

Professional Rodeo Is Coming to Stonyford

Mark your calendar, it's getting close! On Friday and Saturday, May 5 & 6, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) is bringing exciting rodeo action to the 80th Annual Stonyford Rodeo. To complete the rodeo weekend, local amateurs will compete on Sunday, May 7.

This rodeo has been a fixture of Stonyford life since its first outing in 1939. It became an annual affair in 1943 with the formation of the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association, Inc. Since that time, a rodeo has appeared every year until the Coronavirus shut it down in 2020. It was back in 2021; 2023 will be its third continuous running post-Coronavirus, and its 80th overall.

Many friends will return to entertain Stonyford's rodeo fans: Kelly Kenney will be back as our announcer and J.J. Harrison as our clown and barrelman. Tim and Haley Bridwell will bring their Bridwell Pro Rodeos Company back as stock contractors. They took over from Growney Bros. in 2018. They will also be bringing the Bull Fighters, Pick-up Men, and Timers. Their people are all top-flight rodeo professionals who have won awards in their own specialties.

Tickets will be available in mid-March 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 \$10 for adults and \$5 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 tickets Pre-Sale are \$20, VIP tickets at the Gate are \$25. Call 530-963-3197 for information on VIP seating availability.

