

Big Thunder

DRAFT HORSE SHOW
2022

WELCOME!

Dear Exhibitors,

We are looking forward to having you with us for the 2022 Big Thunder Draft Horse Show!

New for 2022 we are pleased to announce:

- The Six Horse Hitch purse is now \$3,000 each night
- The Six-Horse Hitch class will start earlier in the program before the Unicorn and Four-Horse Hitch classes
- Move in date for stalling will be Saturday January 8th so your horses have more time to settle in.
- A Youth Cart Series Class which will replace the Amateur Class with a \$200 purse
- Higher purses will be paid for Show Team, Unicorn, and the Four Horse Hitch classes.

Additionally, we will be offering cash beer and wine options at our Thursday Night Appreciation Dinner.

We believe these changes will continue to improve our Big Thunder Draft Horse Show.

Please read all of the following information before submitting your application for entry. Premium books will also be included with your check-in packet.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Big Thunder Draft Horse Show Manager:

Ge Wyscarver at 970-619-4014 or gwyscarver@larimer.org

Thank you!

The Ranch Events Complex
and Big Thunder Draft Horse Committee

 **The Ranch**
Larimer County's Event Complex

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January 14-16, 2022

PREMIUM BOOK

Hitches & Individual Entries

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Show Staff

Judge - Mark DeCook
Announcer - Lisa-Banga Graham
Arena Director - Tom Walsh
DJ and Audio - Mark Weinke

Show Manager

Ge Wyscarver
gwyscarver@larimer.org
970-619-4014 office
303-591-5432 cell
Ge Wyscarver - The Ranch
Laura Ames - The Ranch

Arena Access Hours

Subject to change

Sunday	Jan -09	8:00am-5:00pm
Monday	Jan-10	8:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday	Jan-11	8:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday	Jan-12	8:00am-5:00pm
Thursday	Jan-13	8:00am-5:00pm
Friday	Jan-14	7:00am-4:00pm
Saturday	Jan-15	7:00am-9:00am
Sunday	Jan-16	6:00am-7:30am

Show Committee

Brian Coleman
Kellie Gardner
Dennis Kuehl
Kit McCollum
Raedene Messenger
Jack Taylor
Ge Wyscarver - The Ranch
Laura Ames - The Ranch

Show Office Hours

Thursday	Jan-13	9:00am-5:00pm
Friday	Jan-14	10:00am-4:30pm & (1) hour after Show
Saturday	Jan-15	10:00am-12:00pm & (1) hour after Show
Sunday	Jan-16	9:00am-11:00am & (1) hour after Show



Schedule of Events

Subject to change

Thursday January 13th

6:00pm-8:00pm Exhibitor and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner
Main Arena Concourse
Cash beer and wine

Friday January 14th

3:00pm Drivers Meeting - Indoor Arena Bleachers

4:00pm-5:00pm Public Barn Access

5:30pm Show
Flag Presentation
Men's Cart - Group B
Show Team - Group A
Ladies Cart - Group B
Break, Work Arena
Kids Stick Horse Race
Six Horse Hitch
Entertainment
Unicorn Hitch - Group A
People's Choice Award
Four Horse Hitch - Group B
Barns open to the Public for (1) Hour Post Show

Saturday January 15th

10:00am-11:30am Draft Horse University

12:00pm-1:45pm Public Barn Access

1:00pm Show
Flag Presentation
Men's Cart - Group A
Show Team - Group B
Ladies Cart - Group A
Break, Work Arena
Kids Stick Horse Race
Six Horse Hitch
Entertainment
Unicorn Hitch - Group B
People's Choice Award
Four Horse Hitch - Group A
Barns open to the Public for (1) Hour Post Show

Schedule of Events

Subject to change

Sunday January 17th

8:00am Farm Teams
Feed Team Competition
Log Skid Preliminaries
Break - Work Arena

12:00pm-1:45pm Public Barn Access

1:00pm Show
Log Skid Finals
Break, Work Arena
Cart Classic Series
Youth Cart Series
Entertainment
Break - Work Arena
Kids Stick Horse Race
Ladies Team
Working Horse Team Class (Farm Teams)
People's Choice Award
Eight Horse Hitch

Please Note: There are no Group Divisions on Sunday



Show Dress Code

The committee of the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show encourages appropriate dress for climate and weather conditions for handlers and drivers in the ring.

