

Fort Cuesta Mountain Man

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**

Dates : April 17-19, 2026

Cost per scout : \$45.00

Cost per leader: \$20.00

Location: Santa Margarita Ranch (Central Coast Riders) – on the left past the cemetery.

Parking : Parking will be past the Central Coast Riders as you first enter Fort Cuesta. You will see the other vehicles. **Please remember to back in. Please be respectful of possible riders and keep your speed down. Park close as we are limited on space. The fewer the cars, the better so please carpool as much as possible.**

Check in time: April 17th, 2026 - 5 – 7 pm (Check in is at the Boosway’s camp as you enter Fort Cuesta. Cars will be able to drive in to camp to drop off supplies and then must be parked immediately after. Please be on the look out for Scouts.

Check out time: April 19th – 10 am – Your unit cannot 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 to FireRose. (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 rating 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, deer horns, patches and more! You can also set up for your unit to trade as well.

Patches: There will be patch trading opportunities. Please bring some old patches to trade on blankets. Scouts are welcome to bring blankets and trade patches with each other.

Regalia: All units (Scouts and Adults) are all encouraged to wear 1840s (but scout appropriate) themed attire. Check out the Crazy Crow website for ideas and suggestions. [Crazy Crow Trading Post](#)

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

Weather: this event will be happening, rain or shine! Prepare your troops!

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)

FireRose - 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 will be helping to support the camp rules, running stations, etiquette, and carry messages. (OA youth plus)

Events, Demonstrations and Contests

Some of the events will be the same, some will be new! All will be fun!

Primitive Campsite Judging: Troops who are setting up primitive camp sites (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”.

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 or that your scouts might want to take home to their troop meetings:

American Cultures

American Indian Culture (formerly Indian Lore)

Archaeology

Archery

Basketry

Geology

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 7 pm – Check in, pick up 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 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.

8pm...ish – SM and SPL meeting at Booshway’s camp to cover events and rules.

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

8:04 am – Assembly, Raising of the Colors, Welcoming and Orientation

8:19 – 12 pm – Rendezvous events and demonstrations

12pm – 1 pm – Lunch

1:02 pm – 4:35 pm – More rendezvous events

4:36 – 6: 47– Free time and the Trappers Run (check out events that you want to see more of if they are still here)

6:48 - 8:00 - Dinner

8:00 pm ...ish– 10 pm – Campfire program – awards, regalia contest and OA callout-

10 pm...ish. – Lights out

Sunday:

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

9 am – Breakdown camp and homeward bound