

2007 Invitational Youth Rodeo Series

All performances are at **11:30 a.m. – Kemper Arena**

- **October 18th** *Junior Division Rodeo*
- **October 19th** *Junior Division Rodeo*
- **October 22nd** ***Junior Division Finals***
- **October 23rd** *Senior Division Rodeo*
- **October 24th** *Senior Division Rodeo*
- **October 25th** ***Senior Division Finals***

The kids are back in town with all new rip-roarin' rodeo action! The American Royal Invitational Youth Rodeo Series returns in 2007 with an all new format! There will be a total of six matinee performances with student athletes competing in traditional rodeo events from bareback riding to barrel racing to the ever favorite, mutton bustin'! These rodeos will culminate in two finals performances for the junior and senior age divisions.

These top notch rodeo contestants are selected from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Arkansas based on their rodeo expertise, leadership, academics, and community service. The Invitational Youth Rodeo Series allows a younger audience the opportunity to see their peers participate in true rodeo action. Come see the true grit and determination of today's youth at the American Royal this fall!

Now, meet one of the contestants, Katie Hart, from Centerville, SD.



Katie Hart, Centerville, SD has been invited to attend the American Royal Invitational Youth Rodeo. Katie is the daughter of Tut and Sandra Hart and granddaughter of Roger and Tova Johnson (Centerville, SD) and Neil and Shirl Hart (Billings, MT). She attends 12th grade at Viborg Public School.

Katie was chosen because of her rodeo ability, leadership, academics and community service. Only 15 applicants out of hundreds are picked per event. 70% is based on rodeo ability and awards won and the remaining 30% is based on academics, community service and leadership.

Katie will be participating in the rodeo on October 24-25 and was selected in the barrel racing event as well as the breakaway roping. The rodeo is held in Kansas City, MO in conjunction with the American Royal.