Patent Show Harness, a fifth wheel hitch show wagon, mane rolls and braided tails are required.

Qualifications

Breed Requirement

All show horses must be Percheron, Belgian, Shire or Clydesdales.

Six Horse Hitch

Priority is given to those that have shown six-horse hitches at the prior years show (2020). To qualify, Hitches must be in good standing with the show, entry is under the same hitch name (owner or company) as prior year, and entry is complete and postmarked or received by the entry deadline.

Cart Classic Series

Exhibitors who enter in the cart series class must be a Classic Cart Series Member and must show proof of their cart series membership with their entries.

North American Classic Six Classes

You must be a member of the NASHHCS Series to enter the NASHHCS classes at Big Thunder. If entered, you are required to show in the six horse class Friday and Saturday.

Men's / Ladies Cart Class

The same horse may not be used in the Men's and Ladies Cart Classes.

Youth Cart Series

All youth 18 years of age or under as of January 1st are eligible to show approved draft breeds. Youth are signed up under their own name and to not need to be associated with a farm or hitch.

Individual Entries

Determined by stalling and class space availability, individual entries are welcomed at the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show.

The following classes are available to enter and will be assigned to a group with all entries: Cart Classes, Team Classes, Cart Classic Series, Unicorn and Four Horse Hitch

Individual Entries OPEN October 12th. Entry deadline for Individual Entries is November 12, 2021. Confirmation will be provided as soon as possible after the entry deadline

Travel money does not apply.

Waitlist

Thank you for your interest in showing at The Ranch. Hitches that did not show at the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show in 2020 will be taken in order of submittal date. Please fill out your entry form, but do not submit payment. The Big Thunder Show Manager will contact you as soon as possible to let you know if there is room for your hitch after entries close on October 13, 2021. Payment will be required within one week of acceptance.

Show Entry Deadline

HITCHES: Entries for all hitches open September 13, 2021 and must be completed and e-mailed or postmarked by October 13, 2021. Hitch Entry confirmation will be provided as soon as possible after the entry deadline. Payment must be submitted with your entry form.

Subject to availability, a \$25 total late fee will apply to any entry that is past the entry deadline. Acceptance will be determined by the show committee.

Please note:

INDIVIDUALS: Entries for all individual entries open October 12, 2021 and must be completed online or postmarked by November 12, 2021. Individual entries are subject to the terms in this premium book. Individual entries have a separate entry form, which will be posted when entries open.

FARM TEAMS: Entries for all farm team classes open October 12, 2021 and must be completed online or postmarked by November 12, 2021. Farm teams have a separate premium book and entry form with fees, which will be posted when entries open.

Hitch and Individual Class Entry & Fees

We encourage you to enter all classes to provide an exceptional show for our spectators and sponsors. Their support is primary to the success of The Big Thunder Draft Horse Show.

A separate entry form for each owner must be submitted. All information on entry forms must be filled out. A W-9 and payment in full is required to complete your application.

Performance Classes	\$15.00 per entry.
One time office fee	\$20.00

Post class entries will be accepted for horses that are already entered in the show and other classes, horses are on the grounds, and entering a class that has not yet reached the capacity.

Stalling & Fees

Stalls

Horse and tack stalls are 10'x10' box stalls with hinged doors and solid rubber matting.

All stall aisles will include limited rubber mats unless noted on stall sheet.

Stall locations will be assigned for each entry by show management. Location will be provided to exhibitors prior to your arrival. No changes will be permitted without prior consent.

Request for adjoining stalls from different owners must be stated on each owner's entry form. We will do our best to accommodate each request but cannot guarantee the accommodation

Stall areas are to be decorated. Please do not block or partially block any aisle.

Stalling Fees

Pre-Show Stalls (Jan 8-12)	\$15.00 per night/stall
Show Stalls (Jan 13-16 night)	\$50.00 (4) night package/per stall
Post Show Stalls (Jan 17-18)	\$15.00 per night/stall

All stalls for any use are the same rate, based on an overnight stay.
The same number of stalls are required pre, post and during show.
All stalls must be requested and paid for at time of entry.
Horses not entered in the show will not receive a stall.

