

HPRR Booshways Book

Miscellaneous

There are a lot of items that I have not listed anywhere else so I will touch on them here. Even then I will not be able to cover all of things you might need to address. Take the information from this book and use what you can and then build from there. After your rendezvous is over take the knowledge that you have gained and leave some of it here for the next guy.

Traders- Traders are a very important part of the rendezvous and they take a little extra work on your part. The people that participate in the rendezvous rely on the traders for their clothing and supplies. As the booshway you need to make sure that the items they buy are in line with the rules. The organization has not addressed a set of rules governing traders so you are on your own to look over past trade rules and develop your own. After your Trade Commissioner looks them issue them a permit or certificate to show they are within the spirit of the rendezvous.

Prizes- The organization will give you an additional \$500.00 for prizes. We did not feel that this was near enough for prizes so we budgeted for a lot more. Whether you buy prizes or use traders bucks is up to you. We felt traders bucks was the way to go as it alleviates a lot of problems such as what to buy and who to buy it from. It also keeps people from getting prizes that they do not need or want. If you use traders bucks you need to make people redeem them at the rendezvous. This gives a lot of the prize money back to the traders that help us support the rendezvous.

You get to decide who gets prizes and what they get. In 2003 for our shooting events, knife & hawk events and archery events we gave \$5.00 for third place, \$10.00 for second place, and \$15.00 for first place. We then recognized men's, women's and juniors divisions for those prizes.

We did buy some prizes for our camp games and a few for our kid's games. One of our biggest hits was that every kid that came over and participated in the kids games received a gold dollar.

Medallions- First design your medallion and then look for a supplier to produce them. There are a lot of options out there as far as sizes, colors and materials. We used a company that sold only wholesale so I personally set up an account with them. I would be glad to pass my wholesale price on to any High Plains booshway.

Your toughest decision is how many to order. Typically all of your registered camps get one, numbers 1 through 10 are generally sold at the auction and some booshways make a few of a different color or material for their staff. Then there are always a few that want an extra medallion for their spouse or camp partner. With all of that said remember that medallions may be about your second biggest expense so do not buy too many.

However many you buy you will need to number them from 1 to ?. This serves several purposes but the main reason is that the board likes to use these numbers to give out their prizes.

Camp Markers- You need to have some type of camp marker to mark the registered camps. You can get very ornate and decorative or make it as simple as a piece of material. In 2003 we used a nice beaded marker for our pre-registered camps and just a simple piece of material for our other camps.

Camp Books- Camp books are a lot of work but they are a very valuable and popular item. You can use them to include all of the pertinent information about your rendezvous. It might be the single best way to communicate all of the details to your campers. Think this one through and put it all in the camp book.

Bulletin Boards- I was not going to mention it but since we were on the subject of communicating with our campers I want to mention the bulletin board we used at the 2003 rendezvous. Half of our board was tackable for signs, flyers, and maps while the other half was a chalkboard. Every morning I listed the day's events on the chalkboard and it became a very popular item in camp.

**Trade Rules as set forth for the
High Plains Regional Rendezvous at Cornodger Station
The Year Two Thousand and Three**

