

Camping at the Stonyford Rodeo May 5-7, 2023

Come to the 80th Annual Stonyford Rodeo, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) event on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, and a local amateur event on Sunday, May 7. With its 2020 census population of 127 (700 to 800 more in outlying ranches and communities), Stonyford is likely the smallest venue in the United States to host a PRCA rodeo. While the community is too small to support a motel, it has great camping locations.

The nearby East Park Reservoir provides lakeside camping sites on its Lodoga and Stonyford ends. The Lodoga end is eight miles from the arena and the Stonyford end is two miles away. The campsites are managed by Colusa County and there is a fee for camping there. Information is available at www.countyofcolusa.org/629/Parks-Recreation.

For convenience to rodeo and other local activities, the best place to camp is in the large area behind (east) of the rodeo arena. This area is managed by the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association in the persons of Germaine Burrows and her crew of dedicated volunteers. This area has plenty of trees and easy access to the arena, restrooms, and local businesses. Camping charge is \$30/vehicle and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to safety requirements, **NO** guns, fireworks, motorcycles, ATVs or similar-type vehicles are allowed on the property. This camping site regularly draws several hundred people each year. They begin arriving the weekend before the rodeo and often remain several days past. On rodeo weekend, parties abound at the end of the day and may include rodeo contestants and staff.

Tickets are available at www.stonycreekhorsemen.org and at the following locations: Stonyford General Store, Stonyford; Carl's Feed, Willows; Boot Barn, Chico & Yuba City; Bucke's Feed & Grain, Orland; Marie's Lakeshore Feed, Clearlake; Rainbow Ag, Lakeport; and Ace Hardware, Arbuckle.

Pre-rodeo ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, ages 7-12. General admission at the Gate on Friday and Saturday: \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (7-12). Gates open at 3 p.m. on Friday, 11a.m., on Saturday, and 10 a.m., on Sunday. At the Gate on Sunday: Persons age 13 & older: \$5; age 12 & younger: Free. All tickets are general admission (except VIP top row and Box Seats tickets). General Admission seating is first-come, first-serve. So, you will need to get to the area early for choice of seat.

VIP (chair seats at the top of our grandstand) tickets Pre-Sale are \$20, VIP tickets at the Gate are \$25. Call 530-963-3197 for information on VIP seating availability.