Show Entry and Payments

All entries should be e-mailed or mailed to:

Ge Wyscarver
The Ranch
5280 Arena Circle #100
Loveland, CO 80538
gwyscarver@larimer.org
(970) 619-4014

Credit card payment is available online at:
treventscomplex.com/plan-your-visit/payment-portal
Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are all accepted.

Payments via check should be made payable to "The Ranch" in US funds only.

There will be no refund of either entry or stall fees for any reason after the closing date of entries.

No refunds for early departure from your requested dates.
Exception: Death of horse. A signed and dated vet certificate must be provided.

Hitch Group Assignment

All group/ hitch/teams will be issued one number.
Group A/B assignment will be available upon your check-in at the Show Office.
Assignment is at the discretion of Show Management.

Show Class Order

Show Management reserves the right to adjust start times and/or rearrange classes, if necessary, to compensate for excessive or diminished entries or time shortages. The Show Management reserves the right to limit entries in any class, change any course or pattern, cancel or combine any classes, or reschedule classes, after notice to exhibitors. The Show Management reserves the right to make substitutions of judges or other show staff if deemed necessary.

Classes will be called according to the published schedule. All horses must be ready and waiting to enter the arena promptly. Horses will not be allowed to enter the arena after the gates are closed and the judge has started to work. Exhibitors are responsible for informing the Paddock Master of tack changes or any other delay that may cause the exhibitor to be late and possibly miss the class. The gate will be held or a break taken at the Show Management's sole discretion. Gate holds will be for back-to-back classes only and prior approval from Show Management must be obtained.

Show Class Scratch

Classes should not be scratched except in the case of injury or illness of horse(s) or exhibitor. If a class must be scratched, please advise the Show Office with as much notice as possible.

Class entry fees are non refundable unless veterinarian certification is provided

Travel Money

The Big Thunder Draft Horse Show pays \$1850.00 in travel money to qualified hitches.

Qualifications: You must drive in the North American Classic Six Horse Hitch Class both Friday and Saturday. Four of the eight following classes must be driven in addition to the two six horse classes.

Men's Cart	Unicorn Hitch
Ladies Cart	Four Horse Hitch
Show Team	Cart Classic Series
Ladies Team	Eight Horse Hitch

Failure to drive the Friday and Saturday night six horse and four of the eight offered classes for a total of six classes will result in a reduction of purse/travel money as follows: (5) classes \$1250 (4) classes \$750 (3) classes or less No travel money.

Prize Monies

Prize money for each class will be scaled based on placings from first to last place. Scratches or dismissals in any class will not qualify for purse money.

North American Classic Six Horse Hitch

\$3000 purse Friday

\$3000 purse Saturday

Eight Horse Hitch

\$2000 purse

Classic Cart Series Class

\$1,000 purse

Show Team, Unicorn, Four Horse

Each class:

1st place - \$80

2nd place - \$60

3rd place - \$40

Youth Cart Series Class

\$200 purse - (class does not qualify for the travel money or High Point)

Men's Cart and Ladies Cart

Ribbons 1st-6th place

Prize Money Checks

Prize money checks will be mailed to the exhibitors as soon as processing allows, but within 30 days of the end of that division's show.

Premiums will not be paid to any exhibitor who does not submit proper tax ID information.

All premiums, whatsoever, not claimed within 90 days upon receipt, shall be deemed forfeited.

Special Awards

The High Point Award is given to the hitch with the highest average in all classes with the exception of the Youth Cart class.

Awards are given for "Best Shod", "Best Man Driver" and "Best Lady Driver", determined by the Judge.

A "People's Choice Award" will be chosen during the show each day by the audience.

Exhibitor Badges (pins)

(6) badges per six-horse hitch

(4) badges per four-horse hitch

(2) badges per cart or show team

A limited number of additional badges can be purchased for \$10.00 ea. in the Show Office.

The Show committee reserves the right to limit the number sold per entry.

