

2007 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 15th and September 23rd PLUS** participation in an **authentic statewide rendezvous on September 22nd**. We will use the 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, and a cap and ball revolver. 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 15th and Sunday, September 23rd, with Saturday, September 22nd as our Statewide Rendezvous.

TIMES

The workshop session will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on September 15th, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23rd. The Rendezvous starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

SITES

Tilden Range on September 15th, with the September 22nd Rendezvous and September 23rd final class at the Bloomer Rod & Gun Club. 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

Everyone on the range must wear eye protection, whether shooting or not. If you do not wear glasses, or have very small

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glasses, then you will have to wear plastic safety glasses. We can supply these, but it works better if you bring your own.

NEEDED

Ear protection is required. If you have earplugs or muffs, bring them. We have some.

REGISTRATION

\$25.00 for the first family member, and \$20.00 for each additional family member to help cover costs.

FEE 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 7th, 2007. (The Rendezvous fee is waived if this course is taken.)

MEALS Bring a sack lunch and a beverage for September 15th 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 15th.

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

Joe Tiry

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Twelfth Annual Chippewa Valley Rendezvous

Saturday, September 22, 2007

Starting Time: 9:00 AM Sharp

Dear 4-H Members and Volunteers:

Today, as in the past, muzzleloading has its serious side, such as state and national target competitions and determined hunters after that "big buck". **Most blackpowder, though, is burned while "makin' fun."** This is not new. Over a century ago, mountain men and buckskinners met annually at colorful and sometimes wild rendezvous to have fun, participate in good-natured competition, and trade.

The Chippewa County 4-H Muzzle Loaders are recreating some of this shooting fun at the eleventh annual "*Chippewa Valley Rendezvous*." You may choose any or all of the events. Individual shoots will include the **rifle silhouettes event, 10-yard pistol shoot, muzzleloader trap shoot, a life size wild game target shoot, and a 17th Century Survival course**, along with demonstrations and a competition in **hawk (tomahawk) throw**.

The Rendezvous is planned for **Saturday, September 22nd at 9:00 a.m. sharp at the Bloomer Rod & Gun Club Range**. This Rendezvous is intended to be fun and educational, but *all participants must have completed a Muzzle Loading Course* in order to participate in this powder-burning event. The event will end with an awards program around the fire ring. The Chippewa County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee can supply rifles, shotguns, pistols, balls, bullets, powder, and all possibles. However, it will be much more convenient for all if you bring what equipment you own, but that is not necessary. For shooters who bring their own equipment: much of the shooting will be limited to patched round balls only!

The registration fee is \$25.00 for the first family member, and \$20.00 for each additional family member, which includes a whole day of fun, the use of guns, powder, balls, bullets, shot, targets, clay pigeons, cleaning supplies and awards. **(What a deal!)** The registration fee also includes a camp meal of a camp stew, but each family should also bring a "dish to pass". For the dish to pass, you can be creative and bring something that you could expect to find on a 17th century table, but remember it has to be something kids will eat!

The location of the Rendezvous is three miles west of the intersection of Wisconsin Highways 40 and 53, near Bloomer, WI. Check out the enclosed map. Don't forget to bring a dish to pass. Parents are very much welcomed and encouraged to come (and help).

TO REGISTER, please complete the registration form and return it by September 7th to: Joe Tiry, 34111 County Hwy. 0, Stanley, WI 54768 Make checks payable to "**CHIPPEWA COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS**."

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Tiry".

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2007 CHIPPEWA VALLEY RENDEZVOUS – MUZZLELOADING COURSE
Registration and Permission Statement

Name of Youth/Adult _____

Address City/State/Zip _____

County _____ Age (as of 9-22-07) _____ Telephone _____
(Shooter must be at least 12 years of age)

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE:

_____ I am registering for the Muzzleloading Course and Rendezvous.

_____ I am registering for the Rendezvous ONLY and have taken a Muzzleloading Course before.

I hereby give permission for my child to be involved in the 2007 Chippewa Valley 4-H Rendezvous. I understand that my child will be working around and shooting with live gunpowder and/or tomahawks.

I authorize the use of photographs or videos of my child while participating in this tournament to be used for educational or media purposes.

I release the University of Wisconsin-Extension, its employees and volunteer 4-H leader(s) from any financial responsibility for sickness or accident to my child while in transit to or from, and in attendance at this Shooting Sports event. I hereby authorize the event's responsible person to incur expense considered necessary to insure prompt attention in case of serious sickness/accident. I agree to pay for necessary expenses incurred, if this is not covered by an accident/sickness insurance policy. I understand that I must provide adequate eye and ear protection for my child with safety glasses and earplugs or muffs.

I also understand that during the course of shooting, it may be necessary to position my child or demonstrate such topics as live firing, shooting positions, correct stance, different carries, and basic gun handling, which may include appropriate body contact.

Additionally, I hereby give consent to the official in charge to use reasonable disciplinary action with my child while in a shooting sports activity.

I certify that my child is a 2007-2008 4-H member.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

I certify that the above member has successfully completed one of the following:

_____ 4-H Shooting Sports Muzzleloading Course

_____ (NMLRA) National Muzzleloading Rifle Association Basic Course

_____ (NRA) National Rifle Association Muzzleloading Course

_____ Other: Please specify _____

Signature: _____

Key Leader OR 4-H Youth Development Agent

RETURN by September 7th with \$25.00 (\$20.00 for each additional family member) to:

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