



**FORT BRIDGER RENDEZVOUS ASSOCIATION
TRADER'S, DEMO'S, CAMPERS, & PARTICIPANT'S
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LENGTH OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS, BUT PLEASE READ THEM ANYWAY!! WHEN YOU SIGN YOUR SIGNATURE, IT IS YOUR BOND THAT YOU AND YOURS WILL ABIDE THEM. THANK YOU.

THIS IS AN INVITATION ONLY RENDEZVOUS.

We are determined to make this the best Rendezvous ever. In order to achieve this goal we feel that it is necessary to restate some of the Rules and Regulations.

Every year Traders, Demo's and Campers are informed of the Rules and Regulations concerning the Rendezvous, and every year we find individuals who try to bend the rules, or just outright ignore them! The rules are for **everyone** and no one is exempt. These few Trader's, Demo's and Camper's who choose to act in this manner are jeopardizing not only their contract to FBRA, but also our contract with the State of Wyoming, the authenticity and character of the event that many people have worked extremely hard to maintain. Because of these past difficulties we are instituting the following Rules and Regulations for the Fort Bridger Rendezvous.

1. The Fort Bridger Rendezvous Trade Committee will inspect each Trade Space, Demo Area and Camp Site to check for authenticity of Trade goods and Camp surroundings. Any items that are found that do not reflect the time period between 1820 to 1840 will have to be removed and put away. Any items found and are listed on the No Trade List must be removed. **THIS LIST IS THE FIRST WARNING. THE SECOND TIME A TRADER IS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THESE RULES, THE TRADER WILL BE ISSUED A WRITTEN WARNING. ON THE THIRD TIME THE TRADER IS FOUND IN VIOLATION, THE TRADER WILL BE ASKED TO CLOSE UP SHOP OR LEAVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE RENDEZVOUS.** They will also forfeit their right to return as a Trader the following year or longer. This decision will be made by the Booshway and the Trade Committee. There are many Traders on a waiting list for spots on Trader's Row who are willing to abide by all the Rules and Regulations.
 - a. Campers shall use said space for a primitive style camp and shall display only rendezvous acceptable camp equipment. All campers shall comply with any reasonable requests made by the campsite committee.
 - b. There will be items that will be found to be unacceptable and not on the list. Traders will be asked to put these items away; this will be the first warning on these items.
KNIVES: Please do not sell any knife to a child under 16, (A parent must be present for the sale of a knife.) In the past we have had Traders who have sold knives to children as young as 5 years old.
2. Traders, Campers and Demo's will be asked to Dog Soldier for a two-hour shift. It is necessary for each one of us to provide this service of security for each other. Volunteers should sign up at the Registration Building. If a volunteer from your Trade Space or Camp Site has not signed up, you will be asked to please do so.
3. For those who need to leave earlier than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, handcarts will be provided. Picture ID is also required. **Traders, Demo's and Campers arriving after 10:00 p.m. on Friday will have to pack their goods and camps in. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

