

FORT BRIDGER RENDEZVOUS ASSOCIATION

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To Promote, Educate and Re-Live the History, Culture and
Life Ways of the Fur Trade Era of the American West 1790 -1840.



PRIMITIVE COMMERCIAL TRADER / DEMO APPLICATION 2026

As of rendezvous 2004, The FBRA Board of Directors has made a decision to make the Fort Bridger Rendezvous an Invitation Only Event. Traders will be judged according to Trade Items, Food items, Display, Personal Conduct and Compliance with the Rules and Regulations. Violations may result in a loss of invitation.

By submitting an application and fees, this does not guarantee a Trade Space on the Fort Grounds. Your cleared check is not a guarantee. FBRA encourages all traders / vendors to apply. If you wish to be eligible for a Trade / Vender Space, your application must be postmarked by January 1, 2026. All spaces after January 1, 2026 will be charged a \$10.00 late fee and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Confirmations will be mailed out no later than April 1, 2026 for applications submitted by January 1, 2026.

No refunds will be issued after August 1, 2026

Please print your name and address information clearly in ink. **FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY!**
(This is a digital form and can be filled out then printed)

Business Name: _____

Personal Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Required

Trade / Vender Spot (limited to 20x20 ft. each) Before January 1, 2026, \$125.00 _____
After January 1, 2026, \$135.00 _____

Primitive Camp behind Trade Space \$70.00 _____

Traders Offsite Camping \$70.00 _____

Blanket Space (10x10) \$65.00 _____

F.B.R.A. Membership Dues \$20.00 _____
(Beginning of Rendezvous to the Beginning of Rendezvous)

If you would like a primitive camp spot not with your trader space please fill out a separate camping application

Check # _____ TOTAL \$ _____ cash or check*

2025 Trade Space # _____ Desired 2026 Trade Space # _____ # of People in Trade Spot _____

Years at Fort Bridger: _____ Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Booshway and the F.B.R.A. Board reserve the right to accept or reject ANY application. By signing this application, you state that you and all those associated with your Trade and Camp Spaces will abide by the Rules and Regulations set by the F.B.R.A. and the State of Wyoming.

The F.B.R.A. operates under a contract with the State of Wyoming. This contract contains a grievance procedure which we are required to follow. If you have a problem which you have not been able to resolve with the help of a F.B.R.A. Board, please contact the F.B.R.A. Secretary at the registration building for a copy of the grievance policy. After Rendezvous the F.B.R.A. Secretary may be contacted by mail, phone, or email as listed above to obtain this policy.

Please read all Rules and Regulations, Thank You.

***Make checks payable to Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association**

**FORT BRIDGER RENDEZVOUS ASSOCIATION
PRIMITIVE COMMERCIAL TRADER/DEMO
LEASE AGREEMENT**

This agreement is made and entered into the date last affixed, by and between the Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association hereinafter referred to as F.B.R.A. 1967 North 950 West, Clinton, Utah 84015 and Primitive Commercial Trader/Demo name, address and phone number attached, hereinafter referred to as Trader/Demo.

There is a Mandatory Traders Meeting Thursday or Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the Bandstand.

The Trader/Demo desires to lease exhibit space at the Fort Bridger Rendezvous subject to the conditions stated herein. It is expressly understood that space, space location is allocated at the sole and complete discretion of F.B.R.A. **and that you are here by invitation of the FBRA.** The parties agree as follows:

1. **Space Number:** F.B.R.A. leases to the Trader/Demo space no. _____ from the Thursday prior to the Tuesday following Labor Day, to coincide with the annual Fort Bridger Rendezvous.
 - A. Recognize one parking pass per space, free parking space is limited, and is first come first serve. Once lot is full, parking is available on the Hopkinson property for an additional fee of \$5.00. Additional camp or camper space is available on the Hopkinson property for an additional fee.
2. **Purpose:** The Trader/Demo shall use said space for the exhibition and sale of appropriate goods. Space shall also be used for primitive demonstration. All Trader/Demo shall comply with list of inappropriate items and reasonable requests made by the Trade Committee.
3. **Display Times:** *No trading or open display to anyone prior to Friday at 8:00 a.m. and must be open for trading and display until Monday at 4:00 p.m.* Gates are open to the public Friday 8:00 a.m. to Monday 4:00 p.m. The Trader/Demo agrees to have his/her space set-up and ready to rendezvous no later than 8:00 a.m. the Saturday prior to Labor Day. No vehicles allowed after Friday by 10:00 pm. Vehicles may not enter the site until 4: 00 p.m. on Monday, Labor Day. All structures and displays must be down and off site by 12:00 noon the Tuesday following Labor Day.
4. **Rent:** The Trader/Demo shall pay to F.B.R.A. the agreed rental of space at the time of application. Due January 1st of each year. Application received after January 1st will be on a first come first serve basis. Request for refund must be made by August 1st, and will be given only if F.B.R.A. is able to fill the cancelled space.
5. **F.B.R.A. Access:** F.B.R.A. and its agents or assigns shall have access to the described space and premises at all times.
6. **Location:** F.B.R.A. reserves the right to locate any Trader/ Demo where it is in the best interest of F.B.R.A. F.B.R.A. reserves the right to cancel or refuse ANY Trader /Demo that is not in the best interest of F.B.R.A. at any time.
7. **Regulations:** The Trader / Demo activities and conduct shall be governed by the policies stated in the Trader/Demo/Camper Rendezvous Rules and Regulations, which is made a part of this agreement by reference as though contained fully herein.
8. **Conduct:** The Trader /Demo Shall conduct the operation of their assigned space in an orderly and respectful manner at all times and shall keep the area neat, clean, and free from rubbish. It is understood that the Trader /Demo is responsible for the actions of his/her family members, employees, partners, volunteers, or any other person or persons connected to his/her space or spaces.
9. **Sound Devices:** There shall be no use of any sound device by the Trader/ Demo. F.B.R.A. reserves the right to allow any such devices as it deems necessary.
10. **Structure Size:** Due to the limitation of space, tents/tipis shall not exceed 20x20 feet unless prior arrangements have been made. If ropes or poles extend beyond the space allotted permission of the neighboring space must be given. Ropes, poles, or stakes must be set back away from normal walkways and must not obstruct the normal flow of traffic.
11. **Safety:** The Trader/Demo shall provide a fire extinguisher with a current inspection sticker to be located at each display. The extinguisher shall be rated at least a 2A-10B;C and shall be within the assigned space. The Trader/Demos shall maintain all fire extinguishers.

