



## **For Immediate Release**

### **Young cowpokes use ropin' and ridin' skills in Fair's mock rodeo**

*Yee-haw!* Little buckaroos have a chance to display their ropin' and ridin' skills in a mock rodeo, the Pee Wee Stampede, at the State Fair of Texas, Sept. 25 – Oct. 18. In a few short years, the *Greatest Little Show on Dirt* has become a crowd favorite.

With its “action packed” roster of events, animals-on-a-stick, hats, chaps and pin-on rodeo numbers, kiddos ages 3 to 6 can re-enact a roundup, just like their bigger counterparts. Live music, trophies and ribbons add to the Stampede's authenticity.

The Ranch Arena hosts the family-oriented show before an audience consisting largely of proud parents. The program is divided into five rodeo events: steer wrestling, calf roping, bare back, barrel racing and bull riding competitions. One lucky cowpoke is outfitted with a barrel (made of foam) and christened *rodeo clown*.

While the little city slickers are ‘playing’ rodeo, they’re picking up valuable social skills, too. Everyone is a champion at the Pee Wee Stampede, and each child receives a prize. The event emphasizes good sportsmanship, sharing, and teaching the little ones to wait their turn, follow directions, pay attention and sharpen their listening abilities.

Weekdays, the Pee Wee Stampede is staged three times a day in the Ranch Arena at 12 noon, 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. An additional performance is scheduled on select days – see daily calendar for details. The event is free to State Fair guests.

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