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Popular Arena Events Return for Holidaze at the Sonoma County Fair

PRCA Rodeo, Monster Trucks, Destruction Derby, Farmer's Day and More in Chris Beck Arena

SANTA ROSA, CA. – April 19, 2017 –They're not clean but they sure are popular and fun! The Sonoma County Fair's fan-favorite arena events get down in the dirt in August. Just look for where the dust is flying and head to Chris Beck Arena during this year's "Holidaze" at the Sonoma County Fair when every day is a holiday celebration (August 3 – 13). You'll find professional cowboys tearing it up with bulls and broncs, demolition drivers with nerves of steel crashing and smashing, gigantic ...okay, MONSTER TRUCKS that are too big and bad to be real—but they are, barrel racing cowgirls and their ultrafast horses, and a full schedule of activities to celebrate how farm kids have fun. 2017 events in Chris Beck Arena include PRCA Rodeo, Farmer's Day, Barrel Racing, three nights of Monster Truck shows, and the ever-popular Destruction Derby on the final night of the Fair. **All tickets go on sale Saturday, April 29 at the Box Office at 8:00 AM and Online starting at 12:00 Noon.**

On August 5 at 7:30 pm, the Sonoma County Fair presents PRCA Rodeo. Bring the whole family to this showcase of pro rodeo skills. You'll see professional cowboys competing for cash prizes in saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, bareback riding, calf roping, barrel racing, bull riding and more. This year's Miss Wine Country Rodeo Queen, Katie Ward-Crummey, will preside over the event and represent the Sonoma County Fair at Farmer's Day and other community events. Tickets to the PRCA Rodeo are \$25 for Box Seating, \$15 for Grandstand Seating, and \$12 for Bleacher Seating. Pre-sale savings at \$12 for Grandstand seating and \$10 Bleacher seating are available through August 2nd.

Speed is what it's all about on **August 4 at 5:30 pm as Barrel Racing** pits contestants against each other and the clock. Riders steer their horses around a series of barrels, coming as close as they can to shave precious seconds off the clock. Fast and furious, this sport is exhilarating for rider and spectator alike! This show is FREE with Fair Admission.



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Everyone is a farmer on **August 6 at Farmer's Day from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. This afternoon of barnyard events is fast, sometimes hilarious and always educational. There's the team penning challenge, wild cow milking, the hide race, draft horse demonstration, the pig scramble, mutton bustin', the popular stick horse competition, wild goat milking, and the sheep dog trials. Also, don't miss the Golden Gate Sheep Shearing Championship in Jamison Ring at 2:00 pm. Farmer's Day events are free with general admission. Information and printable entry forms are available at SonomaCountyFair.com.

Witness the thunder of the **WGAS Monster Trucks** for three nights: **Thursday, August 10, Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12**. See these incredible 10,000 pound, car crushing giants compete in racing, wheelie contests, and freestyle action! Don't miss your favorites including **Terminator** and **Survivor** as they roar through the arena creating a heart-pounding spectacle. Shows start **nightly at 7:00 pm**, but come early because ticket holders can meet the drivers, see the trucks up close at the Autograph Pit Party. Tickets are \$15 for Box Seating, \$12 for Grandstand Seating, and \$10 for Bleacher Seating. Pre-sale savings at \$10 for Grandstand seating and \$8 for Bleacher seating are available through August 2nd.

Presented by WGAS MotorSports, the hard hitting, action-packed, all-American **Destruction Derby tops off our 2017 Fair season on August 13th, reeving up at 7:00 pm**. The derby features local, rookie, and fair circuit drivers from all over California battling it out for the grand prize, trophies, and more. Local drivers age 18 and older can register to participate. Entry rules and forms are available at sonomacountyfair.com. Tickets are \$20 for Box Seating, \$15 for Grandstand Seating, and \$12 for Bleacher Seating. Pre-sale savings at \$12 for Grandstand seating and \$10 for Bleacher seating are available through August 2nd.

Tickets are on sale for all events at the Sonoma County Fair beginning April 29. PRCA Rodeo, Destruction Derby and Monster Truck shows require an event ticket in addition to Fair Admission for all persons 2 years of age and older. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the fairgrounds box office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am till 6:00 pm or online at sonomacountyfair.com. The Fair Box Office will open Saturdays 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, starting July 8. Farmer's Day and Barrel Racing are FREE with fair admission.



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Every day is a holiday during “Holidaze at the Sonoma County Fair!” Get ready to celebrate from August 3 – August 13. You won’t want to miss this year’s FREE Community Concert Series, the thrill of live horse racing, excitement of an ALL NEW giant carnival, nostalgia of “Holidays in Bloom” themed flower show, live entertainment, incredible food, fun contests, new games and more. For details, visit SonomaCountyFair.com or call (707) 545-4200. Like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter to keep up with the fun. See you at the Fair!

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