

CROOKED RIVER ROUNDUP

2027 Queen Tryouts Application Packet





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CROOKED RIVER ROUNDUP

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the title of Crooked River Roundup Queen.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday September 12th 3pm at the Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville OR in the Grizzly Mountain Pavilion. We will start with introductions at 3pm.

Schedule:

- Introductions and Welcome
 - Meet all Contestants, parents and judges
 - Draw for contestant order
- Personal Interviews
- Speeches and Impromptu Question
- Horsemanship
- Awards and Announcement of 2027 CRR Queen

The application packet is due no later than Saturday September 5th, 2026. Please email to Avalon at avalonirwin@crookedriverroundup.com or mail to CRR Queen Program at PO Box 536 Prineville, OR 97754

All applications will be screened by the Executive Board. The Executive Board reserves the right to deny an application at its discretion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

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Titleholder Requirements and Contestant Eligibility

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

The Crooked River Roundup Queen represents the Rodeo & Race Meet throughout Oregon, appearing in/at parades, rodeos, luncheons and other promotional activities. All applicants must reside in Oregon and be between the ages of 18-26 as of January 1, 2027, and be unmarried with no children. Applicants must be willing to abide by the Code of Conduct (outlined below) and be available to participate in the required activities throughout the year. Any violations of the code of conduct or failure to participate in the required activities without approved exception could result in the suspension or immediate dismissal from the position.

Reign:

January 1 – December 31, 2027

Expenses:

The Queen is responsible for all costs for travel, lodging, meals, equipment and other expenses related to her duties as the Crooked River Roundup Queen. The CRR Coronation and Auction (outlined below) is the Queen's opportunity to raise enough money to cover the majority of her expenses.

Coronation & Auction (or other fundraising event):

The Crooked River Roundup Queen Coronation & Auction is held the spring of each year. The Queen is required to help with the planning, setup and tear-down of this event. The Queen is required to solicit auction items to be sold at the event to support her year of reign. She must be available from November through the event to gather auction items. The auction proceeds will help support the Queen's program. The Queen Committee and CRR Board will aid the Queen with the event but it is the Titleholder's responsibility to ensure the financial success of the event through her efforts to procure auction items.

Participation & Appearances:

The Titleholder is required to represent the Crooked River Roundup at all required appearances for the entire duration of the event. The Titleholder and family will connect with the Rodeo Queen Committee to finalize the required schedule in January of the Titleholder's year. Non-required appearances will be scheduled with input from the Titleholder and Queen Committee. If the Titleholder is unable to attend a required event for medical, family, or personal emergencies a written notice needs to be sent to the Queen Committee Chair and approved before being absent from the event.

Required Appearances: The Titleholder must be available "full-time" for both the week of the rodeo and the week of the race meet. She will need to make arrangements around the schedule of rodeo and race functions with either work, school or other extra curricular activities she may be involved in. She must be available for all TV, radio, newspaper and public appearances prior to and after the events. She will attend meetings leading up to the events in order to be informed of what is happening.

- The Titleholder will attend and participate in the parades and rodeos at **Spray, Sisters, St. Paul, High Desert Stampede and Pendleton Round Up** as well as other titleholder coronations.
- The Titleholder will also need to be available for the 2028 Queen Tryouts

Tryout Information

Tryout Application Deadline: September 5th, 2026

Tryout Application must include:

- Completed and signed Application Packet
- Brief, typewritten biography
- Western Head shot
- Statement of why you want to be the Crooked River Roundup Queen

The tryouts consist of the following sections:

Personality: Judged throughout the entire contest. Judges will consider the contestant's sense of humor, interaction with others, likability, her authenticity and originality.

Appearance: Judged throughout the entire contest. Appearance will be judged on neatness, fit and appropriateness. Horsemanship apparel should be a basic western horsemanship outfit including jeans, belt, boots, long sleeve button up shirt, and a cowboy hat. Apparel for the interview/speech portion of the contest should be Western Business Professional and can be a western pant or skirt/dress outfit. Please feel free to contact Avalon with any questions regarding outfit requirements for pageant.

Personal interview: You may be asked about yourself, the history of the Crooked River Roundup, Rodeo and current events. Basic judging criteria: Pleasant, friendly, relaxed, poised, sincere, confident, thoughtful and well spoken.

Speech: There will be a memorized 2 to 3 minute speech. Speech topic: How would you describe the Crooked River Roundup to someone who has never been to a rodeo? Basic judging criteria: Self-projection and self-confidence, speech topic, content and effectiveness (not canned), delivery (no ums, memorized, etc.)

