

# Plan Now To Attend Wojo's Rodeo

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The earlier rodeo time of 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 26 helps accommodate a 10:00 p.m. Saturday, Street Dance.

Bringing the rodeo to the Potato Days Festival is Wojo's Rodeo. Owned and operated out of Greenbush, MN by Dana, Keith, Kally and Tylor Wojciechowski. For them, it is a family affair. Dana does administrative and marketing for the rodeo. Keith has been training horses for more than 30 years. Kally and Tylor train horses, also, and they all work with the animals.

Wojo's Rodeo brings everything needed for the rodeo: the horses, cattle, goats, arena and staff. They also are the stock contractors as they breed and train most of the animals they own. The stock are Corriente cattle selected and raised primarily as sports cattle.

"There are bucking dummies for bucking stock, a device you put on them when running through the chutes," explained Dana. "We train the horses for team roping as well. We put up panels for calves so they run straight down. Horses need to be trained to go into a chute and out the out gate - it requires

repetition."

"Our rodeo company is more into the whole family event. We train our calves, we train everything. People often comment, 'Your calves go to the out gate real easy,' yea, well, we put up an alleyway to run them down and a barrel where they are to go out," Keith explained. "We might do that 50 times with the calves before we ever rope them. We spend a lot of time training."

"You train them to do what you want and they listen to you. If they don't want to buck, we just don't use them any longer, you can't force them to buck, they're bred to do it," Keith advised. "We tried to use regular animals we buy from the sale barn but it doesn't work. They have to want to or there's no reason to even ask them to. They are really cool. I've been an animal lover all my life. They are athletes. If the mares buck the colts usually buck. It's in the breeding."

Wojo's Rodeo operates their own rodeo circuit. Members of the circuit register for each event they want at any specific rodeo. Contestants buy a membership with Wojo's, which enables them to enter all of the rodeos they produce. Contestants earn points at each rodeo in which they participate and points are



accumulated throughout the season for year end standings. Those in the top 10 in points get to enter and compete in the performance at the finals in Thief River Falls, MN. Those not in the top 10 are still able to enter and compete, however,

they do not get to compete in the performance, they compete in the slack section at finals. Many of our contestants also compete in other rodeos throughout MN as well. Most rodeos have the same or very similar rules in all the events.

Come cheer on the local wranglers riding in Wojo's Rodeo at 7 p.m. Friday, August 25 and at 6 p.m. August 26! Note the earlier time for Saturdays rodeo which was scheduled to accommodate the Street Dance which starts at 10 p.m.

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