



2026 Spring
Rendezvous
May 15-17
Let your Light
Shine
John 1:5

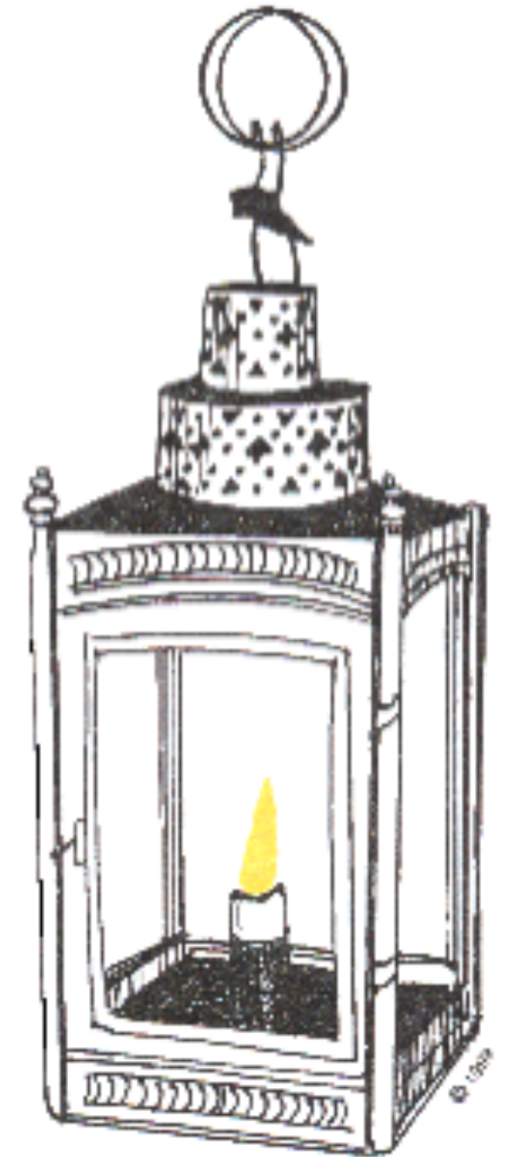




- Taken from Paul Revere's Midnight Ride to warn of the impending British invasion using lanterns and light to shine, we must also let our lights shine.

- John 1:5 – The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Carl Ethridge will be our speaker for this event. Carl serves as the AGWM International Ministries Mobilization Coordinator and the IM Missionary Kids Coordinator, guiding God-called men and women into global missions so more people – especially children who have never heard – can encounter the saving grace of Jesus Christ. He has previously served as the Children's Pastor at Harvest Ridge Church, Ohio Ministry Network BGMC Director and RRI's Discipleship Coordinator, and carries a deep passion to see the next generation reached, disciplined, and sent.



Where: Heartland Conference and Retreat Center

Date: 5/15-5/17, 2026

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 (weather permitting)

FRONTIER ADVENTURE

We are planning on having a Frontier Adventure at Rendezvous. Those participating in the Frontier Adventure will have a different charge according to the letter that you will receive from the scribe.

You need

to make sure you arrive on time and are ready to go. It never hurts to be a little early either.

Remember to

follow the instructions you get in your letter and to bring everything you'll need for your Adventure.

Candidates will also be fed by the Traveler's Inn for Saturday's breakfast so make sure you adjust your meal

planning accordingly. All new member applications should be sent to Thomas Hunt by March 27.

Thomas Hunt – hunt8213@yahoo.com

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 11 at rrdostal@gmail.com. The cost for the class is \$30. If you bring your own muzzle loader, powder, ball, and patches. The cost is \$45 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 April 4th. 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 ☐ Horn Blowing

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 checkerboard 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 Sunday 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.