Impromptu Questions: Each judge will ask contestants one impromptu question for a total of 3 questions overall. The questions will be the same for each contestant. Basic judging criteria: Spontaneity, creativeness, presence, and confidence.

Horsemanship: Includes horse knowledge questions, pattern, flag run and arena run. Pattern must be ridden with one hand; one hand must be used during the Queen and flag run. Basic judging criteria: Horse is clean, neatly clipped, well taken care of, responsive to the contestant, controlled and able to carry a flag. Pattern is controlled and completed correctly on correct leads with a noticeable variation in speed when called for. Queen and flag run are completed at a controlled speed expected at a rodeo performance. Rider demonstrates good seat, hands, legs and posture.

Rules of Royalty Conduct

The Titleholder is a representative of the Crooked River Roundup (CRR) and as such is expected to behave in a professional manner for the duration of her reign both in and out of Title. It is the duty and obligation of the Titleholder to portray the highest of moral standards. Appearance and personality shall reflect being “on the job” at all times. The following are the expectations set forth by the Crooked River Roundup, any violations of these rules could result in the suspension or immediate dismissal from the position of the Crooked River Roundup Queen.

1. The Titleholder must portray good sportsmanship to other court members, committee members, family/friends and all people they encounter, setting an example above reproach.
2. Any conduct displayed by the Titleholder, or her family, that is detrimental to the title or to CRR may result in automatic disqualification and/or dismissal. Any misconduct, including but not limited to:
 - a. Use of illegal drugs, tobacco or alcohol publicly during her reign;
 - b. Foul language, inappropriate behavior (including harassment, discrimination, bullying, insubordination, sexual misconduct, creating a hostile environment, and disruptive behavior);
 - c. Attacks or abuse, either physically, verbally, or written of other court members, family members, or rodeo members, including gossip;
 - d. Abuse or neglect of the Titleholder’s (or any other persons) horse, clothing, and tack.
 - e. Inappropriate posting on social media including; slander of CRR Organization, its board members, rodeo, races, other titleholders, or those involved with rodeo.
3. All clothing and accessories to be worn by the Titleholder must be approved by the Queen Committee and/or Chair before wearing it for the first time at an event. Once an article is approved it can be worn without further approval.
4. The Titleholder is responsible for upkeep of the revolving items belonging to CRR. Any lost or torn clothing or tack must be replaced or repaired at the Queen’s expense. Revolving items (crowns, sera-pes, etc.) are owned by CRR. The Titleholder will be given her chaps upon the successful completion of her year.
5. The Titleholder must arrive at all events attended as the Crooked River Roundup Queen with the appropriate outfit (cleaned and pressed) with hair and makeup done upon arrival. If there is any question about attire or appearance at an event please consult the committee chair or the contact for that event.
6. The Titleholder must be prepared and willing to keep her horse and ALL tack and equipment in show condition at ALL TIMES.
7. The Titleholder and her family members are expected to represent CRR in a courteous, professional manner. A positive attitude and teamwork is expected.
8. The Titleholder will be required to attend rodeos, parades, speaking engagements, meetings, and other events. Some appearances are required and all travel is at the expense of the Titleholder.

1. The Queen Committee will assist in determining the Titleholder's schedule. The Titleholder's suggestions of additional possible appearances will be taken into consideration when creating the final schedule.
 - a. The Queen will not attend or act on behalf of CRR without a chaperon. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Queen Committee Chair.
2. Parental support and attendance is strongly encouraged. Parents, friends and guests are in no way;
 - a. to interfere with or to disrupt the Queen at any functions
 - b. Or interfere with instructions given or decisions made by board/committee members in regard to the queen and her duties
 - c. CRR board members take the responsibility of keeping the Titleholder safe and hold the right to remove any family, friend or guest of the Titleholder that are being disruptive to the titleholder and her job or making her uncomfortable at any event.

Contestants must agree to the rules and sign the contract prior to the tryouts. CRR Board of Directors, Executive Board, and the Queen Committee have full authority in making final decisions regarding the Titleholder. Applicant shall waive all liability. If under 21, parent or legal guardian must co-sign. Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in immediate forfeiture of title. All attire, crown, buckle, chaps and all other court items will immediately be returned in good condition to the CRR Queen Committee Chair (or designee).

