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Arapahoe County Fair offers fun for the whole herd

Demo derby, sled pull, stock dog trials and a new craft beer festival on tap July 24 - 28

Aurora, Colo. – Mark your calendar for five days of family fun and entertainment at the 2013 Arapahoe County Fair, July 24-28, just east of E-470 on Quincy Ave. in Aurora. It's the best bargain of the summer, with general admission that includes all stage, arena and tent entertainment.

Returning favorites include the demolition derby, open and junior rodeos, carnival and two nights of fireworks (*pending lift of fire ban.*) New this year, grab a seat for the high-energy National Sled Pullers' Association truck and tractor sled pulls, watch swine with speed in the Racing Pigs event, and marvel at herding canines and their handlers in the Rocky Mountain Stockdog Association trials. Bring the little ones for free fun in the mutton' bustin contest, petting zoo, Interactive Stage and Lil' Arena. Eat and shop with more than 40 vendors, and enjoy live musical entertainment by 13 bands on the Main Stage.

General admission is FREE for all ages Wednesday-Thursday (July 24-25) and just \$5 for ages 13 and up on Friday-Sunday (July 26-28). Kids ages 12 and under get in free all week. Parking is \$5 per vehicle daily. Carnival rides and midway games are sold separately. Buy tokens and pay-per-ride, or get a daily unlimited carnival ride pass for \$25.

A summer tradition since 1906, the Fair is a time to celebrate our agricultural heritage, share a sense of pride in our community and recognize remarkable achievements of everyday citizens. Residents of all counties are invited to enter their handmade and homegrown treasures in the Open Class Competition for a chance to win ribbons and case prizes. Amateur homebrewers can enter beer, cider, ale and mead in the 3rd Annual *Battle of the Homebrews*, a nationally sanctioned competition held pre-Fair on July 20.

Individuals and businesses can show their support for 4-H youth at daily livestock and horse shows, and by bidding on quality market animals at the Youth Livestock Auction on Saturday, July 27.

Also new to the Fair, micro and craft brewers will participate in the Centennial Rotary Craft Brew Festival Saturday, July 27, with samples available to adults ages 21 and up for \$25 per person to benefit the Rotary.

Find information and a schedule of events at www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

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