- Traders are the heart of the event . Participants depend on you to sell items that they can use at any primitive rendezvous . If asked to put an item away please do not take offence , simply put it away and set it out again at the next event you attend .
- No trader set up in the parking or modern camp areas . Traders are allowed only in the Short Term & Long Term primitive camps as well as the Horse Camp .
- A trader is anyone who sets out a blanket or has goods for sale or trade . There is no added fee for blanket traders w/ no more than 4 point blanket , no racks, structures or awnings .
- The trade commissioner will inspect each trader prior to opening for business . You will be issued a trade certificate that needs to be displayed in your tent when you are open .
- If asked to put an item away please do so , if it comes back out you will close your doors for the rest of the rendezvous , if you reopen for business you will leave the rendezvous .
- Trade items , packaging , pricing and displays must be pre-1840 in nature . We all know the rules so lets play by them . Please help us to keep with the spirit of rendezvous .
- There will be no display or selling of trinket jewelry , florescent feathers , pow wow items, dream catchers , plastic items of any kind , pop guns and or any toys with plastic or PVC parts , fantasy knives , fantasy artwork , any artsy crafty stuff , enamel ware , kerosene lanterns or any other non period items as determined by the Trade Commisioner .
- Any books, tapes or artwork must pertain to the pre-1840 time period .
- Food and fur venders must comply with all local and state laws.
- Prizes will be awarded as traders bucks that are redeemable only at this event . Please take them as if they were cash and redeem them with the evnt Purser before you leave .
- Decision of the Trade Commisioner is final on all trade matters , do not even bother to ask the Booshway to over ride the Trade Commisioner .

, Trade Commisioner 2003
, Booshway 2003

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January 6, 2003

Re: 2003 High Plains Regional Rendezvous
Camp Medallions

The medallions have been ordered as per the approved artwork attached to this statement. The medallions will be 2.5" across and the finish will be antique silver. The antique silver will very closely replicate a pewter finish at a fraction of the cost. Each medallion will be individually bagged with a jump ring only. Medallions will not be individually numbered. If there are any changes at this time there will be an additional fee to get them included in this casting. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery of finished medallions.

If more medallions are needed for this event they can be ordered with out any additional art or mold fee but the cut out fee and the second side fee will apply; smaller numbers of medallions will be at a greater per piece price.

250- 2.5" Custom Medallions

\$2.50 per piece

*Per piece price includes art fee, mold
set up fee, second side set up fee, cut
out fee and the base medallion cost.*

Medallion Total	\$625.00
Sales Tax	<u>\$ 30.63</u>
Sub-Total	\$656.63
Shipping	<u>\$ 36.50</u>
TOTAL	\$692.13

Total Payable upon receipt

All products are covered under their factory warranty unless stated otherwise, details are included with the firearms packaging. BJCM warranties all custom-made items against any failures in materials or workmanship under normal use for the lifetime of the product. If a failure accurse please contact BJCM for authorization, then ship the product to our facility at your expense. We will repair or replace it at our option and return it as soon as possible. Black Jack Creek Muzzleloading shall not be held liable for the use or mis-use of any product sold.



PROPOSAL

FOR THE

2004

HIGH PLAINS

REGIONAL

RENDEZVOUS

The Missouri River Muzzleloaders are pleased to present this proposal to the Chiefs Council. This will outline our plans to host the 2004 High Plains Regional Rendezvous.

We **HAVE** a site! Cross Ranch State Park, which is located about 45 miles north of Bismarck, ND, which is located in central North Dakota. At Cross Ranch we have 37.5 +/- acres to have the rendezvous on. Please see enclosed brochures for more information. If we need to we can contact the Nature Conservancy to acquire more area to camp on. We have talked to the Nature Conservancy and they have agreed to work something out with us the need arises.

We have currently elected the following to hold offices: Booshway: Rick "Trees" Aaser, Segundo: Cindy "Twigs" Haakenson, Scribe: Joy "Sun in the Night" Schafer, Clerk: Wayne "Twisted Cork" Hoff, Head Dog Solider: John "Turkey" Horner, Head Trade Committee: Nick "François" Severt, Head Range Officer: Shawn Kuntz, Head of Hawk and Knife Throw: Dennis "Sweet Checks" Turpin.

We can close the area down to the public, as there is a gate that we can lock. We have been thinking of having some period correct outfits for the public to rent if they wish to come in during the week. (Extra income for the traders) We will have arm bands on these outfits so that our dog soldiers can tell when they are suppose to be out of camp, which will be at 5:00 p.m. Central Time every night. The dog soldiers will make sure that the public is out of camp by 5:00 p.m. If the public does not comply with this we have a hanging tree that can be used.

