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Mechanical Bull Riding Contest: "The Monster"

On Saturday April 19, from 10 AM to 5:30 PM at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield and as part of the Central Utah Substance Abuse Conference sponsored by SVSAC and Richfield City, the Utah National Guard of Utah will operate "The Monster" and give rough-riding rodeo guys and gals a chance to become champion bull riders!

To participate, show up early at 10 AM and attend a substance abuse workshop (must be at least 18 years of age) for 50-minutes and you will get a free ticket to ride "The Monster." There will be 6 different winning categories and one for gals and one for guys within the following age brackets: 14-17, 18-21, 22-29, 30-39, 40-49, and Grandma and Grandpa Divisions. If there are more riders than time-slots, eligible riders will put their tickets into a bucket and lucky riders will be randomly chosen. Those riders with the "best rides" will be invited back to compete starting at 3:30 PM for the finals. A judging committee will decide who the best riders are.

Arleen Cromwell and co-Chair of SVSAC said, "We want the adults to ride the bull but they must attend at least one drug workshop to get a ticket. We don't want anyone hurt so adults be careful. Each person who rides will sign a form saying they realize they're taking their life into their own hands. Just kidding. Remember that lunch is free for adults who attend both the 10 AM and 11 AM workshops."

Leanne Giegle, conference coordinator said, "Those attending the earlier workshops will be the first ones to ride 'The Monster' so don't get caught sleeping in on Saturday April 19. Bring the family.

"Mom and dad when you arrive--sign the kids in early at Richfield High School--the kids will stay behind and play. Sign-in begins at 9 AM. Adults then go to the SVC--you choose and attend the drug workshops that are most interesting to you. Workshops last 50-minutes each and go from 10 AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be served free to your children and you will receive a free lunch if you attend the 10 and 11 AM workshops. At 3 PM we encourage you to go back to the high school and find your children and continue to enjoy the conference activities together. We are offering 24-different types of workshops so go the svsaonline.org to look at what's available.

"From 3:30-5:30 PM, many of the venues and activities will be open for general use including basketball, tennis, video games, soccer, inflatable obstacle courses, and more. To create your own anti-drug messages--easy to use poster-ink, brushes, and butcher paper will be provided; these banners will be hung in the SVC to decorate for the dance.

Also, chalk for sidewalk-art will also be provided. Food will be available for sale outside; look for the 4 Coca-Cola trailers near the SVC and high schools to purchase food and conference T-shirts.”

Milo Garcia, Chair of SVSAC said, “We want all who attend the conference to stay for the general assembly at 6 PM and to go to the family dance entitled, ‘Get High on Life’ in the SVC arena. The band ‘One Brick Shy’ will play at the dance and in between songs there will be a fund-raising raffle with fabulous prizes given out. All conference events are free including the dance but to be eligible to win the prizes--raffle tickets are \$5 each. Raffle tickets can be purchased ahead of time or during the conference. Refreshments and raffle tickets will be sold outside at the Coca-Cola trailers and during the dance. All tickets purchased will immediately be added to the raffle-box between songs.”

For more information regarding times and locations of the many recreational activities for youth and the 24-different substance-abuse workshops for parents and professionals--and to “kNOw more” about drugs--go to SVSACOnline.org, or call Leanne at 435 896-8236 or Milo at 435 896-5165.