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Queen Rules of Conduct as stated on this document. If selected, I understand as the Crooked River Roundup Queen, these rules will remain in effect throughout my reign.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

If under 21 must have parental/legal guardian signature.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature _____

Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be at least 18 and not over 26 years of age as of January 1, 2027.
2. Applicant must reside in Oregon (parent's home residence if in college).
3. Applicant shall not be married, never have been married, not pregnant nor have children. Applicant will not get married or become pregnant during her reign.
4. **Applicant must supply her own horse and equipment for tryouts. YOU MUST RIDE THE SAME HORSE AT TRYOUTS THAT YOU WILL USE FOR ALL APPEARANCES DURING THE YEAR. IF THE HORSE IS ILL, OR INJURED, YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF ILLNESS OR INJURY FROM A VETERINARIAN. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Applicant must provide your own transportation be it living quarters trailer or pickup and trailer with a way to camp. Horse should have previous parade experience. Only one horse is required, however a backup horse is recommended. The horse must be healthy, with current vaccinations and worming. The horse must be at a healthy weight, kept clean, trimmed and/or shod. No stallions, late term pregnant mares, or mares with foals allowed.
5. Previous Queens of the Crooked River Roundup are not eligible.
6. The selection will be made on a score system; the highest scorer will be named Queen.
7. If the Queen is unable to fulfill her term, the Queen Committee Chair and Committee will decide if that position shall be filled for the remainder of the term or will remain vacant.
8. The successful candidate will reign from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027.

Please include a signed copy of agreement if horse is leased.

Hold Harmless: by my signature, I hereby release Crooked River Roundup, Queen Committee Chair and Committee and/or their agents from any responsibility for loss, injury, accident, theft or damage to horse, rider, persons or property. I enter this tryout at my own risk and am subject to the tryout rules, both written and verbal.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent (if under 21)

Date

Contestant Information:

Name: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Address: _____
(Street or PO, City, State, Zip)

Phone/Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____ Have you ever been married? _____

Name of Horse: _____ Description: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Owned or Leased: _____

Do you have your own truck and Trailer? _____

Parent Information:

Mother: _____
(Name & Complete Address)

Phone/Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Father: _____
(Name & Complete Address)

Phone/Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Education:

Highest year completed: High School _____ College _____ Grad School _____

High School Name: _____

College Name: _____

Scholastic Honors & Other Accomplishments:

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

Horsemanship or Titleholder Experience:

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

Current Employment:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____

From: ____/____ To: ____/____
Month/Year Month/Year

Job Title: _____

Description of Duties: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

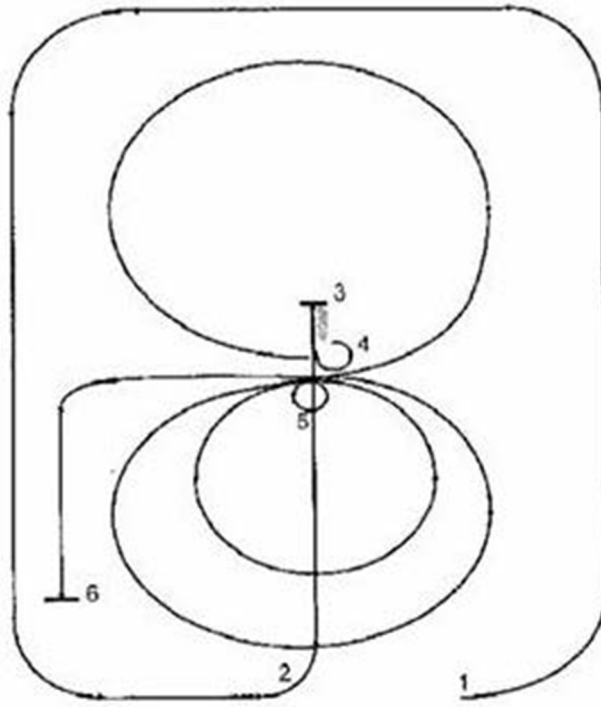
My signature affirms that all information on this application is understood by me and is true to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand and will abide by the Application Requirements and Rules and understand that violation of any rule may result in suspension or dismissal. I agree to be available for the entire week of the Rodeo and Races. I release the Crooked River Roundup, Board of Directors, Queen Committee Chair and Committee, and/ or their agents from any responsibility for loss, injury, accident, theft, or damage to horse, rider, persons, or property.

_____	_____
Signature	Date

_____	_____
(parent or legal guardian if under 21)	Date

Horsemanship

The Horsemanship pattern is as follows:



1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right with moderate speed.
5. Stop in the center, execute a 360 degree turn, to the left. Lope a small slow circle, to the left, followed by a larger, faster circle to the left. At the center of the arena, rate back to the slower speed and continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.
7. The CRR Judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to this pattern.

