

Important Dates 2018

January 2018

Mon – January 15, 2018 - Payments Due for 2018 Futurities (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American) and 2019 Triple Crown

February 2018

Thu – February 1, 2018 - Payments Due for 2018 Derbies (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American) and NM Bred Races (Zias, Mountain Tops, & Senor/Senoritas)

Sun – February 4, 2018 - Game Day @ Billy's Sports Bar & Grill

March 2018

Sat – March 10, 2018 - Job Fair 11 am to 2 pm – Billy's Sports Bar & Grill

Mon – March 12, 2018 - Stall Apps Due for 2018 Season

Thu – March 15, 2018 - Payments Due for 2018 Futurities (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American) and 2019 Triple Crown

April 2018

Sun – April 1, 2018 - Payments Due for 2018 Derbies (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American) and NM Bred Races (Zias, Mountain Tops, & Senor/Senoritas)

Sat – April 14, 2018 - Job Fair 11 am to 2 pm – Billy's Sports Bar & Grill

Sun – April 15, 2018 - Payments Due for 2018 Futurities (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American)

Mon – April 16, 2018 - Stall Setup

Mon – April 23, 2018 - Barn Area Open for Horses

Fri – April 27, 2018 - Track Open

Sat – April 28, 2018 - Job Fair 11 am to 2 pm – Billy's Sports Bar & Grill

Sun – April 29, 2018 - Track Surface Closed

Mon – April 30, 2018 - Quarter Horse Gates Set

Mon – April 30, 2018 - Entry for Training Races (\$50 per horse)

Mon – April 30, 2018 - Ruidoso Horse Sale Entry Deadline – NM Bred Sale

May 2018

Tue – May 1, 2018 - Entry for Training Races (\$50 per horse) until Noon

Sat – May 5, 2018 - Kentucky Derby

Sun – May 6, 2018 - Track Surface Closed

Mon – May 7, 2018 - Training Races Day 1

Tues – May 8, 2018 - Training Races Day 2

- Wed – May 9, 2018** - **Training Races Day 3**
- Sat – May 12, 2018** - **Job Fair 11 am to 2 pm – Billy’s Sports Bar & Grill**
- Sun – May 13, 2018** - **Track Surface Closed**
- Mon – May 14, 2018** - **Thoroughbred Gates Set**
- Mon – May 14, 2018** - **Ruidoso Horse Sale Entry Deadline – Select Sale & Select Embryo**
- Tue – May 15, 2018** - **Ten Days Before Futurity Trials**
- Thu – May 17, 2018** - **Ten Days Before Derby Trials**
- Fri – May 18, 2018** - **Entry Day for Ruidoso Futurity Trials**
- Sat – May 19, 2018** - **Preakness Stakes**
- Sun – May 20, 2018** - **Entry Day for Ruidoso Derby Trials**
- Sun – May 20, 2018** - **Track Surface Closed**
- Fri – May 25, 2018** - **Ruidoso Futurity Trials**
- Fri – May 25, 2018** - **Entry Day for Mountain Top NM Bred QH Futurity Trials**
- Sat – May 26, 2018** - **Ruidoso Futurity Trials**
- Sun – May 27, 2018** - **Ruidoso Derby Trials**
- Week 1 May 25-28, 2018** - **Opening Weekend (T-Shirt Giveaway & Car Giveaway)**

June 2018

- Fri – June 1, 2018** - **Mountain Top NM Bred QH Futurity Trials**
- Fri – June 1, 2018** - **Entry Day for Mountain Top NM Bred TB Futurity Trials**
- Sat – June 2, 2018** - **Dash for Speed/Ruidoso QH Fillies & Mares Stakes \$25,000**
- Sun – June 3, 2018** - **First Lady Handicap - \$30,000**
- Mon – June 4, 2018** - **Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium tickets go on sale**
- Week 2 June 1-3, 2018** - **Red Raider Weekend**
- Fri – June 8, 2018** - **Mountain Top NM Bred TB Futurity Trials**
- Fri – June 8, 2018** - **Ruidoso Derby/Futurity Qualifier Party (Invitation Only)**
- Sat – June 9, 2018** - **Ruidoso Derby Final (G1) - \$1,000,000 est.**
- Sat – June 9, 2018** - **Mr Jess Perry - \$100,000**
- Sat – June 9, 2018** - **Belmont Stakes**
- Sun – June 10, 2018** - **Ruidoso Futurity Final (G1) - \$1,000,000 est.**
- Sun – June 10, 2018** - **Ruidoso Juvenile Final - \$100,000**
- Week 3 June 8-10, 2018** - **Triple Crown Leg 1 Weekend**
- Fri – June 15, 2018** - **Payments Due for 2019 Triple Crown**

