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Fourth of July Celebration Returns to Navajo Nation Capital

WINDOW ROCK, AZ. –After a two-year absence, the Fourth of July Celebration will return to the Navajo Nation capitol.

According to Norma Bowman, Navajo Nation Fair Manager, the Navajo Nation will host a Fourth of July Celebration and Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) Rodeo in Window Rock, Arizona on July 3-6th.

“The Navajo Nation will feature a pageantry of cultural pride, professional athleticism, and music legends,” said Bowman. “Our Fourth of July Celebration will be an ideal event for families and people of all ages. Our theme is ‘Celebrating Freedom,’ and we want everyone to celebrate with us here in the capitol of the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Arizona.”

Making its very first debut to the Navajo Nation, will be PRCA Rodeo Stock Contractor Carr Rodeo of Dallas, Texas whose motto is “Living Life in Eight Seconds.” Bowman said, “We are very excited to work with Carr Rodeo and hope they enjoy working with and visiting the Navajo Nation.”

In addition to a new rodeo stock contractor, the Navajo Nation Fair Office will add a new event to the PRCA Rodeo – Junior Barrel Racing. In fact, Bowman noted that there are more people entered in Barrel Racing than any other rodeo event. There are approximately 80 contestants entered in the PRCA Rodeo Barrel Racing event and an additional 20 contestants who will vie for a iPad in the junior barrel racing event.

Rodeo fans can see the wild west come alive during a wild horse competition, which will be held in conjunction with the PRCA Rodeo on July 4th. Approximately 400 contestants from throughout the world will compete for approximately \$74,000 in total prize money. The PRCA Rodeo will be held at 6 p.m. on July 4th and 7:00 p.m. on July 5-6^h at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds.

“PRCA rodeo contestants and their families have always enjoyed visiting the Navajo Nation,” said Bowman. “We hope they will enjoy this year’s Fourth of July Celebration and PRCA Rodeo just like they have in the past.”

PRCA Rodeo tickets can be purchased online at www.holdmyticket.com or at the rodeo grounds each day of the rodeo. Adults will be charged an admission fee of \$10 and it will be \$5 for senior citizens and children.

If kicking up your high heel boots is more your style, the Navajo Nation is proud to host popular music band Creedence Clearwater Revisited who will perform on July 3rd at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds beginning at 9 p.m. Concert tickets will be on sale at various Navajo Tribal parks throughout the Navajo Nation and other outlets. Presale tickets are \$15 or \$18 the day of the concert. Concert tickets can also be purchased online at www.holdmyticket.com

Navajo comedians James and Ernie will also provide entertainment prior to the CCR concert beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Another added attraction will be The Battle of the Bands, which will feature the best Navajo country bands on the Navajo Nation. More than 30 Navajo bands from throughout the Four Corners region are expected to compete for \$3,000 in prize money beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 6th. At 9 p.m., there will also be a country and western dance featuring the Battle of the Bands winner at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds.

The Fourth of July Celebration will also include a carnival and a professional fireworks display on July Fourth. For more information, contact www.navajonationfair.com or call Delilah Goodluck, Public Information Officer at (928) 871-6632 or (928) 592-2959.