



# BOZEMAN ROUNDUP RANCH RODEO

*Presented by*



## ***How a Ranch Rodeo Works***

*This is a true rancher's rodeo! The events mirror the ranching livelihood out in big country Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and beyond. Unlike a pro rodeo, a ranch rodeo is made up of teams of up to five people.*

## ***Some of the Rules***

- Teams must have both genders*
- Teams must have one bronc rider*
- Sportsmanship is mandatory!*
- The more colorful the teams, the better!*

## **THE EVENTS**

*Points are added up in each of the following events.*

### ***Team Sorting***

*This is top quality workmanship exhibited by cowboys. Done nearly everyday on the ranch, this event focuses on 'sorting off' a cow from the herd and moving her to another location. It takes a horse with 'cow sense' to help calmly navigate the herd. Today you will see teams sort five cows out of the herd. On top of all that, teams will only have two minutes to get it done.*

### ***Trailer Loading***

*One of the fan favorites, teams must get a cow into a livestock trailer. This is modeled after work on the open range where they are miles from home – perhaps a cow is sick and needs veterinary care back at the ranch. It takes strategy to rope the cow, get her loaded, then load two horses, too! Time stops when three team members have jumped into the pickup truck!*

### ***Team Doctoring***

*Back to that veterinary conversation – ranchers take ultra-care of their animals to make certain they are healthy and happy. Sometimes though, someone is sick. In Team Doctoring, a steer is roped and tied down for any needed medication or injury-fixin'. Here's the trick: the steer needs to stay tied down for at least six seconds so the cowboys need to have their tie ropes knotted well (those steers are super strong!). These small ropes are called piggin' strings.*

## The Hide Race

*This race is a reflection of the fun cowboys and cowgirls like to have once in a while! One cowboy rides the cowhide, and another rides the horse, pulling him or her down the arena. Fastest team wins!*

## Ranch Bronc Riding

*Very similar to what you will see in a PRCA or NRA Rodeo, bronc riders need to stay on for a full eight seconds as they buck a bronc out of the chute. However, riders are judged by style, control, degree of bronc difficulty, and even creativity. They also need to ride in a regular ranch saddle, instead of a bronc saddle more typical of PRCA.*

## Team Branding

*You've heard the saying "Ride for the Brand." Ranches identify their cattle with brands, a hallmark of our country's history and critically important for cattle safety from cattle rustlers (yes, thievery still happens today). In Team Branding, the team must rope three calves to be branded. Ropers need to enter the pen, rope the calf, and time stops when team members have finished the third calf for the brand.*

## Wild Cow Milking

*This is the #1 event – fans love it! Full of calamity, Wild Cow Milking is all about milking a cow under a two-minute limit. Teams go all at once, searching for their designated cow. Once roped, a cowboy has to get her milked! This event shows what it's like when a momma cow has a calf, and isn't too keen on letting the calf nurse. A cowboy has to make sure the calf is fed, and sometimes this is the only way to get 'er done out in big country.*



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