We have an area for registration and an area for council meetings. It will take some cleaning up of the site to make it presentable to the people who will be participating in the rendezvous. People in our club as well as people in the state organization, North Dakota Muzzleloaders Club, will do this. Our club will host our annual rendezvous at this site this fall. This will be to help our club, as well as state members that attend this rendezvous, to become familiar with the site, as well as start the clean up of the site. Clean up of the site is going to consist of cleaning up the deadfall, which will be turned into firewood, and the park mowing of the site after clean up, for the 2004 rendezvous.

We have a shooting range that is secure. The backstop is an old earth berm and the range is about 50 yards long. Therefore we will have a full range set up for all shooters that are interested. Our plan is to have each club in the state run the shoot each day, Monday through Friday.

We have an area for the hawk and knife throw as well as children's and woman's games. More will be presented on this by those running the hawk and knife throw and the woman's/ children's games.

The only two drawbacks to the site, are horses and in ground fire pits are not allowed at this state park. We will contact some local people about boarding horses for those people who are going to have horses with them. We will also have to use above ground fire pits, which will be advertised in the flyer before registration begins and for pre-registration

people. There may be above ground fire pits available for people to purchase at the registration gate, supplied by the blacksmiths of our club and the state club. Or anyone else that would like to make them for sale.

This area is not unfamiliar to this kind of activity, as Lewis and Clark did camp on these grounds when they were in this area in 1804 and again in 1806. This is the site where John Colter left the expedition. The Mandan Indians as well as other Indians had several villages and campsites that are within the parks boundaries. There is also the reconstructed Fort Mandan only 15 miles away, and the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site only 30 miles away. Visitors can have the whole experience of Lewis and Clark within 30 miles of the campsite of the rendezvous. If there is enough interest, we will arrange bus tours to these sites.

There will also be the opportunity for canoe trips up and down the river for those who wish to go on this kind of adventure. If there is enough interest, we could arrange for an overnight trip with the canoes.

We have a medallion in mind and this is what the graphic artist has come up with for us at the present time and we felt that it is appropriate for the time period that we are portraying as well as including the Lewis and Clark Bi-Centennial into this rendezvous. (see attached)

We have contacted the hooter people and have found that the hooters will be the most expensive item of the rendezvous. They are estimating with pumping 15 hooters every day that the cost will be \$2,700. Garbage disposal will cost us about \$500 for the nine days. We will apply for federal funding through the Lewis and Clark National Trail Foundational for this funding as well as funding for cleaning up the site and potable water. We have been turned down once for this grant but will continue to apply for this grant. We have also looked for funding from other sources to help fund this event. Our club does not have the funds to fund this event by itself.

Cindy Haakenson, Segundo, has received verbal commitments from several individuals to do demonstrations (for a fee) during the nine days of the rendezvous, including the superintendent from the Lewis and Clark National Trail, Gerard Baker.

The attached map will show the general area in North Dakota where the rendezvous will be held.

The attached aerial view is the actual campsite with the different areas outlined.

Items from High Plains 2002

Hooters:

Sanitation in each hooter, baby wipes or anti bacterial wipes

NO OPEN pits all need to be enclosed

Paper in hooters at all times, check hooters a couple times a day, especially just before everyone goes to bed so there is paper in the morning. Leave a couple extra rolls just in case.

Ice/ Groceries:

Announce when open

More obviously posted/ have posted in more than one spot.

Grocery store at gate all day with the essentials with special orders taken if they do not have what is needed

?Team and wagon to haul ice, water, garbage

Board Meeting/ Chiefs Council Meeting:

Judy (Booshway of 2002) is making Booshway book

Have a Raffle and an auction – rifle, quilt (get donations for items)

Number medallions for door prizes drawings

Tick Spray Can grounds be sprayed with SEVEN and environmentally safe pesticide

Do visitors need park permit (only discuss if park brings this up)

Do traders need to pay taxes to state on goods sold?