12. **Shipment:** All shipments are the responsibility of the Trader/Demo and are to be received outside of the Fort grounds.
13. **Indemnity:** The Trader/Demo shall release indemnity and hold harmless the F.B.R.A. and the State of Wyoming and their officers, agents, employees, successors and assignees from any cause of action or claims or demands arising out of this agreement.
14. **Insurance:** The State of Wyoming's Workers Compensation insurance nor the Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association's liability insurance does not cover the Trader/Demo. Any liabilities incurred in the Trader/Demos assigned space is the sole responsibility of that Trader/Demo.
15. **Laws:** The laws of the State of Wyoming shall govern the construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this agreement. The Courts of the State of Wyoming shall have jurisdiction over this agreement and the parties.
16. **Business:** The Trader/Demo shall not engage in any other business within the rendezvous site except that listed above and agrees to confine all Transactions to the reserved space. The Trader/Demo shall not place fliers, posters, etc. Within the rendezvous site.
17. **Unlawful or Dangerous Activity:** The Trader/Demo shall neither use nor occupy the premises or any part thereof for any unlawful, disreputable, or ultra-hazardous business purpose nor operate or conduct business in a manner constituting a nuisance of any kind. The Trader/Demo shall immediately upon notification of any unlawful, disreputable or ultra-hazardous use, or nuisance, takes action to halt such activity.
18. **Sovereign Immunity:** The State of Wyoming and the Fort Bridger State Historic Site does not waive sovereign immunity and has no part in this agreement.
19. **Changes:** There will be no changes made to or deviation from the terms of this agreement, unless made in writing and signed by all parties hereto. **No** verbal agreements, past, present or future that are not incorporated in writing herein shall be valid or binding on either party. All representations regarding this agreement are contained herein and understood by the parties hereto.
20. **Assignment:** This agreement may not be assigned or transferred.
21. **Termination:** The F.B.R.A. reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time without cause.

This agreement consisting of 1 page, front and back, and the attached Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association Trader/Demo/Camper Rules and Regulations, represent the entire and integrated agreement.

I have fully read and understand the Trader/Demo contract and the FBRA Rules and Regulations. By signing this contract, I agree to abide by all rules and regulations required by FBRA and the State of Wyoming.

Please Print Name

***Signature

Date

E-MAIL COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED
fbrainc@hotmail.com

No Trade List Prohibited Items

The items listed below are no to be sold

Please remember this is a Mountain Man Era, 1825-1840 period event. Those representing an earlier period are considered guests of this rendezvous. This is not a Trade Show, Rock Show, Trade Festival, Cowboy, Civil War, etc. event.

Animal Parts and Fur

- Claws and teeth from any illegal animal
- Fake fur or fake coonskin caps. No fur dyed bright colors
- Feathers- no unnatural bright colors, illegal birds of prey, etc.
- Horns- exotic carved or raw horns that are not native to North America
- Taxidermy animals
- Plastic or resin claws, elk teeth, talons, fingers, skulls, antlers

African/Australian Goods- Musical instruments, cloths

Badges- Law enforcement, etc.

