

STATESIDE JOTTINGS



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Pendleton holds as fantastic 'get to gather' every September. Among other activities is the Round-up "Let 'er Buck" rodeo that ranks in the top ten of the world. There is generally over ten thousand people that come to Pendleton for the Round-up.

The Roundup has been held annually for over a hundred years. Generally the top performers in the world attend to show their top line action. The weather in Pendleton is very good so a person can attend without fear of bad weather. The seating is great and gives attendants very good close visions of the show. The first event was in 1910. It was a grand first event that gathered over 7,000 individuals and had Native Indians as well.

Native Americans have been a part of the 'round up' since its first show.





The Indians from seven or so Northwest tribes camp in the Tepee City and perform various Native events for the spectators. They always have a great show with dancing and other special items that have always part of their heritage. The natives set up a special 'town' with tepees and other special sights. A few of the Indians get involved with some rodeo riding. On Saturday evening the Indians perform special presentations in the 'Happy Canyon' which is stadium for special events. The Indian Pageant and Wild West Show is given on the Saturday show where covered seating is available.

While in Pendleton you can also visit the famous Pendleton Woolen Mill. There is a guided tour of the operating mill. The products from this mill are known all over the world. Another great tour is of the Pendleton Underground where Chinese migrants were left to their own adventures. They had laundry service, Bordellos, Saloons, and other services that regular Pendleton population members did not want to show what they were doing. There are many small exhibits to take in.

Pendleton has definitely become a worldwide known and visited place that receives thousands of people each year. The town offers a scene for everyone and is very responsive of special handicap needs for all its visitors.

