THERMOPOLIS COWBOY RENDEZVOUS PRCA RODEO



"Wild Bunch"



The original "Wild Bunch" members were the last of the old-time outlaws, a colorful group of bandits who spent a considerable amount of time in and around Wyoming's Big Horn Basin throughout the 1890's. Since Hot Springs County's first known rodeo was held near the "Big Spring" (present day Thermopolis) in 1895, it's very possible these desperados attended one of the early performances.

In the early 1900's, the annual rodeo became very popular and in the 40's and 50's the Thermopolis rodeo was one of the biggest and best in the United States. A major contributor to the rodeo's success was the efforts of a fantastic "booster club" whose members travelled all over the west promoting their local event through participation in parades and festivals.



We are quite proud to say that today Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous is still a "living legacy!" Our "Wild Bunch" is a group of rodeo fans who are dedicated not only to the success of our annual rodeo but to seeing it restored to the grandeur of former years! These devoted enthusiasts are the backbone of the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA Rodeo. Their steadfast commitment to this rodeo provides a solid foundation of financial support. With a spirit of fervent comradery, we invite you to join the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous Wild Bunch! Along with membership package incentive, members receive recognition in our rodeo program.

We encourage you to review our membership levels and chose the one which best reflects your commitment. Make your tax deductible contribution by returning completed membership form with appropriate funds to the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA Rodeo Committee, Attn: Wild Bunch, P. O. Box 206, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

"Wild Bunch" Membership 2017

The "Butch Cassidy" Membership- \$500

"Butch Cassidy" aka Robert Leroy Parker, was born in Beaver, Utah, on April 13, 1866. He became a cowboy while in his



teens and met outlaw Mike Cassidy, adopting Cassidy's name after joining him in rustling cattle in Utah and Colorado. He got the nickname "Butch" after working briefly as a butcher in Rock Springs, Wyoming. A quick draw, known for his sense of humor, Butch Cassidy could shoot a playing card dead center at 50 paces. Since Butch Cassidy was the founder and leader of the original "Wild Bunch" we are honoring his contribution with this premier package option. This most prestigious package includes 4 tickets to both Friday and Saturday night's rodeo performance, complimentary dinner with contestants each night for 4 people, 4 drink tickets each night as well as two custom embroidered rodeo stadium seats. (Up to three people per membership)

The "Sundance Kid" Membership- \$250

Harry Alonzo Longabaugh, better known as the "Sundance Kid" was born in Mont Claire, Pennsylvania in 1867. In 1887, Longabaugh stole a gun, horse and saddle from a ranch in Sundance, Wyoming. While attempting to flee, he was captured



and convicted, earning him the name of "Sundance Kid." He joined the "Wild Bunch" and went on the longest crime spree in the history of the American West. In spite having the reputation of being the fastest gunslinger in the "Wild Bunch," the "Sundance Kid" was not known for killing men. To honor this outlaw's easy nature, we offer this package which includes 2 tickets to Friday and Saturday night's rodeo performance, 2 drink tickets each night and 2 Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous "Rodeopolis" t-shirts. (Up to two people per membership)

The "Kid Curry" Membership- \$150

Harvey Alexander Logan, born in Richland Township, Tama County, Iowa in 1867, was orphaned by his mother and



befriended a man named "Flat Nose" George Curry, from whom he took his new last name. "Kid Curry" known to be one of the "wildest" of the "Wild Bunch," had a reputation as a fierce gunslinger. Reputed to return from a train or bank robbery, get drunk and lay up with prostitutes until his share of the take was gone, "Kid Curry" was credited with fathering as many as eighty-five children. (Historians believe the actual number to be around five.) Consistent with the "prolific" nature of this outlaw we are offering this productive package which includes 2 tickets to Friday Night's rodeo performance, 2 drink tickets and a Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA Rodeo ball cap. (One person per membership)

"Wild Bunch" Membership 2017 Member Name(s) ______ Mailing Address _____ e-mail _____ Telephone _____ "Butch Cassidy" Membership _____ "Sundance Kid" Membership _____ "Kid Curry" Membership T-shirt sizes ("Sundance Kid" package) S ____ M ____ L ___ XL ___ XXL ____ Please make membership checks payable to "Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous Rodeo." Return membership

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form and fees to: Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous Rodeo, P. O. Box 206, Thermopolis, WY 82443