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Cherokee rodeo brings thrills, spills

CHEROKEE, N.C. The 4th Annual Seven Clans Rodeo comes to Cherokee Sept. 2–3, serving up a generous portion of bronco busting, bucking bulls, saddle bronco, barrel racing and all sorts of skilled competition by top-named riders.

The Southern Rodeo Association-sanctioned event begins both days at 8 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Location: adjacent to Oconaluftee Islands Park in Cherokee.

General admission, Friday through Saturday Night: adults, \$12 in advance/\$15 at the gate. Children (12 and under), \$6 in advance/\$8 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased at Alan’s Jewelry & Pawn, Asheville and Cherokee locations, and the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce. Ticket sales are cash only.

For additional information call: Frieda Huskey; 828-359-6492

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a sovereign nation with more than 15,000 enrolled members and is the only federally recognized Native American tribe in North Carolina. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians makes its home on the 56,600-acre Qualla Boundary in five Western North Carolina counties about an hour west of Asheville and at the entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park.