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Hunting, Fishing, Team Roping and the Shrine Circus Under the EXPO Big Top This Weekend

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – This weekend, Tingley Coliseum once again plays host to the ever popular Shrine Circus, while Bob Gerding’s Outdoor Adventure Hunting & Fishing expo and the New Mexico Invitational Team Roping competition take place at other locations on the State Fairgrounds.

“There’s almost always something going on at EXPO,” said General Manager Craig Swagerty. “A lot of people still think we’re just about the State Fair and the Flea Market, and while those are both very important events – our bread and butter, in fact – the reality is that we host more than 200 other events throughout the course of every year.”

“Our Events staff works around the clock all year to bring a wide variety of events to the grounds.” Swagerty continued. “Our goal is to provide diverse, top-notch events to Albuquerque – everything from rodeos and circuses to trade shows and premier arts and entertainment – for families and individuals alike.”

Bob Gerding’s Outdoor Adventures Hunting & Fishing Show 2011 takes place in the Manuel Lujan Complex on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 12, 13 and 14. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 adults and children age 12 and older. Children under 12 are admitted free. Sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish and KZRR 94 Rock, this is unquestionably the best show of its kind in New Mexico. Guides, outfitters and exhibitors from all across the United State and beyond will be on-hand to present hands-on demonstrations, informative seminars and fun activities for kids. Door prizes and special trips will be given away. Visit <http://www.bobsoutadv.com/>.

The 2011 Shrine Circus takes place in Tingley Coliseum on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 11, 12 and 13. Show times are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Box seats are \$23, general admission is \$7 (age 12 and under) & \$11 (age 13 and over). Box seats are available for an additional \$5 each, and special end boxes are available for an additional \$3 each. All tickets are available at the Shrine Circus Box Office (505-255-5329). Tickets will be available at the Tingley Box Office the day of each performance ONLY, opening at 3 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Annual Shrine Circus is one of the largest fund-raising events sponsored by the Shriners. The Shrine Circus provides a quality, fun-filled, family experience with proceeds going to a great cause – the good work of Shriners in your community and their official philanthropy, children's hospitals. So come out, one and all, and join the circus for the day. Visit <http://www.abqshrinecircus.com/> for more information.

The New Mexico Invitational Team Roping Competition takes to the Indoor Horse Arena on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13. Registration and entry start at 9 a.m., roping competition begins at 10 a.m. both days. Admission to the public is free.

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