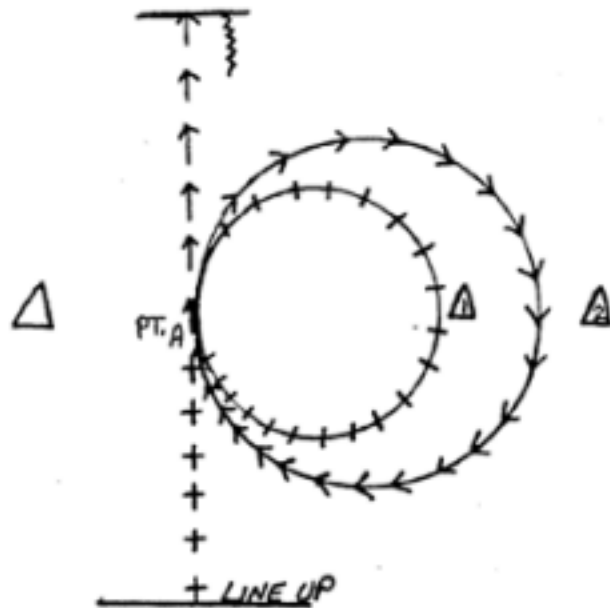
Queen Division Pattern (Completed on own horse.)



Horsemanship Pattern 3:

1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Stop in the center, execute a 360 degree turn, to the left. Lope a small slow circle, to the left, followed by a larger, faster circle to the left. At the center of the arena, rate back to the slower speed and continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.

Queen Division Pattern (Completed on drawn horse)



jog from line up to center of arena (point A)

make a circle at a jog to the inside of cone 1

at point A lope on right lead & make a circle between cones 1 & 2

at point A do a simple lead change and continue to end of arena; stop and back 5 steps