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It’s good ol’ fashioned fun at the Arapahoe County Fair, July 20 - 24

Aurora, Colo. – The 2011 Arapahoe County Fair, July 20-24, at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds in Aurora, is sure to thrill with pro-rodeos, carnival rides, petting zoo, demolition derby, modified tractor pull and more.

Fairgoers will find their dollar goes a long way with gate admission that includes parking and full access to all the entertainment and events. Some of the new and exciting events include trick dogs, chainsaw artists, motorcycle stunts and a stick horse rodeo sponsored by the National Western Stock Show. Thrill-seekers will also find the best bargain of the summer for a wristband with unlimited carnival rides.

On Wednesday-Thursday (July 20-21), enjoy $5 gate admission, or $15 for admission and unlimited carnival rides. From Friday-Sunday (July 22-24), enjoy $10 gate admission, or $25 for admission and unlimited carnival rides.

“The Arapahoe County Fair celebrates our County’s western heritage with affordable fun for the entire family,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chair. “Not only does it invite residents to experience our agricultural history first-hand, but it also gives our 4-H members the opportunity to showcase their annual arts, crafts and livestock projects.”

Fairgoers are invited to take part in the fun by contending in a variety of competitions. The Open Class Contest invites citizens from any county to enter their handiwork, such as baked goods, needlework and quilts, photography and other fine arts, and home-grown vegetables and flowers. Winners will earn a little green for their pocket and bragging rights that last a year. Other competitions include the kids’ pedal tractor pull, Parker Trailer’s Pony Express Backseat Driver Contest and ever-popular cow patty toss.

The Fair is looking to fill 600 volunteer positions. To get involved, please call Val Purser at 303-738-7938. Special thanks to our sponsors: Roper Apparel & Footwear, Waste Management, City of Aurora, City of Littleton, Parker Trailers and Royal Crest Dairy and media partners 92.5 the Wolf, CBS4, Kool 105, Radio Disney, Aurora Sentinel and I-70 Scout.

For directions, schedule of events and to download a coupon for $2 off the carnival pass, visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

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MuttonBustin2010: Any child under 80 pounds can sign up for the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Arapahoe County Fair just 30 minutes before each scheduled show. Multiple shows take place daily and are sponsored by the City of Littleton.

Carnival2010: Add a carnival pass and enjoy unlimited carnival rides at the Arapahoe County Fair, July 20-24.

PettingZoo2010: Make friends with the animals at the petting zoo during the Arapahoe County Fair, July 20-24.

Rodeo2010: You've got 8 seconds to grab your boots and hat for the rodeo at the 2011 Arapahoe County Fair.