

17th Annual Miss Days of '76 Queen Contest

**Sunday, July 19, 2026
Days of '76 Museum & Days of '76 Arena
Deadwood, South Dakota**

Please Note: We will operate on a rolling schedule. Please plan accordingly.

Sunday – July 19, 2026

10 am – Contestant Check-in – Days of '76 Museum Mary Adams Room

Arrive in Fashion Forward outfit

Photogenics photoshoot in Fashion Forward outfit

Judges orientation and coffee

10:30 am – Welcome Contestants and Judges – OPEN TO PUBLIC

10:35 am – Introductions – OPEN TO PUBLIC

SENIOR, JUNIOR, PRINCESS lined up at the side of the room in order.

Contestant introduction (Name, age, hometown, family members in attendance, fun fact)

10:40 am – Fashion Forward Style Show – OPEN TO PUBLIC

SENIOR, JUNIOR, PRINCESS

Model then answer one draw question.

Model with age group and line up for judges final look and photo.

11:10 am – Change into Western Glamour Outfit

11:20 am – Modeling & Impromptu Speech – OPEN TO PUBLIC

PRINCESS, JUNIOR, SENIOR

Model Western Glamour outfit to written script then give impromptu speech.

Speech time limit 1.5 to 2.5 minutes.

Model with age group and line up for judges final look and photo.

12:00 pm – Change into Interview outfit

12:10 pm – Media Interviews – OPEN TO PUBLIC

PRINCESS, JUNIOR, SENIOR

Each contestant in the division will answer the same 3 media type questions.

Seated in the audience.

Model with age group and line up for judges final look and photo.

12:40 pm – Lunch – Sponsored by Committee - (Open to contestants, visiting queens, and judges)

Judging of photogenics photos

1:30 pm – Personal Interviews and test – CLOSED (NO AUDIENCE)

SENIOR, JUNIOR, PRINCESS

While awaiting personal interview, vote for Miss Congeniality and Seniors/Juniors take test.

Following interview, change into Horsemanship outfit, clean up changing space, tack horse.

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN INTERVIEW ROOM

3:30 pm – Horsemanship Warm-up – Take the arena as soon as it is clear of steer roping

4 pm – Horsemanship – OPEN TO PUBLIC

1. 2026 Miss Rodeo South Dakota/2025 Miss Days of '76 Madison Arnold will set the pattern for Junior and Senior contestants.
2. 2026 Days of '76 Princess Kelsa Foreman will set the pattern.

Go #1: Set pattern

Queen Wave Presentation

Horsemanship Interview: Juniors/Seniors dismount/mount for interview

Go #2: Flag Presentation – Juniors/ Seniors only

Unannounced Horsemanship event

5 pm – Final discussion about coronation with coordinator. Do not leave the arena until all contestants have completed horsemanship. Contestants are then dismissed.

**Monday, July 20, 2026
Outlaw Square
Deadwood, South Dakota**

Monday – July 20, 2026 – 10 am – Queen Coronation – OPEN TO PUBLIC

Horsemanship or arena outfit of choice.

1. Days of '76 Princess 2026
2. Jr. Miss Days of '76 2026
3. Miss Days of '76 2026

The new 2026 Miss Days of '76 and Jr. Miss Days of '76 will carry flags and help at all rodeo performances and both parades. The new 2026 Days of '76 Princess is encouraged to attend all events, autograph signings, rodeos, and ride in parades, but she will not ride or carry flags in the rodeo.

All contestants (even if you do not win a category) meet with coordinator following coronation for awards and judges' comment sheets. Score sheets WILL NOT be provided to contestants per the handbook.