

Coach Kevin Sumlin named Grand Marshal of HLS&R Downtown Rodeo Parade

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With a more-than-successful first season in the NCAA Southeastern Conference behind him, Texas A&M University's head football coach Kevin Sumlin will help kick off the world's largest livestock show and rodeo as grand marshal of the Downtown Rodeo Parade, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013.

"We are elated to have Coach Sumlin serve as the grand marshal in the 2013 Downtown Rodeo Parade," said R.H. "Steve" Stevens Jr., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo chairman of the board. "His leadership of the Texas A&M football team during its first year in the SEC is commendable. It is truly exciting for this proud Texas A&M graduate to have Coach Sumlin and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band leading the Downtown Rodeo Parade."

Sumlin, a two-time national coach of the year finalist, became the head football coach at Texas A&M in December 2011. He led the Aggies through their inaugural year in the SEC, ending the season at No. 5, with a Cotton Bowl win against the University of Oklahoma. Sumlin also coached the first-ever freshman Heisman Trophy winner, Aggie quarterback Johnny Manziel.

No stranger to Houston, Sumlin coached at the University of Houston from 2008 to 2011. There, he led the UH Cougars to a school-record 12 victories, and the school's highest finish in the BCS standings in 2011.

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The Downtown Rodeo Parade will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. Preceding the parade is the 25th annual ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run, which has contributed more than \$3.3 million to the Show's Educational Fund since it began in 1988.

Schedule

- 9:10 a.m. wheelchair race

- 9:20 a.m. 10K race

- 9:45 a.m. 5K fun run/walk

- 10 a.m. Downtown Rodeo Parade

Route Change

(map available at <http://www.rodeohouston.com/parade>)

Due to location changes with METRORail, the Downtown Rodeo Parade route has changed.

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- ends at Lamar and Bagby

Tips for Viewing the Parade

- Arrive early to secure a viewing spot along the route.

Many streets in the downtown area begin closing early the morning of the parade. Visit <http://www.rodeohouston.com/parade> for street closures.

- The best places to view the parade are on Louisiana, from Bell to Lamar, and on Lamar, from Louisiana to Smith.
- The parade will not travel down Texas Avenue, as it has in the past.
- Bagby and Walker streets, from Sabine Street to Bagby, will be off limits for viewing.

Parking:

- o Alley Theater Garage
- o Lyric Center
- o 1100 Smith Garage

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- o 1400 Louisiana Garage

- o Theater District Parking

Street Parking

Texas and Smith

Smith and Preston

Smith and Dallas

Smith and Clay

- The ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run will run the entire parade route.

- The ConocoPhillips run can also be viewed along Allen Parkway from I-45 to Shepherd/Kirby.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since its beginning in 1932, the Show has committed more than \$330 million to the youth of Texas. The 2013 Show runs Feb. 25 – March 17. For tickets and more information, visit www.rodeohouston.com.

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