Have contingency backup for staff- just verbal agreement is okay

Have contingency backup for boggy roads

Dog soldier bags with medical supplies

High Plains has two medical bags that will be passed on to us

ATV for access if needed especially in medical emergency

Hooters will be pumped everyday

Concern with above ground fire pits

Dog Soldiers:

Need to be consistent

Dogs, Clothing, cell phones

People correcting others when they are not dog soldiers

Dog soldiers need to be marked with an armband or something so everyone knows who the dog soldiers are

During first camp meeting announce who dog soldiers are and show all camp their faces so they know.

Clothing needs to be enforced-Booshway in hiking boots on last day of camp

All vehicles out of camp by start of rendezvous

Oxygen tanks if needed for medical emergencies

Rope for hanging tree
Shackles (Trees and Twigs have)
Stockaid for hanging tree with skeleton by tree
Thunder Pole

Shooting:

Advertise non-competition shoots: i.e. trade shoot- prizes for how well individual does –
9 out of 10 type of thing

Archery/Trail Walks:

Check with Nature Conservancy to see if we can do this on their property north of
campsite. Check on shooting with them

Novelty Games:

Email Lori Crowson for ideas

Camp games at night

- Wet Chemise
- Dress your mate
- Bull Boat races
- Road Bullets
- Tchunky
- Skit Contest
- Pork and Beaner games (Wayne)
- Highlander Games
- Dance Cat and Mouse (Wayne)
- Mini Hawk and Knife throw
- Bull Darts
- Braggerts Contest (Nick)
- Atalatal Contest
- Chicken shit drop (betting game Wayne)
- Gunny sack race
- Three-Legged race
- Egg races
- Minnow Races
- Spoon carving contest
 - 16 and younger
 - 16 and older
 - Must be carved in camp
- Hog Calling Contest
 - 1st prize 1 pound of bacon
- Mate calling contest for women

Best period camp setup
Best tipi setup
Best trader setup
Ugliest camp with booby prize
Give out a vote sheet for camp prizes with registration
Indian games/Lewis and Clark games
Kids Games
 Haystack dive 10 and under

Camp Meetings:

Announce at first meeting Dog Soldiers
Portable Microphone
Council Circle not open area
Flags in a tipi tripod setup

Prizes:

Trader's bucks/frog skins – in \$1, \$5, \$10 increments (kids in \$1 increments)
Be consistent on places giving prizes for
Wood coins, copper coins (Nick will check into)
Mark coins when they come back in
Deadline for prizewinners as well as traders to turn in bucks or coins, this way only need a limited amount of them made up
Send someone around to cash in trades bucks or coins.

Miscellaneous:

Auction Quilt Nick said to contact Cheryl
Door Prizes one time entry only
Poison Ivy and Oak warnings
Post signs for events in more than one place

Advertising:

Nebraska Muzzleloader Newsletter wants photos of the site to put in their newsletter
Coalition of Trekkers-Get flyers to Rooster
 Rooster may bring large canoes
100's of Flyers to:
Rooster
Don Stranz
Tom Hanning
Red Wing

Wood:

Place wood in more than one spot in camp

Fires:

Plow disks with sand piles under them (talk to John Bera, Booshway of a local rendezvous on state ground that has used plow disks with sand piles)

Questions asked while campaigning on Thursday:

Ice dispersal across camp instead of at gate.

Enough water, wood, hooters, ice, four-wheeler for access

Will four-wheeler be only used for emergencies?

Early setup on Thursday or Friday?

Boxes for fires, can they sit on the ground or how high off the ground do they need to be?

Suggested that we tell the camp that the site has not been used for a feed lot for the past 56 years, since 1956

If there are any questions concerning anything above contact:

Trees, Rick

Twigs, Cindy

Twisted Cork, Wayne

Sun in the Night, Joy

Shane



