

2009 Muzzleloading Course

Hosted by Chippewa County 4-H



The
Rendezvous

DEAR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ENTHUSIAST:

4-H Youth in Wisconsin are being offered a chance to learn traditional muzzle loading shooting and to partake in good-natured fun, as was done at trappers' rendezvous over a century ago. Chippewa County is pioneering 4-H muzzle loading in Wisconsin, and you can be part of it! The course will be a **two day workshop on September 19th and October 4th PLUS** participation in an **authentic statewide rendezvous on October 3rd**. We will use the WI 4-H Muzzleloading Project Course and National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) Basic Muzzle Loading Course using both caplock and flintlock rifles to teach safety and shooting fundamentals, then switch to muzzle loading shotguns, Kentucky style muzzle loading pistols, cap and ball revolver, and Civil War era Springfield rifled muskets. We will include some history, and some learning of by-gone skills. For those interested in hunting, we can help you develop hunting loads.

DATES

Basic Course - Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, October 4th, with Saturday, October 3rd as our Statewide Rendezvous.

TIMES

The workshop session will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on September 19th, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th. The Rendezvous starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. on the October 3rd.

SITES

Bloomer Rod & Gun Club for all sessions and rendezvous. See enclosed maps.

EQUIPMENT

The Chippewa County Shooting Sports Committee will supply cap-lock and flintlock rifles, shotguns, pistols, powder, balls, bullets, cleaning equipment, and all possibles. You are welcome and encouraged to bring your own equipment, but we will inspect it for safeness before use.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Everyone on the range must wear eye protection, whether shooting or not. If you do not wear glasses, or have very small glasses, then you will have to wear plastic safety glasses. We can supply these, but it works better if you bring your own. Ear protection is required. If you have earplugs or muffs, bring them. We have some.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$10.00 per member, thanks in part by the Friends of NRA grant funding, and \$10.00 for parents and leaders taking the course to help cover costs. This includes: use of guns, powder, balls, bullets, shot, targets, cleaning supplies, instruction book, and the Rendezvous registration fee. (See enclosed Rendezvous information/registration sheet). Fee is due by September 12th, 2009. (The Rendezvous fee is waived if this course is taken.)

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MEALS Bring a sack lunch and a beverage for September 19th only.

QUESTIONS Call Joe Tiry at (715) 644-2538 between 8:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., or Steve Siverling at (715) 568-3158.

SPECIAL NOTES Completion of a Muzzleloading course is required to participate in the Rendezvous. Parents are welcome and encouraged to take the course with their children.

Past course graduates need NOT retake the course. A graduate may attend the Rendezvous without participating on the 19th, **but** returning shooters are encouraged to come to the class as a refresher and to help instruct the new shooters as a youth leader.

“Keep your powder dry. I’ll meet chew at da Rendezvous!”

Joe Tiry

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