Beads and Beadwork- beadwork needs to be period correct

- African beadwork- jewelry, crosses, art, etc.
- Doll necklaces, miniature beaded moccasins
- Fimo beads, modern beads, plastic beads
- Imported finished beadwork

Camp Furnishing, Cooking, Bedding and Personal Items

- Candles- anything modern, scented, colored
- Enamel Ware is not period but is considered rendezvous acceptable no modern green or red
- Flags- no nylon, should be period correct and material correct
- Incense and scented oils in modern containers
- Lanterns- Pakistan type (brass with etched glass)
- Plastic honey sticks
- Mexican blankets- pastel and fluorescent colors (old colors like the Rio Grande are o.k.)
- Modern cedar tourist boxes- discretionary item, no modern closures, snaps, synthetic material
- Pottery should be salt glazed with no modern art designs
- Quilts- no modern fabrics, colors, or prints (discretionary item)
- Soaps- other than those found at that time
- Utensils- cheap chrome items (ice cream scoops, etc), stainless steel
- Wooden products that the screws can be seen- Philips, Chromium

Children's Toys

- Bamboo bows, cap guns, cork guns, cross bows, rubber band guns
- Hackie sac, zingers
- Face painting
- Modern noise makers- bamboo flutes, train whistles
- Rubber Native American items, rubber insects or animals
- Wood broad swords- swords for kids can only be 18 inches in length from end to end including the hilt

Civil War Era Goods

Crafts- Non-Period

- Antler art- chandeliers, candleholders, non-period carvings, exotic carved, etc.
- Art paintings- anything non-period, open display of framed art, scenes painted on skulls, rocks, saw blades, buckskin
- Bird houses- decorated or painted, gourd, etc.
- Ceramics- modern vases, cups, pots, masks, etc.
- Dolls- modern, porcelain, rubber, kachina, plastic parts, etc.
- Mandellas, dream catchers- wall display
- Modern masks
- Wind chimes

Clothing and Accessories- all clothing must be from period correct patterns and styles

- Artificial sinew is accepted as a thread not a decoration.
- Belts- anything modern
- Belt buckles- any modern design
- Bright or florescent colors
- Cigarette lighter covers
- Cowboy era goods-clothing, riveted jeans, etc.
- Elastic suspenders
- Fasteners- snaps, velcro, zippers, etc.
- Hats- non-period hatpins, tacks, fake fur hatbands
- Indian shirts in obvious ethnic patterns

- Mexican blanket bags, ponchos or capotes
- Modern design on enameled pins, hat tacks, etc.
- Oval Conchos are from a later period than the Fur Trade-this one is a judgment call. If they are handmade and nice looking; no cheap looking stamp style
- Parasols- no florescent colors or plastic parts
- Rayon – no items made from Rayon or Synesthetic materials.
- Polyester – no item made from any kind of Polyester such as flags, clothing, banners, etc.
- Safety pins
- No sewing machines

Food Items- only dry goods are acceptable- beans, rice, tea, sugar, honey, real maple syrup, etc. Must be in period packaging.

Guns, Knives and Shooting

Knives will not be sold to anyone less than 18 Yrs. of age

- Knives- non-period folding, fishing knives, stainless steel, and modern type boot knives
- Pakistan type knife with unnatural handles, Malaysian style kris knives (wavy blades)
- Plastic handles, snap sheathes,
- Non-period revolvers (cap lock rifles are o.k.)
- Steel or Wood broad swords

Hangers- modern, wire

Jewelry- Must be period correct style, design and materials.

- All modern jewelry-rings, necklaces, earrings are unacceptable
- Beaded earrings were never made by Indians during the Fur Trade Era or even Reservation Era. They are modern Pow-Wow Jewelry. They are sometimes considered rendezvous acceptable if they are not made with modern colors, styles of beads and patterns- animal
- Copper bracelets or other jewelry stamped with tipi or thunderbirds, etc.
- Crystal ball necklaces and earrings, (claw, hand, wizard, etc.), modern metal pendants
- Dream catchers- earrings, necklaces, etc.
- Fimo beads, glass pendant- any
- Key chains- any, modern money clips
- Turquoise and coral jewelry-modern cut or production type
- Stones- polished stone jewelry, modern cut stones, onyx jewelry
- Hematite, magnetized hematite jewelry

Magazines, Books and Audio Tapes

- Openly displayed (period books or books portraying the time period are o.k.)
- Non period or historic related books, magazines

Nylon or Poly rope- or products made from it.

Novelty Items- we are not a novelty store

- Road kill items- joke items, rubber animals that jump out of a box, rattle snakes eggs.
- Fish Assholes and Fart Spoons, Horse Shoe puzzles etc, (fish assholes are spaghetti O's relabeled.) God's Eyes

Plastic- NO PLASTIC ANYTHING

- Beads bags, claws, elk teeth, talons, fingers, skulls, hatbands, charms, canteens, buttons, harmonicas, hair pipe, etc.

Phillips Head Screws- OK if not visible

Photo Booths- non-period

Rain Sticks

Stationary/writing materials

- Ballpoint pens
- Colored pencils
- Metal pencil sharpeners

Welded Items- unless you can grind out visible welds

Coins- No modern coins

This is a list of items we do not wish to see at rendezvous. It is not all-inclusive. Some items will be judged on a case-by-case basis. If you have documentation supporting something you want to have that is on this list or is questionable bring it with you.

I have read the FBRA Trade List, Rules and Regulations, and the Trader Contract. I agree to cooperate and abide by all rules.

Updated 7/24

Signature_____

Date_____

Print Name_____