



2023

Coureur de Bois Rendezvous

May 5 - 7



RENDEZVOUS INFO

It is time once again to make our way back to the beautiful camp at Heartland. This time, for our third annual Coureur de Bois Rendezvous! We will have three days of adventures and fellowship before we get to enjoy the heat of another Ohio summer. I look forward to seeing all my FCF brothers again.

Where: Heartland Conference and Retreat Center

Date: 5/5 – 5/7

Unchartered Outpost Cost: Old Timers \$46.00 / Young Bucks \$35.00

Chartered Outpost Cost: Old Timers \$40.00 / Young Bucks \$30.00

(If you are in college there is no charge)

If you are going to come on Thursday let the scribe know. There will be an additional charge. We will set up in the FCF meadow.

MEALS

A large quantity of meat was donated to Rangers. As such, all outposts that attend will receive ground beef for their Friday night meal. The Saturday evening meal will be provided by the chapter. However, you must bring your own drinks. Please let Bill Black (bblack1259@gmail.com) know how many from your outpost will be attending Rendezvous by April 21 so meals can be planned accordingly.

BLACK POWDER CLASS

We'll also have a Black Powder class on Friday night. Please watch the website for more details. If you're interested in attending, you must pre-register with Rick Dostal (Simon Tanner) **by April 21** at rrdostal@gmail.com. The cost for the class is \$25. If you bring your own muzzle loader, powder, ball, and patches. The cost is \$35 if you need to borrow equipment. You will need to bring your own eye and ear protection for the shooting portion of the class.

ST. LOUIE CAMP

For those without period correct lodging, do not let that discourage your attendance. A St. Louie Camp will be setup up for those outposts with modern tents.

SCOUT SELECTION

We will also conduct a Scout selection. In order for Young bucks to participate you'll need the scout application and three reference forms completed and sent to Andrew Apke (atapke91@gmail.com) by May 3rd. You can access the forms at the National FCF site:

www.nationalfcf.com/FCF-Forms

ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Commanders, all activities have been designed with fun and adventure in mind. On Saturday, the members will be able to participate in many events and activities. Some of our activities will be:

- Black Powder
- Archery
- Seneca Run
- Knife/ Hawk Throw
- Flint/ Steel
- Outfit Judging

Regional competitions will be held this year in a few events including Hawk Throw. Make sure to come out and participate for your chance to represent your region in competition!!

We're adding the Knife and Black Powder form which must be signed by a parent. The form states that it's required for participation in the events, we won't be enforcing this part during rendezvous. If you're going to shoot however, you'll still need your Black Powder card, so don't forget that. At this point we'll be using it to determine whether the young buck is allowed to sell, trade, give, receive or barter and have in his possession any knife or black powder firearm during rendezvous. I'm sure each of you have been challenged by a young buck about wanting to buy a knife, with this form, you'll know what the parents will allow.

OUTFIT JUDGING FORMS

All outfit judging forms can be found here: www.nationalfcf.com/FCF-Forms

If you would like your outfit judged, please download the appropriate form and fill it out. Turn the form in to the judge while wearing your outfit. Just click on the link, select the form you want, and download it.

If you forget to do this, a few extras will be provided on-site on a first come, first serve basis.

ADDITIONAL GAMES/ ACTIVITIES

This weekend is a great chance to unplug and decompress. In a time when most of us spend a lot of time in front of a screen on a daily basis, it is nice to get outdoors and enjoy games, activities, and skills that most of our non-fcf friends have long forgotten about. You are encouraged to taking advantage of this opportunity to impart some knowledge on our young bucks by passing some of these skills on to a younger generation.

Each Outpost is asked to consider bringing a frontier style game that all can enjoy. This could be as simple as having a checker board set for all to play or providing some potato sacks so the boys can enjoy a 3 legged race. Each Outpost is also encouraged to demonstrate a frontier skill. All Buckskin and Wilderness members have developed a skill that I'm sure the Young Bucks would enjoy learning about.

GROUND RULE/GUIDELINES

FIREWOOD ALERT! No firewood will be provided, bring your own wood. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has extended the EAB quarantine statewide, you can now move and sell your cut ash anywhere in Ohio. However, ODA and Division of Forestry recommend that people limit the movement of firewood when they sell or buy it to protect against the spread of all wood-borne pests, including the emerald ash borer and gypsy moth. It is still illegal to move ash trees, parts of ash trees, and hardwood firewood across the state line, due to USDA Department of Agriculture quarantine. (http://www.agri.ohio.gov/public_docs/news/2010/09-08-2010%20EAB.pdf) Downed wood or dead branches from standing trees at HCRC may still be used. **No** cutting of live trees is permitted without permission from the District Commander.

- **Everyone** is to attend the Council Fire service and the closing assembly on Saturday. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to hear our speaker.
- Water and Restroom facilities will be available. The Lodge will be off-limits to Rangers unless special circumstances would occur and then a Commander must accompany them.
- You will need to provide for all your meals for your Outpost.
- Anyone walking in the creek is **REQUIRED** to wear shoes. The rocks are slippery and sharp - walk with caution.
- **The Low Ropes Course is OFF LIMITS to ALL Rangers during Rendezvous.** These events are being used by other groups during our Pow Wow and are required to have trained HCRC staff present to run the various events.
- **NO** motor vehicles (cars, trucks, etc...) will be operated in camp other than loading and unloading.
- No ATV's or Quads are allowed per the Heartland Conference Retreat Center (HCRC) regulations. The only exceptions will be those who obtain specific permission directly from the HCRC prior to the camp. If permission is granted - provide a copy of the permission at registration. At the close of rendezvous on Saturday, your campsite is to be cleaned. It is **very important** that we leave our sites like its original condition or better. You are encouraged to bring grass seed for your fire pit areas to assist in their rapid re-growth.

RENDEZVOUS PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The following are items that we feel are desirable to take to rendezvous. Some of the items may not be available to a young buck, so a substitute or deletion may be made at the discretion of the parents. Your son's Commander will be able to help you in making those decisions. We suggest you check off each item as you pack it. Please mark all items with your son's name. These are sample items for a Longhunter. You can get the complete list and other Outfit lists from "FCF Outfit Judging Forms" on the National FCF website (<http://www.nationalfcf.com/>).

Suggestion: Send this list with your son to use when he is ready to leave rendezvous.

CLOTHING

- Shooters or Hunters frock (Medium weight Jacket)
- Drop front or French fly knee breeches made of heavy linen or homespun (Blue jeans)
- Plain shirt, simple made (linen, homespun, or lindsey/woolsey) No calico (two RR T-shirts)
- Woodland Moccasins, Shoe packs, (tennis shoes)
- Extra outfit (clothing)
- Red underwear – long johns (underclothing)
- Oilskin Frock (Poncho or raincoat)

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Toilet kit – soap in a case, toothbrush in a case, small tube of toothpaste, comb, towel, and wash cloth.
- Wool Blankets (Sleeping bag)
- Haversack (Dirty clothes bag)
- Bible (small RR OK)
- Quill Pen or pencil (Regular pen or pencil)
- Nessmuk Juice (Insect repellent)
- Corn Boiler & Spoon (horn, wood, or pewter) (Mess kit or plate, spoon, knife & fork)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Woolen matchcoat (Sweat shirt or sweater)
- Rope Bed (Air mattress and pillow)
- Throwing Knife (Pocket knife)
- Wool or Leather leggings (Sweat pants)



DIRECTIONS TO THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE CENTER

Exit I-71 onto SR 61. Go South to CR 15 or North to CR 217 and follow the map to the Heartland Conference Center. Follow the signs to the back of the camp to the Royal Ranger area.

