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YIPPEE-YI, YO – Join Us for the Stick Pony Rodeo!

Rhinebeck NY...The Dutchess County Fair will host a “Stick Pony Rodeo” on Sunday August 28th beginning at 1pm in front of the grandstand.

The Stick Pony Rodeo is an event where 4-7yr old boys and girls have the chance to compete like real cowboys. Some of the best cowboys and cowgirls will compete and ride their trusty stick ponies in events that will include barrel racing, steer roping, bronc riding and the most exciting class of them all - bull riding.

“It’s very hard to tell who’s more excited about the return of the Stick Pony Rodeo, the staff and volunteers who helped organize the event from its inception or the kids that are competing. All in all, this event has proven that the childhood games that we used to play when we were little can still bring enjoyment to everyone regardless of their age,” stated Andy Imperati, President/CEO of the fairgrounds.

Dave & Julie Thomas, Thomas Brothers Horsemen Store of Slate Hill NY, sponsors the rodeo. The Thomas family has been a big supporter of this event since it was introduced at the 2005 Dutchess County Fair. The cowboy hats and the bouncy bull & pony are donated by Thomas Brothers for this event.

Children competing will get to keep their very own cowboy hat.

Cowboys and cowgirls are encouraged to dress in costume. Thomas Brothers will give out surprise awards for the Best Dressed Cowboy & Cowgirl.

If children do not have their own pony, a pony of their choice will be provided for them to use for the events. All ponies must be returned at the end of the rodeo and will be stabled at the fairgrounds until the next rodeo season.

Everyone is a winner! First place winners will receive a trophy. Everyone who competes will receive a ribbon and prize. This is a fun event. Everyone will be out to win and the competition is fierce. The event is just full of good fun.

Pre-Entry is required. Sign up your little one and join the fun. For further information on entering the Stick Pony Rodeo, contact the Entry Office at (845) 876-2789 or email entries@dutchessfair.com