**Fort Cuesta**

\*\*\*I AM A MOUNTAIN MAN\*\*\*

 “My mother was a badger, my father was a griz, I can out shoot, out fight, out cuss and out drink any man. I have the fastest horse, the sharpest knife, and the finest rifle in the mountains. Hear my challenge echo in the valleys for any man of any nation to try to life my top knot. I will fight to the death for men fight to be a free man, to trap the beaver and to hunt the elk, to drink from cool streams, and to sleep under the stars. I have no road to follow, I make my own. I have no man to answer to except myself. I fear no creature on God’s green earth, for I am a Mountain Man!!” J. F. Ballard

**\*\*Please be sure to read your emails as we will be sending out updated information over the next few weeks. \*\***

**Dates :** May 3rd – 5th

**Cost per scout** : $40.00

**Cost per leader:** $20.00

**Location**: Santa Margarita Horse Ranch

**Parking** : Parking will be at the ranch as you enter. You will see the other vehicles. Please remember to back in.

**Check in time:** May 3rd - 5 – 7 pm

**Check out time**: May 5th – 12 pm – Unit can not leave until they have been checked out by a staff member

**Medical Forms**: Please turn in a copy of your medical forms at check in if you did not previously send them in. (Part A&B required)

**Meals**: All troops will supply their own meals for the duration of the event. Please plan on cooking on camp stoves. This may change as we get closer to the event and see what the fire safety is at the time. Leaders will eat with their units.

**Trading post**: There will be an official “Rendezvous” trading post so please encourage your scouts to bring money. Trader Dean will also be trading for Pismo Beach shells. More info on this coming!

**Patches**: There will be patch trading opportunities. Please bring some old patches to trade on blankets.

**Dutch Oven Cook off**: Please see the information included. Cook-off contest is open to all adults. Units must provide their cooking materials. Staff will provide coals and cooking location due to fire rating.

**Regalia**: All units (Scouts and Adults) are all encouraged to wear 1840s (but scout appropriate) themed attire.

**Campfire:** Please have skits or songs ready to go! Skits and songs must be approved by campfire staff beforehand.

**OA** – There will be an Order of the Arrow Callout at the campfire on Saturday night. Your troops should have conducted their troop elections by now or have them scheduled.

**Booshway** – The Booshway is the leader of a party of men, or the rendezvous leader. He sets up the rules of the camp. (Mr. Sean Tashma)

**Country Wife / Trader** - She might actually be the one in charge. ( Ms. Jeanne Gard)

**El Segundo**: The Segundo is second in command of a large party or company. He assists the Booshway. ( Mr. Chad Rosenlieb)

**Dog Soldiers** – The role of the Dog Soldiers has many parts. Mainly, they act as the security detail to the rendezvous camp. They also enforce camp rules, etiquette, and carry messages. (OA youth plus)

**Events, Demonstrations and Contests**

We are still working on getting our demonstrators lined up but some that we will have are: Leatherworking, candle making, fry bread making, rope making, tomahawk throwing and metal forging and more!!

**Primitive Campsite Judging**: Troops who are setting up primitive camp sites (pre-1840) will be judged for the use of authentic period correct materials. Emphasis will also be put on the primitive cooking tools (dutch ovens, etc) rendezvous appropriate living quarters and primitive lighting (candle lanterns). Judging will take place on Saturday. Please check out the items and suggestions that are listed under “Rendezvous Campsites”. **More info on this coming soon!**

Judging will be in 5 areas : authenticity, cooking, living quarters, lighting and cleanliness.

**Regalia Contest**: The regalia contest will be part of the campfire on Saturday evening. All scouts and adults with regalia are encouraged to participate. For more information about dressing in the rendezvous way, please see the “Rendezvous Clothing” section.

**Rendezvous Names** – One of the more colorful and fun aspects of Rendezvous is the variety of acquired names used by the participants. Having a rendezvous name is just one of the many steps towards wearing off your green. Almost always someone else “gives” you your rendezvous name. The name is often associated with a unique event or a set of “interesting” circumstances. The more memorable the circumstances, the quicker the name sticks. This could be a fun safe thing for the units to do. Please be sure to discuss with your scouts how this should be done with appropriateness.

Merit badges:

 We have gone over the merit badges and feel that there are several that they units can do to help prepare them for rendezvous:

American Cultures

Archaeology

Archery

Basketry

Geology

Indian Lore

Leatherwork

Metal Work

Mining in Society

Pioneering

Pottery

Textile

Wilderness Survival

Woodcarving

**Schedule:**

Remember, we will be operating on “rendezvous time”. The following information is a very brief summary of our schedule. Each troop will receive a more detailed program schedule at the time of registration.

Friday :

5 pm to 8 pm – Check in, pick your schedule and the fort map, confirm campsite assignments, and set up your camp diggins.

\*Campsite Assignments – The Booshway and the staff will assign the troops to individual campsites. Assignments are based on the number of participants in each troop, the total number of scouts expected to be in camp and the gender of the unit. Please do not start setting up your campsite without going to registration first.

Saturday : **(Times subject to change!!)**

8:30 am – Assembly, Raising of the Colors, Welcoming and Orientation

9 am – 12 pm – Rendezvous events and demonstrations

12pm – 1 pm – Lunch

1 pm – 5:30 pm – More rendezvous events

5:30 – 6: 30 – Free time ( check out events that you want to see more of if they are still here)

6 pm – Dutch Oven Contest turned in

6:00 - 8:30 - Dinner

8:30 pm – 10 pm – Campfire program – awards, regalia contest and OA callout-

10 pm – Lights out

Sunday:

8:30 – Assembly, Raising of the Colors, Leaving information

12 pm – breakdown camp and homeward bound