

VOLUNTEER



Orange County Special Angels Rodeo

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Howdy Friends,

We are excited to let you know that plans are currently underway for the 2026 Orange County Special Angels Rodeo. This year's rodeo will be held Saturday, November 14th at the T2 Arena and Event Center. We certainly hope that you will consider joining us as a volunteer for this amazing event, which is one of the fastest growing in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

Hosting a successful event of this magnitude requires a lot of volunteers. We welcome student organizations, church groups, civic groups, businesses, and individuals to volunteer for this event, that will touch your heart like no other. We are currently preparing for more than 300 participants for this year's event, which means we need some 500+ volunteers. There are many areas you can volunteer for including parking, working carnival games and activities, and on-site transportation, among others. We also need a lot of volunteers who are willing to be Buddies for our participants and stay with their assigned participants throughout the event. Volunteers will be assigned based on their experience and comfort in various areas. For example, a volunteer who is uncomfortable around large animals such as horses will not be asked to work in the arena around them. Instead, they would be assigned to an area outside of the arena. Each of these roles is vital to the success of our event.

We know that many school organizations, community groups, and degree programs require community service hours from their students or members. For volunteers who require verification of these service hours, our coordinators will be glad to sign or provide forms verifying hours worked.

Our event is open to participants of all ages and serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities including Autism, Downs Syndrome, and others. It is also open to participants who are visually impaired, in wheelchairs or otherwise affected by multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, traumatic injury, or any other ailment. Each event can be adapted to the needs of our participants, whether it be hands-on assistance from one of our volunteers, a specially built trailer pulled behind an ATV to move them through the arena dirt, or any other necessary modification. This event is like no other in this area and touches the lives of our Special Angels. We also have carnival style games, bounce houses, and other activities available for our participants and their families. The best part about the Special Angels rodeo is everyone is a winner and there is no cost for our participants to take part and they all leave with a gold medal and other souvenirs.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact one of our Volunteer Coordinators. For more information, you can call us at 409-988-9111 or 409-988-9478 or by email at volunteers@specialangelsrodeo.org.

Sincerely,

Orange County Special Angels Rodeo

“Special Angels are a Gift from Heaven”

The Orange County Special Angels Rodeo is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Programs and events are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.



**Orange County Special Angels
Rodeo 2026 Volunteer Application
Form**

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____
Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

If your employer recognizes your volunteer hours, please include the following information:

Occupation: _____
Employer: _____
Employer Address: _____

Special professional training, skills, hobbies: _____

Community Affiliations (Clubs, Service Organizations, etc.): _____

Special Certifications (CPR, Medical, etc.): _____

Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to any crime(s), not including traffic offenses?
 Yes No

If yes, please describe in full: _____

Have you ever been refused participation in any other programs involving youth or participants with special needs? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

In which of the following areas would you like to volunteer? (Check all that apply)
 Buddy Arena Worker Carnival Game Worker Parking
 Transportation Registration Cleanup/Trash First Aid Photographer
 Other (Please Specify): _____



**Orange County Special Angels Rodeo
Background Check Authorization**

AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I authorize Orange County Special Angels Rodeo (OCSAR) to conduct background check(s) on me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender registries, child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if selected, my position is conditional on OCSAR receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability, the Orange County Special Angels Rodeo, their officers, boards, committees, members, volunteers and sponsors thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide information. I also understand that, regardless of previous selections, OCSAR is not obligated to select me for a volunteer position. If selected, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension or removal by the Board Members of the Orange County Special Angels Rodeo for violation of the organization's policies and principles.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Volunteer Signature: _____

Parent Signature (*If Volunteer is a Minor*): _____

NOTE: Orange County Special Angels Rodeo will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Please attach a copy of a valid government issued photo identification to this application if one has been issued to you.



**2026 Orange County Special Angels Rodeo
Waiver of Liability, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement**

Participant's Name: _____

In consideration for participating in the Orange County Special Angels Rodeo and other valuable consideration, I hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Orange County Special Angels Rodeo, its officers, boards, committees, servants, agents, employees, members, volunteers, sponsors, partners, affiliates, and their heirs, assigns, and personal representatives (hereinafter referred to as Releasees) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or my child, or to any property belonging to me or my child, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted or in transportation to and from said premises.

To the best of my knowledge, I or my child can fully participate in this activity. I am fully aware of the inherent risks and hazards to all persons participating in, volunteering with, or viewing this activity, including all events and activities, and I choose to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the premises and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or my child, or any loss or damage of property owned by me or my child, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise.

I further hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my or my child's participation in said activity, whether caused by negligence of releasees or otherwise.

I understand that releasees may or may not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my or my child's participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance. Organization may not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so organization can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse (if any), if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns, and personal representative, if I am not alive shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge, and Covenant not to sue the above named releasees. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

I understand that the Orange County Special Angels Rodeo, and other releasees will not be responsible for any medical costs associated with an injury I may sustain.

WARNING: UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE & REMEDIES CODE) A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, part from the foregoing written agreement have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature

Parent/Guardian if Legally Required

Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Name Printed



**2026 Orange County Special Angels Rodeo
Media/Photograph Release**

Participant's Name: _____

I understand that photographs or video or audio recordings may be taken of me or my child by agents, employees, or representatives of the Orange County Special Angels Rodeo (hereinafter referred to as the Organization). I further understand that these photographs and video or audio recordings may be used in connection with the Organization's dissemination of information to the media and general public. The outlets where these photographs or recordings may be used include the social media pages belonging to the Organization.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Organization to copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute any and all such images and audio of me or my child or wherein I or my child appear, including composite or artistic forms and media, for purposes of publicizing Organization programs and activities or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, wherein my likeness appears.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Organization from all claims, demands and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

Approved Not Approved

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature if Legally Required

Printed Name

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian