

I wanted to let you know the rodeo team at the University of Tennessee at Martin will be again hosting a rough stock and bull fighting school in April at our indoor practice facility. We are excited it will once again be put on by the professional staff from Sankey Rodeo Schools. Lyle Sankey and his staff put on quality rodeo schools throughout the country, and we feel they are great at giving each rider individual attention. Lyle qualified for the NFR in Bare Back, Saddle Bronc, and Bull Riding and is one of only four men to accomplish that feat. He also won the Bull Riding Average twice at the NFR, riding nine bulls for each of those wins. Lyle was inducted into the PBR's "Ring of Honor" and you can hear Ty Murray, Donnie Gay, Coach Luthi and other rodeo legends talk about Lyle at this link: <http://www.pbr.com/en/riders/heroes-and-legends/ring-of-honor/2017/lyle-sankey.aspx>

This is a great chance for beginners to learn to ride in a safe, controlled, environment. For the more advanced students it's a chance to gain that edge to help go from good to great. Some students come to get better in their favorite event while others want to determine if rough stock riding is for them. There will be stock for all levels of experience, bucking machines, drills and video replays of rides. A big plus is they let you borrow any and all equipment a rider needs while at the school. That way they do not have to put out a big investment for equipment they may not need. If they do choose to purchase equipment, they will get a special student discount.

For those student-athletes that are looking for a college rodeo team or scholarship opportunities, it is a great chance to visit the UT Martin campus – maybe take a school tour on Friday, and meet the coaching staff and some current and past rodeo team members.

This year the school is again 2 days, April 10 - 11. For more information you may call the UTM Rodeo Office at 731-881-7426 or check out the Sankey Rodeo Schools website at [www.sankeyrodeo.com](http://www.sankeyrodeo.com) for details and registration.

Could you please pass this information on to any of your state contestants that might be interested? Thank you very much for your help. Best of luck for a successful 2021.