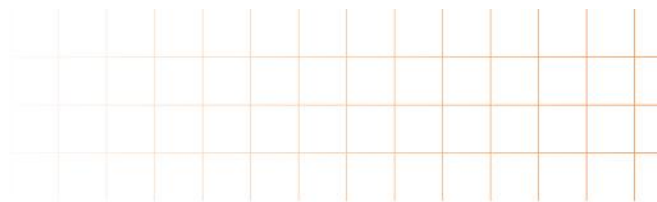


**BIG THUNDERDRAFT
HORSE SHOW
JANUARY 12-14, 2024**

Big Thunder
DRAFT HORSE SHOW
2024



Dear Exhibitors,

We look forward to having you with us for the 2024 Big Thunder Draft Horse Show!

New for 2024, we are pleased to announce the following:

- Every Six-Horse Hitch will leave with no less than \$2,000 each, which includes payouts for the six-horse Friday and Saturday night.
- Added monies will be paid for the following.
 - Eight-horse hitch - \$3,000
 - Classic Cart - \$1,000,
 - Ladies Four Horse Drive Off - \$1,000.
- The Ladies Four Horse Drive-Off class is ladies-only and held on Sunday to support Breast Cancer Awareness to support all the women in our world.
- All Hitch Exhibitor class entry fees are included in your stalling fee.
- Online entries and the payment portal are now live.

Please read all 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, 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

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Show Staff

Judge - Randy Riemer
 Announcer - Lisa-Banga Graham
 Arena Director - Tom Walsh
 DJ and Audio - Mark Wieneke

Show Manager

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

Show Committee

Brian Coleman
 Kellie Gardner
 Dennis Kuehl

Kit McCollum
 Raedene Messenger
 Jack Taylor

Ge Wyscarver - The Ranch

Show Office Hours

Thursday	Jan-11	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Friday	Jan-12	10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. & (1) hour after Show
Saturday	Jan-13	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. & (1) hour after Show
Sunday	Jan-14	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. & (1) hour after Show

Indoor Arena Access Hours

Subject to change

Sunday	Jan -07	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Monday	Jan-08	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday	Jan-09	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday	Jan-10	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Thursday	Jan-11	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Friday	Jan-12	7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Saturday	Jan-13	7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
Sunday	Jan-14	6:00 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.
Monday	Jan-15	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday	Jan-16	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Outdoor Arenas and Lot G are available for your use, weather permitting.
 See map Page 16

Schedule of Events

Subject to change

Thursday, January 11th

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Exhibitor and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner - Main Arena Concourse

Friday January 12th

3:00 P.M. Drivers Meeting - Indoor Arena Bleachers

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. **Public Barn Access**

5:30 P.M. **Pre-Show**
Men's Cart - Group B
Show Team - Group A
Break, Work Arena

6:30 P.M. **Main Performance**
Flag Presentation / National Anthem
Ladies Cart - Group B
Kids Stick Horse Race
Six Horse Hitch
Intermission
Four Horse Hitch - Group B
People's Choice Award
Unicorn Hitch - Group A
Barns open to the public for (1) hour post show

Saturday January 13th

12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. **Public Barn Access**

1:00 P.M. **Pre-Show**
Men's Cart - Group A
Show Team - Group B
Break, Work Arena

2:00 P.M. **Main Performance**
Flag Presentation / National Anthem
Ladies Cart - Group A
Kids Stick Horse Race
Six Horse Hitch
Intermission
Four Horse Hitch - Group A
People's Choice Award
Unicorn Hitch - Group B
Barns open to the public for (1) hour post show

Sunday January 14th

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Public Barn Access

1:00 P.M.

Main Performance

Flag Presentation / National Anthem
 Classic Cart Series
 Youth Cart Series
 Ladies Team
 Intermission
 Eight Horse Hitch
 Kids Stick Race
 People's Choice Award
 Best Man Driver Award
 Best Shod Award
 Ladies Four Drive off for Cancer Awareness
 Best Lady Driver Award
 Overall High Point Award
 Barns open to the public for (1) hour post show

Please Note: There are no Group Divisions on Sunday

Show Qualifications

Six Horse Hitch Exhibitors that showed at the previous year's show (2022) will be given priority entry into Big Thunder if all qualifications are met, and forms and payment are received by the deadline.

Breed Requirement

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

Tack & Grooming Requirement

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

Six Horse Hitch

To qualify, Six Horse Hitch Exhibitors must be in good standing with the Show, entry must be under the same hitch name (owner or company) as the prior year, and entry is complete and received by the entry deadline.

Classic Cart Series

Exhibitors who enter the Cart Series class must be a current Classic Cart Series member and must show proof of their current cart series membership with their entry.

North American Classic Six

You must be a current member of the NASHHCS Series to enter the NASHHCS classes at Big Thunder and must show proof of your current six-horse membership with their entry.

Men's / Ladies Cart Class

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

Youth Cart Series

Individuals 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 do not need to be associated with a Hitch.

Six Horse Hitch Class Entry and Payouts

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.

Six Horse Hitch Exhibitors must drive in the North American Classic Six Horse Hitch Class on both Friday and Saturday.

Four of the nine following classes must be driven in addition to the two six-horse classes.

- Men's Cart
- Ladies Cart
- Show Team
- Ladies Team
- Unicorn Hitch
- Four Horse Hitch
- Classic Cart
- Eight Horse Hitch
- Ladies Four Drive Off

Failure to drive on the Friday and Saturday nights six horse and four of the nine classes offered will result in a reduced guaranteed payout.

New in 2024

Six Horse Hitch Exhibitor stall fees include all of your class entry fees. See stall fees. A \$20.00 office fee is additional.

Six Horse Hitch Payout

Each Six Horse Hitch owner will be paid \$2,000.00 if all qualifications are met. Payment includes the payout for the two North American Classic Six Horse Hitch classes.

Added Monies:

Eight Horse Hitch - \$3,000.00 paid out evenly top to bottom.

Classic Cart Series - \$1,000.00 paid out evenly top to bottom.

Ladies Four Horse Drive Off - \$1,000.00 paid out evenly top to bottom.

Youth Cart Class (sponsored) - \$35.00 per driver.

Class Entry

Entries open September 22, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. (MT) and close November 17, 2023 at 11:59 P.M. (MT) for all entries. **No late entries will be accepted.**

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

A separate entry form is required for each owner. Confirmation of entry will be provided as soon as possible after the entry deadline.

Six Horse Hitch Exhibitors that showed in 2022

All information on entry forms must be filled out. A W-9 and payment in full is required to complete your application. **All class entry fees are included in your stall fee.**

Six Horse Hitch Exhibitor Waitlist

Entries for Six Horse Hitch Exhibitors that did not show at the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show in the previous year will be taken in order of submittal date and time stamp. Please fill out your entry form, but do not submit payment. Payment and W-9 will be required within one week of acceptance. **All class entry fees are included in your stall fee.**

Individual Team and Cart Exhibitor Entries

Individual Team and Cart Exhibitors are not entered as a Six Horse Hitch. Entry will be determined by the Show Manager based on stalling and class space availability. Please fill out your entry form, but do not submit payment. Payment and W-9 will be required within one week of acceptance.

Individual Team and Cart Exhibitors who do not require stalls, may still be eligible for entry based on class availability. There is no minimum of classes that must be driven.

Individual Team and Cart Exhibitors may enter any of the following classes.

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| • Men's Cart | • Unicorn Hitch |
| • Ladies Cart | • Four Horse Hitch |
| • Show Team | • Classic Cart |
| • Ladies Team | • Ladies Four Drive Off |

Individual Team and Cart Exhibitor Class Entry Fee

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per entry/class
 A \$20.00 office fee is additional
 See stall fees

Individual Team and Cart Exhibitor Payout

1st-3rd place: \$25.00 per class driven except the Classic Cart and Ladies Four Drive Off which have separate payout schedules.