Exhibitor & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner

Thursday Exhibitor & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner Buffet with Cash Wine and Beer.

Dinner Tickets will be included in your exhibitor packet available with check-in at the show office.

(6) tickets per six-horse hitch

(4) tickets per four-horse hitch

(2) tickets per cart or show team

Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for \$15 each.

You must have a ticket to enter the buffet line.

Food and Alcohol

No outside food or beverage is allowed on The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds and Event Complex facilities. All food and beverage must be provided by Spectra Food & Hospitality. Contact the Show Manager if you would like further information.

Feed and Bedding

Bagged pine shavings will be available to pre-order through your entry form and are also available for on-site purchase at the Show Office. Exhibitors may provide their own bedding.

Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own hay and grain, or contract through a third party vendor of their choice.

Please dump manure in the designated area outside.

Health Requirements

Horses

All horses participating in the 2021 Big Thunder Draft Horse Show must provide health certificates at time of registration with Show Office. Do not return form with entries.

Out of State Origin

A Health Certificate is required and must be turned into the Stalling Office upon arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days prior to the time of arrival. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to the owner's premises following treatment.

Negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa) required and must be turned into the Stalling Office at time of stall assignment dated no more than one (1) year prior to date of arrival.

Colorado Origin

A Health Certificate is required and must be turned into the Stalling Office upon arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days prior to the date of arrival. Horses entering a show will be subject to examination by the State Veterinarian's office upon entry or during said show. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to the owner's premises following treatment.

No test required for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa)

People

Subject to the Larimer County health requirements at the time of entrance to the Larimer County Fairgrounds and Event Complex.

Animal Care

All horses will be under the supervision and care of their owners. Exhibitors are required to keep their stall and the aisles clear and neat.

There is one wash rack per barn. For the purpose of safety, do not wash horses in the aisles of the stabling area.

Please provide emergency contact and instructions on your entry form.

Locks on stalls are not allowed, except for tack stalls.

Arrival & Departure

Check-In time starts at 9:00am Saturday January 8th to your assigned stalls. Check-Out time is on or before 12:00pm Wednesday January 19th.

Parking

Exhibitor specific parking is located adjacent to the stalling area.

Parking permits are required and will be available upon check-in at the show office.

RV Camping

RV Camping Spaces offer 20,30 or 50 amp services and may be ordered in advance on your entry form for \$20 per night.

PLEASE NOTE: Spaces are electrical only. Service area nearby at:

Schrader's Country Store

6140 E Crossroads Blvd

Loveland, CO

(970) 669-3697

Internet

Wireless internet is available throughout the Indoor Arena and Pavilions. Access is "Ranch Public" No password is required.

Fire Code (pop up tents, appliances, smoking)

As per Fire code NFPA 13;9.5.5.3.1 No pop-up tents with roof (sides allowed), umbrellas larger than 6 foot or any structure with a covering is prohibited in a fire sprinkler building. Cooking appliances, heating appliances or any other unapproved open flame shall be prohibited inside the building. No smoking is permitted within 20 ft of any building. *Fire Marshal Ned Spark, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority.*

Dogs

Dogs will only be permitted on the grounds under the following conditions. Dogs MUST be on a leash or confined in a stall. No Dogs can be tethered in the aisle, or running loose in the aisle. No dogs' on/off leashes are allowed in the arenas, concourse or show offices.

Motorized/Unmotorized Vehicles

No motorized vehicles, bicycles, hoverboards, Segways, drones, skateboards, rollerblade or similar are allowed in the arena or barn areas.

Inhumane Treatment

Inhumane treatment, cruelty to, or abuse of any animal by any person in the show arena, warm-up area, stall, runway, or anywhere on the grounds of Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex is strictly forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Management may bar violators from any further participation for the remainder of the Show or future shows.

Conduct

Professionalism and sportsmanship must be exhibited at all times. Any act of discourtesy or refusal by exhibitors, trainers, owners and related individuals and entities to respond to the request(s) of the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show may result in disqualification of such individual and their horse(s), forfeit of all fees and earnings, excused from the Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex grounds and further disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show Committee.

