

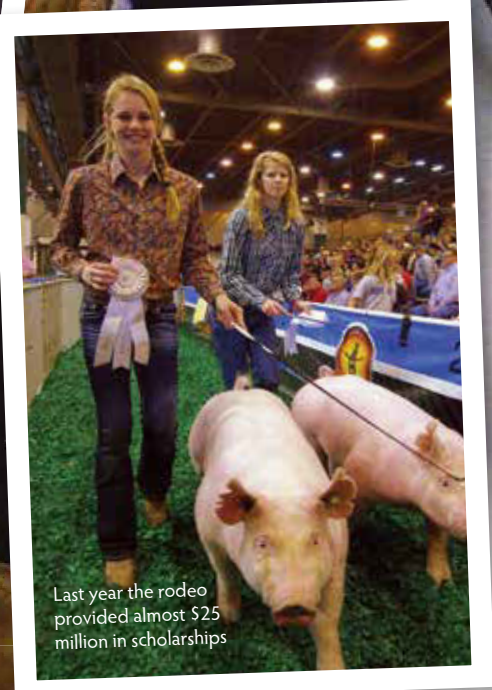
Don't miss out on activities for the whole family, including Kids Country, barbecue contests, AGventure, and horse shows



Cowboys from across the country compete for the coveted belt buckle



Contestants must be between the ages of 5 and 6 to compete in mutton bustin'



Last year the rodeo provided almost \$25 million in scholarships

LET'S RODEO KATY

Grab your boots and cowboy hats and head to NRG Stadium for a ton of Texas-sized rodeo fun

Written by Kennan Buckner and Katrina Katsarelis | Photography courtesy of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

It is the best time of the year to be a Texan. Thousands of country music fans, animal-loving youngsters, and boot-wearing families will head to Houston's NRG Arena for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Fan favorites like mutton bustin', bull riding, livestock shows featuring everything from cattle to llamas, and a star-filled concert lineup are part of what makes rodeo season a celebration.

Country Carnival Fun

A Katy family favorite is the carnival with 43 games and over 70 ride attractions including the largest portable Ferris wheel in the western hemisphere, and a 1,700-foot gondola Sky Ride. For families looking to save a few bucks, take advantage of the half-price carnival packs that will be on sale through February 27 at rodeohouston.com.

Rodeo Athletes

Spectators travel from all over the country to see some of the finest rodeo athletes compete in numerous events including barrel racing, bull riding, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, chuck wagon races, calf scrambles, and more.

Amazing AGventure

Fascinating and educational, AGventure has a dozen livestock exhibits including a live-birthing center with newborn calves, lambs, and piglets. Children and adults are enthralled watching newly arrived baby animals take their first steps or witnessing first-hand how babies and their mothers interact. AGventure also has a petting zoo, pony rides, and the We're Small Y'all Barn housing some of the tiniest, but full grown cattle, pigs, and goats you've ever seen.

Food and Shopping

Loosen that belt buckle because the food is amazing. With more than 30 food stations, adventurous eaters can try alligator on a stick, pulled pork sundaes, deep-fried cheesecake, Oreos, or Twinkies, or enjoy traditional favorites like hot dogs, barbecue, funnel cakes, or oversized turkey legs.

Fans can also enjoy the dozens of vendors at the NRG Center and shop western wear, arts and crafts, or agriculture machinery.

Concert Series

Don't forget to purchase tickets early for the star-studded performers. This year's line-up will include stars like Brad Paisley, Shawn Mendes, and Jason Derulo, just to name a few.

Giving Back

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is committed to supporting area educational organizations as well as student scholarships. "The Show is honored to be a foundation from which young Texans can proudly step into their future," says Joel Cowley, president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "To fund education for 80-plus years is an achievement built on the hard work of 31,000 volunteers and the unwavering support of our

community." In 2015, the Houston Rodeo's total educational commitment was \$24,176,500 with Katy area's Brookwood Community being one of the programs receiving funding. "Through grants, the Show supports organizations that create educational opportunities outside of the typical classroom setting," says Cowley.



Catch a ride on the La Grande Wheel or get a bird's eye view during the 1,700-foot gondola Sky Ride



FAST FACTS

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

WHEN March 1 - 20, 2016

WHERE NRG Arena, Houston

GETTING THERE Park at any Rodeo Express location and shuttle to NRG

DETAILS & SCHEDULE

Visit rodeohouston.com or download the rodeohouston app

2016 Concert Lineup

- March 1 The Band Perry
- March 2 Chris Young
- March 3 Jason Aldean
- March 4 Jason Derulo
- March 5 Cole Swindell
- March 6 Shawn Mendes
- March 7 Miranda Lambert
- March 8 Pitbull
- March 9 Brett Eldredge
- March 10 Luke Bryan
- March 11 Darius Rucker
- March 12 Billy Currington
- March 13 Los Huracanes Del Norte/
Banda Los Recoditos
- March 14 Kenney Chesney
- March 15 Kid Rock
- March 16 Jake Owen
- March 17 Florida Georgia Line
- March 18 Little Big Town
- March 19 Brad Paisley
- March 20 Keith Urban

Special Discounts

Enjoy value Wednesdays with special ticket pricing that includes concert entry into NRG Stadium for just \$10 per person.

Rodeo Details

Dust off your cowboy hats and put on them boots. It's time to rodeo Katy. For parking locations, operating hours, ticket info, and more, visit rodeohouston.com or search "rodeohouston" in your mobile device's app store. **KM**



KENNAN BUCKNER had the best time wearing boots and watching The Band Perry at the Houston Rodeo a few years ago.

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