



MID-AMERICA COUNCIL
SCOUTING AMERICA



FUR TRADERS' RENDEZVOUS 2026 LEADER'S GUIDE

OCTOBER 23-25, 2026

Red, White and Blue Range, NW of Cairo (see map below)

Open to all Scouts BSA Troops and AOLs as guests.

FUR TRADERS' RENDEZVOUS CAMPOREE 2026

Brought to you by the United Nebraska Muzzle Loaders Association

REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

All registrations must be done online. You can find the registration link at <https://scoutingevent.com/326-furtraders>

EVENT PARTICIPANTS

The event is open to all Scouts BSA troops and members.
AOL Scouts are welcome as guests of a Troop and must register with them.

KEY DATES

Registration Ends
Event dates

11:59 PM Oct 13 Oct 23-25, 2026

LOCATION

Red, White and Blue Range, Northwest of Cairo NE. See map for reference

FOR GPS/ GOOGLE MAPS 41.04657, -98.70061

FEES

	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Regular	\$20	\$15

Registration fees include Saturday supper, campsite rental, facility costs, liability insurance, and program supplies.

CAMPING

Tent camping is included with event fees. There are ample campsite locations and two potable water wells. There are also multiple outhouse facilities.

ADULT LEADERS

In accordance with Youth Protection policies, **EVERY ADULT CAMPING OVERNITE MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE BSA AND BE CURRENT ON THEIR YPT TRAINING.** There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.

Notwithstanding the leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. If you have any questions on this, contact:

Josh Sikes at 308-293-6264 scoutmastertroop136@gmail.com

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

1. Arrive any time between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Friday evening.
2. The Senior Patrol Leader and one adult leader will check-in at the entrance Gate. You will turn in your health forms and receive your event packet at this time.
3. After check-in, your troop will proceed to its designated camping area.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Please clean up your campsite and leave it better than you found it.
2. Due to this being a primitive camping experience, please plan to pack out your trash.
3. Check-out at the Gate to pick up your health forms and any other materials.
4. Have a safe trip home!

REFUND POLICY

Mid-America Council's Refund Request

Fees for most district and council activities are transferable to other Scouts within the unit. Partial refunds may be approved for all activities/events/camping programs including Cub Scout Family Weekends, Cub Scout Day Camps, Summer Resident Camps, MAC High Adventure Contingents, National Youth Leadership Training, Wood Badge, Powder Horn, and Exploring Programs. If approved, the refundable amount will be returned using the original method of payment, if possible. Refunds will not be considered for requests made more than two weeks from the conclusion of the activity/event/camp. There will be no refunds under \$10.00. **Refunds will only be considered if one of the following circumstances applies, and will not exceed 80% of the fees paid.**

Select from the following circumstances (You must provide supporting documentation for consideration)

Sickness or injury (requires physician's note)

Death in immediate family (requires copy of obituary)

Relocation outside Mid-America Council borders (requires copy of new BSA registration or military orders)

Refunds will not be considered until supporting documentation is emailed to mac@scouting.org (ex: doctor's note, obituary, etc.)

You can find this form at this URL <https://247scouting.com/forms/?OrgKey=BSA326&id=937>

PROGRAM

SCHEDULE

Friday

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Check-in

9:00 PM SPL & Leader Meeting (SPL & 1 Adult) – across from windmill

Saturday

8:30 AM Morning flags

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Program events

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM All events closed for lunch

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Program events

5:30 PM Dutch Oven Dessert competition – across from windmill

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Potluck supper featuring Mountain Man Stew – across from windmill

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Traders' Row

Sunday

6:00 AM – 9:30 AM Breakfast and break camp

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Check-out

PROGRAM EVENTS

Events designed to bring the past to life! This is a list of all possible events. Actual events may vary slightly depending on the availability of members of the Muzzleloader Association for the weekend.