Exhibitors may approach judges with Ring Steward and Show Management approval ONLY. Any fraternization and/or contact with judges will be prohibited.

Dispute Resolution

Any dispute involving these Rules and Regulations shall be resolved by the Show Management and the Committee.

Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Indemnification Agreement

See separate document titled Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement Big Thunder Draft Horse Show.

Force Majeure

In the event of early cancellation of its events, operations and activities by reason of force majeure and/or governmental regulation. Accordingly, the following shall apply to the operations and activities conducted by the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex. Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence.

A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show, The Ranch and Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex, which delays or prevents performance by the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show, and Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex, otherwise required by this Agreement, including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by

governmental authorities; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of God; (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) ! res, # floods, explosions or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) terrorist events; (xiii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiv) other causes beyond the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex reasonable control.

Big Thunder Draft Horse Show, The Ranch and Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show, The Ranch and Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.

Emergency Veterinarians, Hospitals, EMS, 911

In the case of extreme emergency contact 911
EMS services will be on-site during show hours.

Veterinarians

If exhibitor does not have a preferred veterinarian, the following veterinarians are utilized in emergencies at The Ranch.

Dr. Suit: 970-218-7947
Dr. Parsaye: 719-331-6081
Dr. Martell: 303-829-3047
CSU: 970-297-5000

Hospitals

UC Health Medical Center of the Rockies (2.0 miles)
2500 Rocky Mountain Ave, Loveland, CO
(970) 624-2500
UC Health Greeley Hospital (3.6 miles)
6767 W 29th St, Greeley, CO
(970) 652-2000

McKee Medical Center (3.9 miles)
2000 N Boise, Loveland, CO
(970) 820-4640

Hotels



PREFERRED HOTEL PARTNERS

ASK FOR THE BUDWEISER EVENT CENTER & THE RANCH
GUEST DISCOUNTED RATE WHEN BOOKING



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Loveland, Colorado 80537
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Loveland, Colorado 80538
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and The Ranch



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Loveland, CO 80538
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Loveland, CO 80538
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1710 Foxtrail Dr,
Loveland, CO 80538
(970) 461-1000



6106 Sky Pond Dr,
Loveland, CO 80538
(970) 599-7171



SPIRIT HOSPITALITY

* Complimentary shuttle service offered from any Spirit Hospitality hotel to
Budweiser Events Center and The Ranch



