

## Rodeo in town Saturday and Sunday

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Phillips County Amateur Rodeo Association will host the Colorado Junior Rodeo Association at the Phillips County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17 in Holyoke, with 9 a.m. start times for rodeos each day.

Attendance at the rodeo is free and open to the public. Concessions will be available on the grounds.

Approximately 900-1,000 people from Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Wyoming are expected to roll into Holyoke for the event, according to rodeo organizer Gale Wiebers. Many will be staying in campers at the fairgrounds, while others are staying at local hotels.

CJRA categories are Pee Wee, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Junior Mixed, Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Mixed. Timed events will include barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, goat tying, ribbon roping, steer wrestling and more.

Both rodeos will feature junior/senior team roping, an event that allows parents to compete with their children in the arena. Besides payback prizes, other local prizes are being planned for top event winners.

During both days of the rodeos, two events will be going on at the same time to keep things moving along. While one event will be taking place in the arena, another will be happening on the race track.

Events taking place at the arena include barrel racing, flag racing, all roping events and steer wrestling. On the track will be pole bending and goat tying events.

A Jackpot Rodeo event will follow the CJRA Rodeo on Saturday night at 6 p.m.

According to its web site, CJRA was established in 1994 to provide quality events allowing youth, ages 5-18, to advance their rodeo talent in the spirit of fair competition and the appreciation of good sportsmanship. In Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska, membership is over 1,600, with 900 families involved in working together to achieve family members' goals.

The organization plans to give over \$110,000 of cash, prizes and scholarships to approximately 200 members who qualify for the finals to be held in Estes Park Aug. 14-16 of this year.

For more information, contact Gale Wiebers through the Phillips County Extension office at 854-3616 or at home at 854-5067.