4. **TRADER BUCKS** will be given. To make clear the policy on trader bucks, they are the same as cash, but can only be used at the Fort Bridger Rendezvous and are redeemable at the end of rendezvous starting at 2:00 pm on Monday. **TRADER BUCKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT FOR A TRADE OR CAMP SPOT FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** The Secretary will be on the fort grounds to redeem your trader bucks until 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Trader bucks must have embossed Trade Mark.
5. **No food of any kind will be sold by Traders. This includes candy, pickled eggs, jerky, root beer, sarsaparilla, etc. To sell food you must be set up in the Food Vendors area.**
6. Please keep in mind that we do not control parking or other activities outside of the Fort property. What happens out of our area is out of FBRA's control. FBRA will not be responsible for any loss or thefts on or off the grounds.
7. **VOLUNTEERS:** We have a great need for you. Please help with activities, shoots, kid games, dog soldiering, etc. You can sign up in registration.
8. **SIGNS:** Please make sure all signs are hand made. Trader with signs that are not handmade will be asked to remove them.
9. **DEER, MOOSE, ELK ANTLERS, & ANTELOPE HORNS:** If you carry horns and/or antlers in your Trade Space, prior approval from the State of Wyoming Dept. of Wildlife is required to transport into Wyoming. Notify the Game Warden two weeks in advance @ 307-782-6467. Antlers must be taken legally from animals and have documentation from the state in which animal is acquired. **Example:** Animals taken in Idaho require an Idaho tag or license with the skullcap and/or antlers. **Black bear claws require documentation and Grizzly Bear claws require every bit of documentation that can be obtained. If you do not comply with Wyoming State laws, you will be subject to confiscation of items and fines.**
10. **Definition of Period Dress:** Handmade clothing of buckskin, leather, calico, cotton, wool, canvas, or other materials used before 1840. This does not include any type of contemporary styled boots, shirts, plastic buttons, or rubber-soled shoes. The primary period to be represented is the **PRE-1840 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUR TRADE ERA.** (This period ran between 1820 and 1840.) This includes Mountain Men and Women's attire, American Indian attire, and Scottish & Highlander type clothing.
11. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE STAKES FROM THE GROUND OR CHANGE THE NUMBERS.** The numbers on the stakes are site #'s only and they help identify camps or trade spaces in cases of emergency. (Although you may place the stake close to your Trader's tent, Camp Spot, or Blanket Spot.)
12. **THERE WILL BE NO GROUND FIRES. ALL FIRES MUST BE AT LEAST 12 INCHES OFF OF THE GROUND. IF BURN SPOTS ARE FOUND YOU WILL BE FINED. ALL ASHES MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN AN ASH BARREL ONLY. NOT IN TRASH CANS OR DUMPSTERS.**
13. Please use the restroom facilities that are provided around the grounds. Save the bushes for the animals.
14. All Tipi Village participants are expected to keep their area and persons in camp Pre 1840 at all times during Rendezvous.
15. **Any Guests that remain after dark on the Fort Bridger State Historical site must also be in period attire or the guests will be escorted off of the State Park Site.**

- 16. All participants must be in period attire to trade or be involved in contests such as Shoots, Knife & Hawk throws, Cooking Contests, etc. (All residence of Tipi Village must also remain in period clothing.)**
17. Dept. of State Parks and Cultural resources Rules and Regulations: Chapter 1, Section 9, (a) Dogs, Cats and other pets are Prohibited, unless they are crated, caged or on a 10 ft leash or other wise under physical restrictive control at all times. (Minimum Fine is \$35.00.)
- a. Due to problems, which have arisen over the past few years, the FBRA is adopting the following policy concerning dogs on the Fort Bridger Rendezvous site.
 - b. Keep your dog under control at all times. Do not allow them to attack other dogs or humans.
 - c. Keep your dog quiet. Do not allow them to bark, whine or howl for an unreasonable length of time.

Upon the first violation of these rules, the dog owner or responsible party will be given a documented warning and will be required to take care of any associated problem. This warning can be issued by an FBRA official, State Park Employee or Law Enforcement Officer. The warning can be based on any incident, which is observed by or reported to any of these officials.

Upon the second violation, the dog owner or responsible party will be issued a citation or fined a minimum fine of \$35.00 by the FBRA. If this fails to resolve the problem, the violator may be escorted from the rendezvous site and denied future participation.

- 18. All grounds will be inspected by the Boosway or FBRA Board Members to assure that the site is clean with no burn marks on the grass and no destruction or trash is evident. Failure to leave your site clean and in a tidy manor will result in a fine by the State of Wyoming. (Minimum fine for burn spots is \$100.00, there is also a Minimum fine for defacement of Fort property is \$100.00) This will be enforced.**

Please remember these rules are for everyone who participates at the Fort Bridger Rendezvous.

Please understand that these rules and regulations are not intended to “pick” on anyone, but rather to maintain the spirit of the Rendezvous! It is important to maintain the authenticity of the Rendezvous, and by doing this we maintain our credibility as true Mountain Men, Women, Indians, Pilgrims, and people who are sincerely dedicated to preserving an era that was vitally important to American History.

If you have any questions concerning anything about the Rendezvous, they are welcome and can be directed to the FBRA by writing or e-mail.

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