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For the Red Bluff Round-Up

## **LOYAL ROUND-UP FANS**

*College friends, family gather yearly at Red Bluff Round-Up*

Red Bluff, Calif. (April 3, 2023) – Every year, a group of Chico residents makes Red Bluff their home for two days.

Since 1993, a group of friends makes their way to the Red Bluff Round-Up to attend the rodeo and spend time together.

It started with several Chico State students when they were in their twenties, looking for something fun to do, and has now expanded to their spouses, family and friends.

Spearheaded by Chico residents Tina Cardin and her husband Andy, they bring their campers, park in a wagon-wheel circle, and attend the Saturday and Sunday shows of the Round-Up.

About forty people, mostly from Chico, are part of the group. Cardin said there are between five and eight families who head to the Round-Up yearly.

As time passes, their activities have changed. “When we were young,” Cardin said, “we’d got to the bars and the dance. Then we started having kids, and our priorities were the parade and church.”

They plan their evening meals: usually pizza and salad one night and a potluck the other night. People bring grills and share food. “There’s never a shortage of food,” she said.

The Cardins have been known to bring other things: like an inflatable bouncy house one year, and a swimming pool another year, when it was hot. One year Cardin brought baby goats from the petting zoo she runs.

And when the Round-Up falls on Easter Sunday, they’ve had Easter egg hunts for the kids.

One tradition that keeps going is the Silly String Fight. It started when the kids were young, and every Sunday, “we would do a silly string fight,” Cardin said, “and the kids would expect it. Now most of our kids are way older and they say, ‘we have to have the fight, to teach the little kids the tradition.’”

Tina and Andy are the only couple who has never missed a year of the Round-Up (except for 2020, when it was canceled due to the pandemic.) One other couple has missed only one year, and that's because the wife's water broke on the way to the Round-Up, and their daughter was born a few weeks early.

They love the tradition and atmosphere of the Round-Up. "The rodeo itself has the beliefs we all believe in," Cardin said. "There's a lot of family, faith, and our country's traditions."

This year, Tina and Andy's second child, a son, has high school prom the same weekend as the Round-Up. Tina will drive home to take pictures, then drive back to the Round-Up.

No one in the group has ever participated in rodeo, but they enjoy the event.

"We're just a group of people that love rodeo and love getting together at the Red Bluff Round-Up."

This year's Red Bluff Round-Up is April 21-23, with performances beginning at 7 pm on April 21, 2:30 pm on April 22, and 1:30 pm on April 23. Tickets range in price from \$20-\$40 and are available online at [RedBluffRoundup.com](http://RedBluffRoundup.com), at the Round-Up Museum (670 Antelope Blvd., Suite 1, Red Bluff) and at the gate.

For more information, visit the website or call the Round-Up office at 530.527.1000.

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Chico friends (from left to right) Jeni Borgman, Lisa Jackson, Tina Cardin, and Stacy Runyen, gather at the Red Bluff Round-Up, an annual tradition since 1993. Photo courtesy Tina Cardin.

931: The kids pose for a photo at the Red Bluff Round-Up. Their parents have made the trek to the Round-Up every year, bringing along their kids and now grandkids. Photo courtesy Tina Cardin.