- Fri – June 15, 2018** - **Adequan Derby Trials**
- Sat – June 16, 2018** - **Mountain Top NM Bred QH Final (RG3) - \$350,000 est.**
- Sun – June 17, 2018** - **Ruidoso Sprint Handicap - \$30,000**
- Week 4 June 15-17, 2018* - *Father's Day Weekend*
- Sun – June 17, 2018** - **Family Day @ the Races**
- Sat – June 23, 2018** - **Mountain Top NM Bred TB Futurity Final - \$175,000 est.**
- Week 5 June 22-24, 2018* - *Mexican Fiesta Weekend*
- Tue – June 26, 2018** - **Ten Days Before Futurity Trials**
- Thu – June 28, 2018** - **Ten Days Before Derby Trials**
- Fri – June 29, 2018** - **Entry Day for Rainbow QH Futurity Trials**
- Sat – June 30, 2018** - **Adequan Derby Final - \$60,000 est.**
- Sat – June 30, 2018** - **Higheasterjet Handicap (G3) - \$50,000**
- Week 6 June 29-July 1, 2018* - *Military Appreciation Weekend*

July 2018

- Sun – July 1, 2018** - **Entry Day for Rainbow QH Derby Trials**
- Thu – July 5, 2018** - **Hall of Fame Induction Party (Invitation only)**
- Fri – July 6, 2018** - **Rainbow Futurity Trials**
- Sat – July 7, 2018** - **Entry Day for John Deere Trials**
- Sat – July 7, 2018** - **Rainbow Futurity Trials**
- Sat – July 7, 2018** - **Entry Day for Zia Futurity and Derby Trials**
- Sun – July 8, 2018** - **Rainbow Derby Trials**
- Week 7 July 6-8, 2018* - *Rainbow Trials Weekend*
- Sat – July 14, 2018** - **Zia Derby Trials**
- Sat – July 14, 2018** - **Zia Futurity Trials**
- Week 8 July 13-15, 2018* - *Charity Challenge Weekend*
- Sun – July 15, 2018** - **Family Day @ the Races**
- Fri – July 20, 2018** - **Rainbow Derby/Futurity Qualifier Party (Invitation Only)**
- Sat – July 21, 2018** - **Rainbow Derby Finals (G1) - \$900,000 est.**
- Sat – July 21, 2018** - **Corona Cartel - \$100,000**
- Sun – July 22, 2018** - **Rainbow Futurity Final (G1) - \$1,000,000 est.**
- Sun – July 22, 2018** - **Rainbow Juvenile Final - \$100,000**
- Week 9 July 20-22, 2018* - *Rainbow Finals Weekend*

- Sat – July 28, 2018 - By By JJ - \$50,000
- Sat – July 28, 2018 - Bobby Dan Crenshaw Mem. - \$20,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Zia Handicap (RG2) - \$50,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Sierra Starlet - \$50,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Sierra Blanca Handicap - \$50,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Road Runner Handicap - \$50,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Zia 870 Championship - \$50,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Lincoln Handicap - \$50,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Land of Enchantment Handicap - \$50,000
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Zia Derby Final (RG2) - \$150,000 est.
- Sun – July 29, 2018 - Zia Futurity Final - \$400,000 est.
- Week 10 July 27-29, 2018 - Zia Festival Weekend*

