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Horsing around at the Youth Fair: Cattle sorting championship, parades, shows and clinics

MIAMI, Fla. – Feb. 27, 2015 – Horse lovers in South Florida will be able to devote two weekends, March 21-22 and March 19-April 1, to watching their favorite equine animals as they parade, drill, compete and dance at the 2015 Miami-Dade County Youth Fair.

Ten events open to the public are scheduled to take place in the arena at the World of Agriculture:

March 21, Saturday

- 12:30 p.m. - South Florida Trail Riders parade
- 1 p.m. – “How to show and win with your horse in-hand” clinic for the Halter Show Class with Samantha Raulerson
- 2 p.m. – “Reining without a bridle” demonstration with Juan “Tato” Rodriguez
- 2:15-4 p.m. – “Another Perfect Horse” clinic with Ginger Krenz

March 22, Sunday

1 p.m. – Ranch Sorting 2015 Jackpot Championship

- Ranch sorting is the No. 1 sport in horseback riding that evolved from the common ranch work of separating cattle into pens for branding, doctoring, or transport. Ranch Sorting is an event that pits a team of two riders on horseback against the clock. The sport is sanctioned by the Ranch Sorting National Championships (RSNC) and is guided by the rules and judges from the RSN, which has 19,000 members strong. Its goal is to preserve the heritage and integrity of the ranching lifestyle while providing a family oriented, competitive riding experience at the grassroots level.

March 29, Sunday

- 1:30 p.m. – Noon – Meet-and-greet with Kelley Murphy, 2015 Homestead Rodeo Queen
- 2 p.m. – Homestead Everglades Posse Mounted Drill Team
- 4 p.m. – Paso Fino Equestrian Art and Theatre presentation
- 6 p.m. – South Florida Paso Fino Association presentation

April 5, Sunday

- 3 p.m. – Hipico Nicaraguan Folkloric Dancing and Parade of Horses

The Youth Fair, now in its 64th year, is ranked the largest fair in Florida and one of the top 35 fairs throughout North America. It attracts nearly 600,000 guests of all ages every year. The family experience comes packed with adrenaline-pumping rides, fun games, mouth-watering food stands, live outdoor concerts, sensational shows, and livestock and agricultural competitions. For the first time ever, the Youth Fair will be open 21 days instead of 18 days.

The Youth Fair is a not-for-profit, private organization that awards annually more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships and cash premiums and awards to local public, private, charter and home school students. To date, The Youth Fair has awarded well above \$10 million to Miami-Dade students to help them achieve higher education. In 2014, it awarded \$90,000 in college scholarships, including \$7,000 to winners of Miami-Dade County Public School’s inaugural Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics Essay Contest. The annual Youth Fair is the only venue where students can showcase their educational, art and science achievements all in one place and be rewarded for their efforts. More than 40,000 student projects are exhibited each year to more than half a million families, friends and fairgoers. Please visit <http://www.thefair.me/>

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