Classic Cart Series - \$1,000.00 paid out evenly top to bottom all entries.

Ladies Four Horse Drive Off - \$1,000.00 paid out evenly top to bottom all entries.

Online entry and the payment portal

<https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/big-thunder>

Mail-in entry forms

Are available and must be postmarked by 11:59 P.M. November 17, 2023. Contact the Show Manager for a mail in entry form.

Payments via check should be made payable to “**Larimer County**” in US dollars only.

Mail to:
Ge Wyscarver
The Ranch
5280 Arena Circle Unit #100
Loveland, CO 80538

There will be no refund of 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 your horse registered in the current Show. A signed and dated vet certificate must be provided.

Prize Money Checks

Prize money checks will be mailed to Owners as soon as processing allows, and no later than 30 days following the last show date.

Premiums will only be paid to Owners who submit required tax ID information.

All premiums, without reason, not claimed within 90 days, shall be deemed forfeited.

Special Awards

A High Point Ribbon Award is given to the Six Horse Hitch with the highest average points in all classes except for the Youth Cart Class.

Ribbons are given for “Best Shod”, “Best Man Driver” and “Best Lady Driver”, determined by the Judge. Ribbons are given for the “People’s Choice” which will be chosen during the show each day by the audience.

Stalls and Entry Fees

Stalls

Stalls are available for move-in starting Sunday, January 7th at 8:00 A.M. through move-out Wednesday, January 17th by 6:00 P.M.

All stalls, regardless of use, are the same rate and are based on an overnight stay. The same number of stalls are required pre, post and during show.

Horses not entered in the show will not receive a stall and are not permitted on campus.

Horse and tack stalls are 10'x10' box stalls with hinged doors and three rubber mats.

The Ranch has limited mats; thus we encourage you to bring your own aisle mats.

Stall locations will be assigned for each entry by Show Management. Specific stalling locations will be provided prior to arrival. No changes will be permitted without Show Managers written consent.

Requests from different owners for stalling near friends, must be stated on each owner's entry form, Requests cannot be guaranteed.

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

Stall Fees - Hitch Exhibitors

Pre-Show Stalls (January 7-10 night)	\$22.00 per night/stall
Show Stalls Flat Rate (January 11-14 night)	\$100.00 per stall (includes Thursday - Sunday night stall fee and all class entry fees)
Post Show Stalls (January 15-16 night)	\$22.00 per night/stall

Stall Fees - Individual Team and Cart Exhibitors

Pre-Show Stalls (January 7-10 night)	\$22.00 per night/stall
Show Stalls Flat Rate (January 11-14 night)	\$100.00 per stall (includes Thursday - Sunday night stall fee. Class entry fees are additional)
Post Show Stalls (January 15-16 night)	\$22.00 per night/stall

Shavings and Feed

Shavings & Manure

\$9.00 per bag.

NEW IN 2024: ALL shavings must be purchased from The Ranch. Exhibitors may not provide their own bedding. Bagged pine shavings can be pre-purchased on your entry form and are also available for supplemental on-site purchase at the Show Office.

Please dump manure in the designated area outside.

Hay

\$280.00 bundle; includes 21 bales.

Grass hay is available for your convenience or bring your own. Please pre-order on your entry form.

All Other Feed

Exhibitors are responsible for all other feed.

Group Assignment

Group A/B assignment will be available upon your check-in at the Show Office. Hitch and Individual Team and Cart entries will be issued one number

Show Class Order

Show Management reserves the right to adjust start times and/or rearrange classes. 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 is given to Exhibitors. The Show Management reserves the right to make substitutions for judges or other Show staff.

Classes will be called according to the published schedule. All horses and drivers must be ready and waiting to promptly enter the arena. Horses will not be allowed to enter the arena after the gates are closed and the judging starts. 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 written 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.

Badges

(4) badges per Six-Horse Hitch *

(3) badges per Team *

(2) badges per Cart *

* Determined by the maximum hitch entered

A limited number of additional badges can be purchased for \$20.00 each in the Show Office. Kids three years and younger are free. The Show Manager reserves the right to limit the number sold per entry.