August 2018

- Sat – August 4, 2018 - Mr Jet Moore Handicap (G2) - \$50,000
- Sat – August 4, 2018 - Pink Day at the Races
- Sat – August 4, 2018 - Entry Day for Rio Grande Senor & Senorita Trials
- Week 11 Aug. 3-5, 2018 - Green Chile/Wine & Beer Festival Weekend*
- Tue – August 7, 2018 - Ten Days Before Futurity Trials
- Thu – August 9, 2018 - Ten Days Before Derby Trials
- Fri – August 10, 2018 - Entry Day for All American Futurity Trials
- Sat – August 11, 2018 - Rio Grande Senor TB Futurity Trials
- Sat – August 11, 2018 - Rio Grande Senorita TB Futurity Trials
- Sat – August 11, 2018 - Brigand - \$20,000
- Sun – August 12, 2018 - Entry Day for All American Derby Trials
- Week 12 Aug. 10-12, 2018 - Armed Forces Weekend*
- Thu – August 16, 2018 - AQHA Council Meeting (HOF)
- Fri – August 17, 2018 - New Mexico Bred Horse Sale
- Fri – August 17, 2018 - All American Futurity Trials
- Sat – August 18, 2018 - New Mexico Bred Horse Sale
- Sat – August 18, 2018 - Select Foal in Utero Sale
- Sat – August 18, 2018 - All American Futurity Trials
- Sun – August 19, 2018 - All American Derby Trials

- Week 13 Aug. 17-19, 2018* - *Art Vendors Supporting Track Chaplaincy Weekend*
- Sun – August 26, 2018** - **Family Day @ the Races**
- Week 14 Aug. 24-26, 2018* - *Fan Appreciation Weekend*
- Thu – August 30, 2018** - **All American Derby/Futurity Post Position Brunch (Invitation only)**
- Thu – August 30, 2018** - **All American Derby/Futurity Qualifier Party (Invitation only)**
- Fri – August 31, 2018** - **Select Yearling Sale**

September 2018

- Sat – September 1, 2018** - **Select Yearling Sale**
- Sun – September 2, 2018** - **Bill Reed Memorial Stakes - \$20,000**
- Sun – September 2, 2018** - **Red, White and Blue TB Claiming Stakes - \$15,000**
- Sun – September 2, 2018** - **All American Gold Cup (G1) - \$200,000**
- Sun – September 2, 2018** - **Rio Grande Seniorita TB Futurity Final - \$175,000 est.**
- Sun – September 2, 2018** - **All American Derby Final (G1) - \$1,500,000 est.**
- Sun – September 2, 2018** - **First Down Dash - \$100,000**
- Sun – September 2, 2018** - **Select Yearling Sale**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **Ruidoso NM Bred Claiming Stakes - \$15,000**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **Tribute to the Troops QH Claiming Race - \$30,000**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **Labor Day TB Claiming Stakes - \$15,000**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **Rio Grande Senior TB Futurity Final - \$175,000 est.**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **All American Futurity Final (G1) - \$3,000,000 est.**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **All American Juvenile - \$200,000**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **Billy the Kid Handicap - \$30,000**
- Mon – September 3, 2018** - **Governors Handicap Fillies & Mares - \$30,000**
- Week 15 Aug 31-Spt 3, 2018* - *All American Finals Weekend (Pickup Truck Giveaway)*
- Tue – September 4, 2018** - **Futurity Winner Photo Shoot**

October 2018

- Mon – October 1, 2018** - **Payments Due for 2019 Derbies (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American) and NM Bred Races (Zias, Mountain Tops, & Senior/Senoritas)**
- Thu – October 11, 2018** - **Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium Concert 7 PM**
- Fri – October 12, 2018** - **Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium**
- Sat – October 13, 2018** - **Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium**
- Sun – October 14, 2018** - **Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium ends at 2 pm**

November 2018

Thu – November 15, 2018 - Payments Due for 2019 Futurities (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American)

December 2018

Sat – December 1, 2018 - Payments Due for 2019 Derbies (Ruidoso, Rainbow & All American) and NM Bred Races (Zias, Mountain Tops, & Senor/Senoritas)

Color Code Key

- Red Color** - **Horse Races**
- Green Color** - **Events**
- Blue Color** - **Invitation Only Events**
- Black Color** - **Other Important Dates**
- Orange Color** - **Weekend Themes**