Scoring

Below is a breakdown of the maximum points possible for each category, per judge. There are three judges in this competition

HORSEMANSHIP - PATTERN 100

HORSEMANSHIP - FLAG 50

HORSEMANSHIP - PRESENTATION 50

INTERVIEWS 100

PUBLIC SPEAKING 100

WRITTEN TEST 50

TOTAL SCORE 450

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
CROOKED RIVER ROUNDUP AND FAIR ASSOCIATION**

In consideration for being allowed to volunteer at the Crooked River Roundup and Horse Races in Prineville, Oregon (the "Event"), sponsored by Crooked River Roundup and Fair Association (the "Sponsor"), I acknowledge, understand, and agree to the following:

1. I have the necessary mental and physical skills and ability to volunteer for the Event. I will comply with all recommended safety precautions, instructions, and procedures. My participation in the Event is purely VOLUNTARY. I understand and agree that I am not entitled to payment or any other compensation in connection with my services and participation in the Event.
2. There are inherent and non-inherent risks in the activities at with the Event in which I have chosen to voluntarily participate. I understand that these risks may result in serious accidents occurring during the Event for various reasons, including but not limited to (a) wild and dangerous animals, (b) negligent planning, instruction and supervision, (c) defective, broken, or improperly maintained grounds, premises, equipment and/or other personal property, (d) actions or omissions of the Sponsor, participants, other volunteers or spectators, and/or (e) other circumstances, and consequently I could sustain serious illness, bodily injuries, damages to my property, or even death. I AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISKS KNOWN, UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED AND/OR UNSUSPECTED ARISING OUT OF, RELATING TO, AND/OR CONNECTED WITH THE EVENT, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE SPONSOR OR OTHERWISE.
3. I AGREE TO FULLY AND FINALLY, NOW AND FOREVER, RELEASE, EXONERATE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, DEFEND, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE SPONSOR AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, PREDECESSORS, AND SUCCESSORS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, PRINCIPALS, SHAREHOLDERS, MEMBERS, ATTORNEYS, AND AGENTS, FROM ANY CLAIM, CAUSE OF ACTION, DEMAND, SUIT, LOSS, OBLIGATION, COST, EXPENSE, DAMAGE, OR LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY BODILY INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR OTHER LOSSES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE EVENT, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE SPONSOR OR OTHERWISE.
4. Should an accident or other medical emergency occur during the Event, and I am unable to timely give medical authorization, I hereby give consent for Sponsor staff and agents to authorize necessary hospitalization and medical treatment, including, without limitation, injections, anesthesia, surgery, and medication. I will be responsible for any and all billings and debts incurred with respect to such medical treatment or services.
5. I give Sponsor permission to photograph and/or videotape me and use, reproduce, and publish such photographs and videos for Sponsor's marketing and publicity purposes without my inspection or approval. I understand and agree that Sponsor is the exclusive owner of this material, and it will not be returned.
6. This release is governed by and will be construed in accordance with Oregon law, without regard to conflict-of-laws principles. Any dispute relating to this Release and Waiver of Liability will be settled exclusively and finally by binding arbitration conducted in Bend, Oregon, before a single arbitrator using the rules of the Arbitration Service of Portland, Inc. Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.
7. This Release and Waiver of Liability is binding on my heirs, personal representatives, guardians, executors, administrators, and assigns. This Release and Waiver of Liability will be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under Oregon law and any other applicable law. Any provisions found to be void or unenforceable will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions.

I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years old (or that if I am younger, my parent or legal guardian has executed this Release and Waiver of Liability below), and have carefully read and understand the terms of this Release and Waiver of Liability. I have not been induced to sign this Release and Waiver of Liability, and I have done so knowingly and freely. I understand that the Sponsor has relied on the contents of this Release and Waiver of Liability in allowing me to volunteer for or otherwise participate in the Event.

Volunteer Printed Full Name

Volunteer Signature

Date

I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (“Child”), and have carefully read and understand the terms of this Release and Waiver of Liability. I have not been induced to sign this Release and Waiver of Liability, and I have done so knowingly and freely. I understand that the Sponsor has relied on the contents of this Release and Waiver of Liability in allowing my Child to volunteer for or otherwise participate in the Event. In consideration for allowing my Child to participate, I consent to the terms of this Release and Waiver of Liability and agree that its terms bind me, my Child, and our heirs, personal representatives, guardians, executors, administrators, and assigns.

Parent of Legal Guardian Printed Full Name

Parent of Legal Guardian Signature

Date