6046 E. Crossroads Blvd,
Loveland, CO 80538
(970) 667-5444
*Pet Friendly



4851 Thompson Parkway
Johnstown, CO 80538
(970) 663-3300



6092 E. Crossroad Blvd,
Loveland, CO 80538
(970) 663-0057

CRESTLINE HOTELS & RESORTS



2821 East Harmony Rd,
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970)225-2900

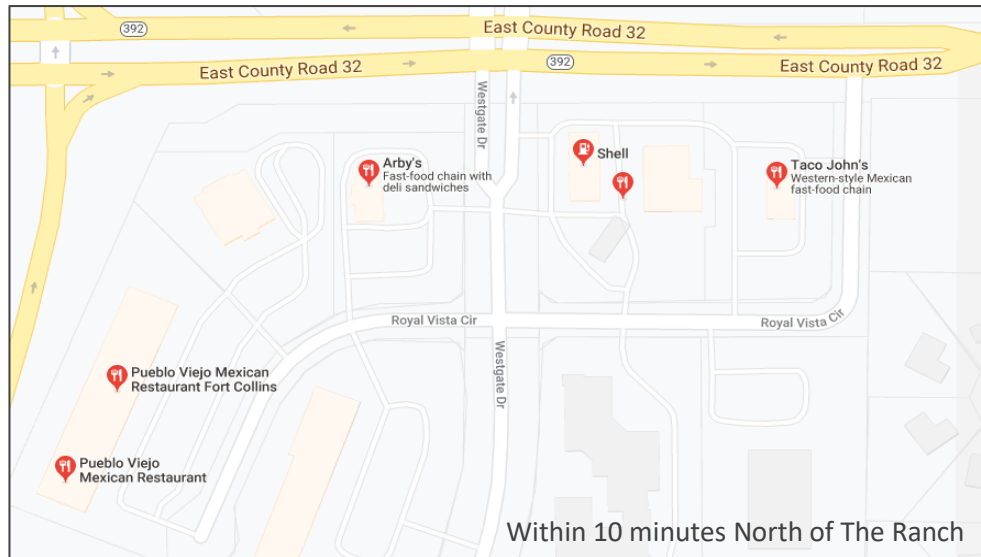
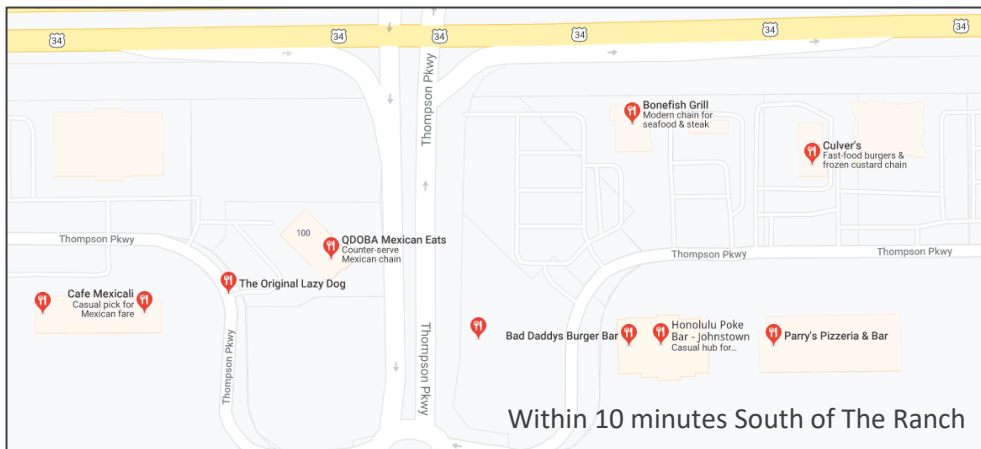
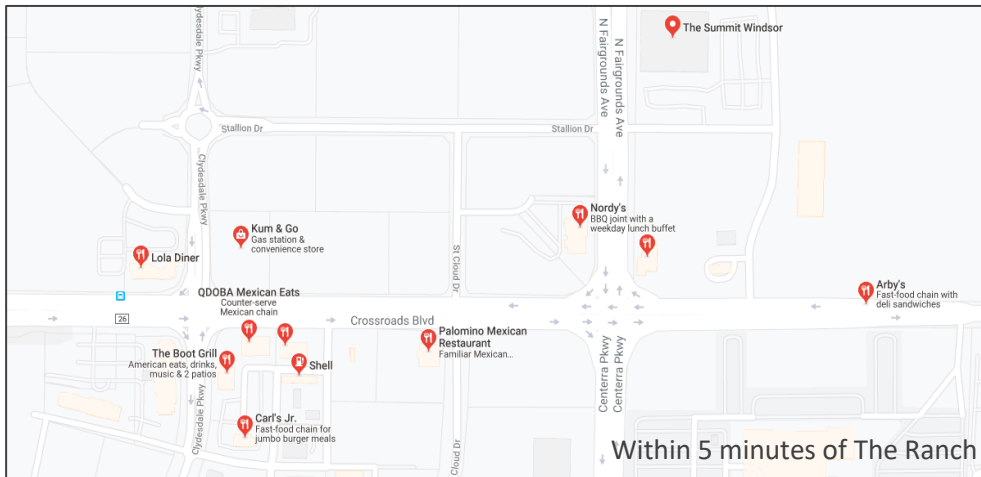
* Complimentary shuttle service offered
from Hilton Garden Inn Fort Collins to
Budweiser Events Center and The Ranch



1620 Oakridge Dr,
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970)229-5927
*Pet Friendly



Offsite Food and Beverage Options



Hitch Sponsorship Opportunities

The Hitch Sponsorship program for Big Thunder Draft Horse Show is a great way to support the show!

If you or anyone you know would like to contribute, please contact:

Dana Drake
 Director of Partnerships
 O: 970-619-4102 M: 208-869-5455
Dana.Drake@spectramp.com

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