Exhibitor & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner

Thursday Exhibitor & Sponsor Appreciation 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 Team *

(2) tickets per Cart *

* Determined by the maximum hitch entered

Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for \$20 each. Kids three years and younger are free. You must have a ticket to enter the buffet line.

Food and Beverage

Outside food or beverage is not permitted on The Ranch Campus. All food and beverage must be supplied by the on-site food service provider. Contact the Show Manager if you would like further information. Concessions are available during performances.

Health Certificates

All horses participating must provide health certificates at the time of registration with the Show Office. Certificates should not be returned with entries.

Out of State Origin

A Health Certificate is required and must be turned into the Show Office upon arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days prior to the time of arrival. At the sole discretion of the Show Management, or Show Manager, any animal 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 to return to the owner's premises following treatment.

A negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa) is required and must be turned into the Show 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 Show 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.

At the sole discretion of the Show Management, or Show Manager, any animal 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 to return to the owner's premises following treatment.

A negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa) is not required.

Animal Care

All horses are always under the supervision and care of their caretakers. Exhibitors are required to keep their stall(s) and aisles in safe, clean, clear, and neat conditions always.

There is one wash rack per barn. Do not wash horses in the aisles of the stabling area.

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

Inhumane Treatment

Inhumane treatment, cruelty to, or abuse of any animal is strictly forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty.

Arrival & Departure

Check-In starts at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 7th.

Check-Out is on or before 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 17th.

See map Page 16

Parking

Exhibitor 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

Contact Big Thunder Draft Horse Show Manager, Ge Wyscarver, for more information.

Internet

Wireless internet is available throughout the Indoor Arena and Pavilions. Access is "Ranch Public", and 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 are 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.

There is no smoking, including vaping products and/or e-cigarettes, in buildings or within 25 feet of buildings.

Dogs

Service animals and animals associated with animal-centric events, such as a dog show, are permitted inside buildings. Therapy and emotional support animals are not permitted to enter buildings unless the animal is participating in an animal-centric event. Domesticated pets are permitted outside in public spaces and must always be on a leash. It is the animal handlers' responsibility to clean up after the animal.

Motorized/Unmotorized Vehicles

Motorized vehicles, bicycles, hoverboards, Segways, drones, skateboards, rollerblades or similar are not permitted on the campus.

Conduct

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

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

Dispute Resolution

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

Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Indemnification Agreement

A separate document for An Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Indemnification Agreement will be provided to Exhibitors upon acceptance of entry for signature.

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. Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and The Ranch 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 and The Ranch, which delays or prevents performance by the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and The Ranch, otherwise required by this Agreement, including but not limited to any breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties; statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; acts of God; animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; floods, explosions or inclement weather; inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; terrorist events; embargoes or energy shortages; or other causes beyond the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and The Ranch reasonable control.

Big Thunder Draft Horse Show and The Ranch 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 and The Ranch 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 an emergency, dial 911.

EMS services will be on-site during show hours.

Veterinarians

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

- Dr. Stacie Kiefer: 970-217-4884
- Dr. Michael Suit: 970-218-7947
- Dr. Sina Parsaye: 719-331-6081
- CSU on call Veterinarians: 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

See our website for partnering hotels. Let them know you are with the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show at The Ranch, and they will offer you a discount.

