

Gymkhana to be held July 25

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Those interested in participating in a gymkhana and who would like to help out a good cause are urged to travel to the Haxtun Arena Sunday, July 25.

This is the third year Janna Smith has organized Riding for Hope to benefit Type 1 Diabetes. Smith, a Type 1 Diabetic, decided to take her diabetes and love for horses and put the two together.

The one-day gymkhana will feature five events including pole bending, stake race, flags, barrel race and keyhole race.

Day prizes will be awarded to winners in their divisions.

The four divisions include pee wee, junior, senior and adult. Anyone is welcome to participate.

Smith is hoping to see around 50 people compete in the event. Thirty riders took part in the first event two years ago and 35 rode last year.

There will be concessions, a bake sale and t-shirt sale throughout the day.

Registration will begin at 12 noon with competition beginning at 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the day will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Smith's long-term goal is to start a support group in northeast Colorado for diabetes.