

## ***We need teachers to volunteer to help***

*The American Cultural Rodeo is about friendship between Americans and the Tajik people. The project is 100% organized and supported by private citizens. Will you consider helping us?*

*We need teachers to volunteer for positions as regional coordinators, judges, translators, and workers.*

*Beginning May 2007, The American Cultural Rodeo committee will begin selecting 18 teachers as coordinators and as judges to help with the competition. **A Rodeo of Fun for all.***

*In July we will host special training for all volunteers to prepare you for the competition.*

*Contact us and volunteer now. We need your help to make the American Cultural Rodeo a success.*

*To find out more, contact the Director, Sugd Teacher Training Institute (STTI) at Khakim Khairima 16, Khujan, Tajikistan:*

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## **Coordinator Training Schedule**

Selection of 18 Coordinators	May
Training for Coordinators and Judges	July
Registration of Teachers and Students	September

## **Why have this *American Cultural Rodeo*?**

We decided to organize this special project to help Americans and Tajiks become better friends. The ***American Cultural Rodeo*** is designed to help you learn more about the American people and our culture. As we become better acquainted, our chances for friendship will increase creating opportunities for more cultural exchange projects.

Americans and Tajiks know very little about each other's country. Most Tajiks only see Americans through the "Eyes of Hollywood" by watching Hollywood movies or through TV news programs. The ***Rodeo*** project allows you to meet normal American people at home, at work, at school, and relaxing on the weekend. We also want to show you the ***American Cowboy, our native Indians, and our 19th Century Western Culture*** so you can have a taste of America.

The ***American Cultural Rodeo*** gives you an opportunity to "Taste" the American culture, meet average American families, and learn facts about our people that you will never learn by watching the "News" or a "Hollywood Film". Plus, 20 of the top contestants will ***win an all expense paid trip to the United States*** in July 2008 and see a real American Rodeo.

Since 2002, ***The Rose Charity*** has been building schools and helping fatherless children throughout Tajikistan. In Sugd Oblast we are doing construction/renovation work for the Department of Education at the ***Sugd Teacher Training Institute (STTI)*** in Khujan. Conducting the ***American Cultural Rodeo*** helps fund this important construction/renovation project. Plus, its going to be a whole lot of fun. ***Registration begins September 2007 at your school.***

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***Learn the culture of the American People***

***For teachers and students of Sugd Oblast, Tajikistan***

**Tajikistan**

**Oct-Dec 2007**

## What is it?

The **American Cultural Rodeo** is an academic contest in the format of an American Rodeo. This cultural exchange project is part of the **Sugd Teacher Training Institute** construction restoration project which began November 2006. The **Rodeo and STTI are one project.**

Tajik students (grades 8-11) and their teachers compete in a three month competition to show their knowledge of the American culture.

Against the background of the 19th century American West, the **Rodeo** competition will challenge students to go beyond their normal studies and learn more about the United States of America.

It is a series of contests, quizzes, and innovative events designed to promote friendship and education.

We will focus on three main areas:

- **American Culture-October**
- **American History-November**
- **American English-December**

**Hundreds of prizes** will be awarded to first, second, and third place students and teachers who win.

Americans are willing to donate for the construction because **The Rodeo** shows the good side of America. Overall, **STTI and The Rodeo** will build a foundation for friendship between our peoples.

The Sugd Oblast Department of Education and The Rose Charity are co-sponsoring **The American Cultural Rodeo** in **Fall 2007.**

## How do I register?

Any student in grades 8-11 or teacher can enter the **American Cultural Rodeo** contest. Your school will provide registration forms, information, and training materials beginning September 2007. Just fill out a registration form to obtain the **Official American Cultural Rodeo Contest Training Packet.**

Teachers wanting to participate should also fill out a registration form also and notify the **Rodeo Committee** of your desire to participate. Teachers compete for prizes also.

Thousands of American citizens, American Churches, and American private businesses are working hard making charitable donations to underwrite the cost of the **American Cultural Rodeo.** Americans love the Tajik people and want to be your friends.

## How do I prepare for the Rodeo?

Students and teachers will receive the official **American Cultural Rodeo Training Packets** which contain:

- **Registration form and contest instructions**
- **Overview of American History** -A 100 page booklet with highlights of American history since the 13th Century.
- **DVD Video of Modern America**-A compilation of video clips showing American cities and family life from various cities and states across America.
- **Cultural Study Guide**-Booklet describing American foods, cultural practices, and typical American practices.
- **Recipe Book**-25 of America's favorite foods from **Tex-Mex to Hot Dogs**, the cooking event is guaranteed to be a favorite.

Your teacher is your training and will help you prepare. Teachers compete with other teachers to see which students are the best prepared. This is a special competition just for teachers.



## Who is Financing the American Cultural Rodeo and STTI?

American private citizens are funding the **Rodeo** contest as part of the construction/renovation project at the Sugd Teacher Training Institute (STTI) facilities in Khujand.

You can make a donation also. Your sacrifice will improve education in Sugd Oblast. Come and see what we are doing for STTI, yl. Khakim Karim 16. American volunteers are building the **Roxanne Teacher Center**, renovating the old facilities, and preparing facilities at yl. Sir Daryo 47 to be the new home of STTI.

Students and teachers are asked to donate 7 Somoni (\$2 US) for the Rodeo training packets they will receive and need. Your donation will help with the **American Cultural Rodeo and STTI construction**

In January 2008 ten students and ten teachers will be identified as the grand prize winners. In Summer 2008, all **20 grand prize winners will travel to America** to see a real American Rodeo, visit American cities, and experience American Culture.