



GET READY FOR THE 59TH ANNUAL RODEO & COUNTRY FAIR

For Immediate Release

Surrey, B.C.: The 2005 Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair offers something for all the family. The four-day event, one of the most popular annual festivals in British Columbia, celebrates the best in country living.

The Cloverdale Bed Races, Thursday May 19th 6:00pm

The Cloverdale Bed Races started in 1977 as a quirky publicity stunt signaling the start of the annual Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair, and over the years it has grown into a beloved annual tradition. Sponsored by the *Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce*, this popular attraction happens each year in downtown Cloverdale.

The race is split into three divisions: men, women and media. The prizes for the winners of each division are just as quirky as the race itself: the winners of the men's race receive the coveted Bed Pan trophy, the women's division compete for the Chamber Pot and the media division go after the Stone Pig prize. There are also prizes for the best-dressed team. The men's team consists of six men who push the bed with a lady on it. A women's team consists of six ladies who push the bed with a man on it. A media team can be a mixture of women and men, but the team must have at least two ladies to qualify.

Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair Parade 10:00am Saturday May 21st

One of the most beloved parades anywhere in this province will wind its way through the streets of Cloverdale, B.C. There are over 80 unique and colourful entries this year, featuring clowns, floats, bands, marching units and commercial entries. The Grand Marshall of this year's parade is Dave Dickinson from the B.C. Lions.

This fun, family-orientated event showcases the benefits of living, working, and visiting the community of Cloverdale to thousands of onlookers each year.

Largest Traveling Midway in B.C at 2005 Country Fair

B.C.'s largest travelling midway featuring over 30 stomach-turning, head-spinning rides will once again be the centre point of the Country Fair. One of the most popular attractions of the long weekend, West Coast Amusements has put together a perfect assortment of rides for thrill seekers of every age.

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Midway Rides & Ticket Information:

Hours:

Friday 4:00pm - Midnight

Saturday/Sunday 11:00am - Midnight

Monday 11:00am - 8:00pm

Midway Ride Tickets:

All day Wrist Band \$26.00

Single Ticket \$1.00

Book of 20 \$18.00

Book of 40 \$35.00

The Westcoast Lumberjack Show

Sponsored by S & R Sawmills Ltd., this action-packed, competitive event will keep the audience on the edge of their "tree stumps" as they cheer on their favourite lumberjack team. Pay attention, ladies, you may be selected to participate in the Jack and Jill Double Buck event where you and a logger will be paired up and will compete against another team for prizes.

The show will allow fairgoers to rest their feet, grab a bite to eat and enjoy the non-stop entertainment for the whole family.

Events include:

- Chair Carve
- Underhand Chop
- Axe Throwing
- Hot Saw Race
- Standing Block Chop
- Double Buck Race
- Double Buck Vs Chainsaw
- Jack and Jill Double Buck
- Springboard Chop
- Tree Climbing
- Log Rolling

The Westcoast Lumberjack Show is one of the many featured daily events free with gate admission at the 2005 Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair.

Garden Competition

Think you've got green fingers then why not take part in the 3rd Cloverdale Rodeo Garden Competition. Open to all not-for-profit groups, societies, seniors clubs and garden clubs, the contest helps to promote Floriculture & Horticulture in the lower mainland.

"Get ready for the rodeo..."

Participants get the opportunity to design a 8' x 16' garden, using plants, water fountains, mirrors, benches, fences, etc., plus lots of imagination.

The top four winners get: 1st \$500.00, 2nd \$300.00, 3rd \$200.00, 4th \$100.00, plus rosettes.

The garden competition is fun for all the family.

Closing date for exhibit entry forms Friday, May 13

Exhibits received Friday, May 19 - 8:30am-6:00pm

Exhibits available for collection Monday, May 23 – 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 24 – 9:00am -12noon

Arts and Crafts at the Country Fair

Visitors to the 2005 Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair will be able to experience a real old fashioned Country Fair, complete with all of the charm of cooking, baking and canning competitions, knitting, quilting and hand-made arts and crafts exhibitions, horticulture and livestock displays and much more.

Located in the Shannon Hall building on the fairgrounds, the arts and crafts area is one of the most popular displays of the 117-year old Country Fair. The arts and crafts area takes visitors back to a time when baking, canning and quilting were time honoured traditions and family farms were the glue that bonded a community.

Prizes will be awarded in dozens of categories ranging from the best-canned homemade jam to the best fruit loaf and apple pie.

The arts and crafts area, the midway and much more, is included in your fairgrounds admission price of just \$7.00!

For more information on the 59th Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair visit: www.cloverdalerodeo.com.

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