<https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/big-thunder>

Sponsorships

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

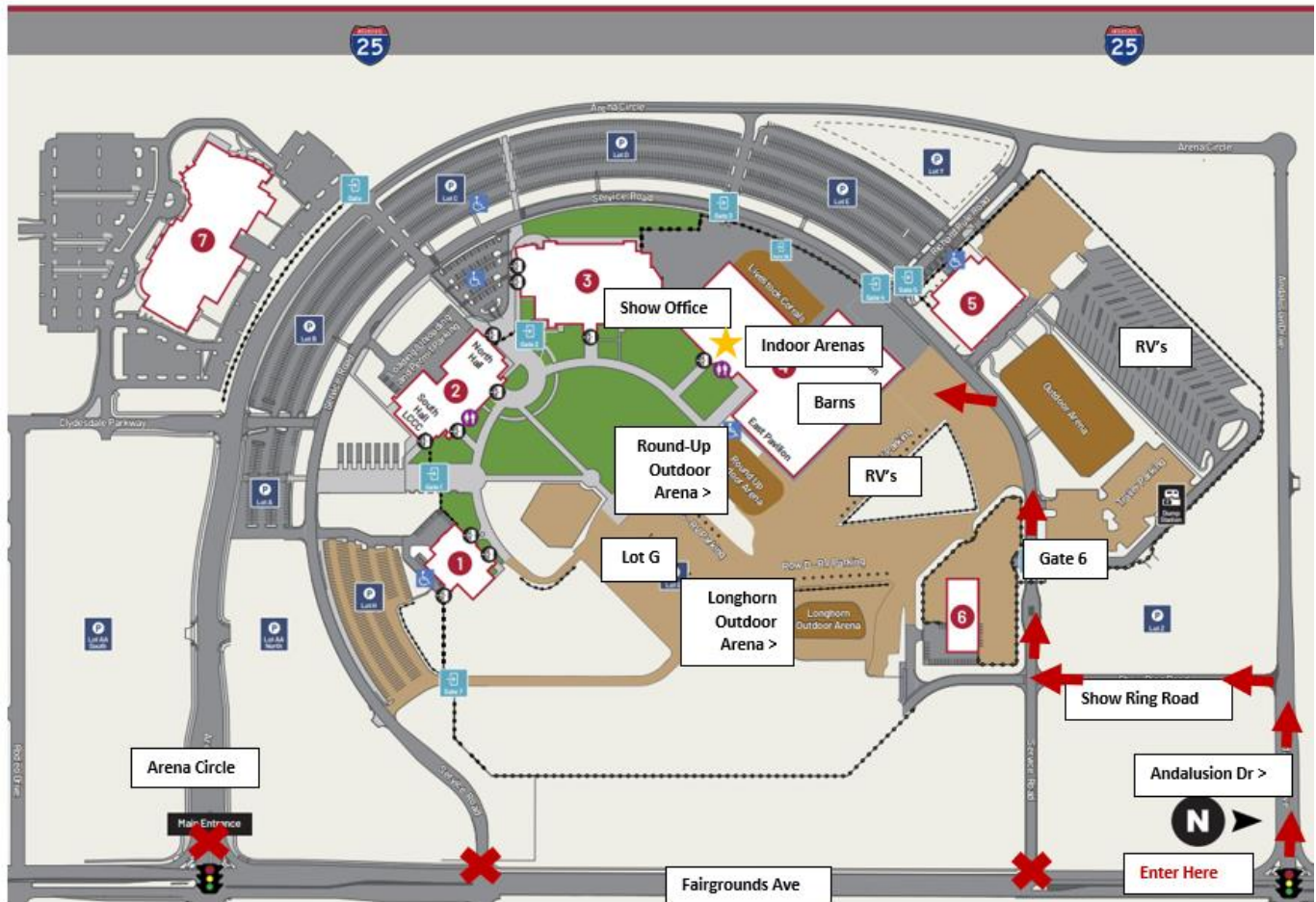
Each year we look to match a sponsor with a hitch. The sponsor's sign attaches to the tailgate of your wagon. During the show your Hitch will be announced with your requested name, then followed by "Sponsored by X". A sign with the sponsoring company's information will be displayed in front of your stalling area. Sponsors and patrons may visit your stalling area and learn more about your Hitch. Please see your entry form to be a part of this program.

Sponsorship Opportunities

If you know of anyone that would be interested in supporting Big Thunder through a variety of sponsorship opportunities please contact:

Dana Drake
Director of Partnerships
Office: 970-619-4102 Cell: 208-869-5455
ddrake@oakviewgroup.com

Map



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