- Leatherwork
- Muzzleloader shooting (Scout only, sorry no AOL)
- Blacksmithing demonstrations
- Flint & steel fire starting
- Trapper's camp display
- Trapping demonstration
- Bead work
- Tomahawk throwing (Scout only, sorry no AOL)
- Primitive friction fire demonstrations

SATURDAY SUPPER

Supper on Saturday will be a potluck dinner with main dish (beef or venison stew) provided. Troops will provide a side dish. All other meals are the responsibility of the troop.

TRADERS' ROW

There will be a traders' row with fur trade era goods to help outfit your future adventures. A favorite of Scouts is the round-robin trade blanket as well as individual Scout trade blankets during Traders' Row.

Trading was always a part of any rendezvous, and youth trading is a big part of this event. The youth can start small and go home with some really nice stuff. We also welcome the leaders to participate!!!

To keep things fair and fun for everyone, please follow our trading policy:

- Monitor your youth during trading times
- No money may be exchanged
- No fireworks, live ammunition, knives, firearms (or anything resembling a firearm), or any other prohibited or illegal items may be traded.
- No commercial or for-profit selling is allowed by participants.

Please be courteous to our staff if they ask you to put an item away. They are volunteers. If a prohibited item is confiscated, it can be picked up at check-out.

Trading is popular at this event, as it was in the 1800s at rendezvous events. In the 1800s, they didn't have throwing stars, car radios, Pokémon cards, etc. Please do not bring these types of items.

Simple handmade items are best for trading, such as duct tape wallets, leather pouches, wood carvings, beaded chokers, bracelets, old patches, Scouting memorabilia, etc. Many items can be made at troop

COMPETITIONS

Youth

- Tomahawk throwing (Scout only, sorry no AOL)
- Dutch oven dessert

Adult

- Dutch oven dessert

PACKING LIST

THE SCOUT OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Pocketknife
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Extra clothing
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Flashlight ☐ Trail food
- ☐ Matches and fire starters
- ☐ Sun protection
- ☐ Map and compass
- ☐ Personal medications

CLOTHING APPROPRIATE FOR THE SEASON AND WEATHER

- ☐ Long-sleeved shirt
- ☐ T-shirt or short-sleeved shirt
- ☐ Long pants
- ☐ Hiking shorts
- ☐ Sweater
- ☐ Long underwear
- ☐ Hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- ☐ Socks (wool or synthetic)
- ☐ Warm parka or jacket with hood
- ☐ Stocking hat
- ☐ Mittens or gloves
- ☐ Extra underwear

SLEEPING GEAR

- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Sleeping pad
- ☐ Ground cloth

EATING KIT

- ☐ Eating utensils

- ☐ Bowl
- ☐ Plate
- ☐ Cup

CLEANUP KIT

- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Toothbrush
 - ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Dental floss
- ☐ Comb
- ☐ Small camp towel

OPTIONAL PERSONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Watch
- ☐ Fishing pole and gear
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Pencil or pen
- ☐ Insect repellent
 - ☐ Small notebook
- ☐ Bible, testament, or prayer book

PATROL/TROOP GEAR

- ☐ Patrol/troop first aid kit
- ☐ Tents, ground cloths, and stakes
- ☐ Dining fly and stakes
 - ☐ 50 foot nylon cord
- ☐ Cooking kit containing:
 - Stove and fuel
 - Matches and/or butane lighters
 - Pots and pans
 - Spatula, large spoon, and/or ladle

PATROL/TROOP GEAR

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- ☐ Cleanup kit containing:

- Biodegradable soap
- Scouring pads
 - Sanitizing rinse agent
- Trash can liners
 - Food strainer
 - ☐ Repair kit containing:
 - Thread
 - Needles
 - Safety pins
- ☐ Group extras you might want to take:
 - Hot-pot tongs
 - Plastic, collapsible water container
 - Water treatment filter or tablets
 - Cutting board
 - Spade
 - Grill
 - Patrol/troop flag
 - Small American flag

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✗ Shooting equipment
- ✗ Fireworks
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Valuables
- ✗ Pornography
- ✗ Illicit drugs
- ✗ Excessive jewelry
- ✗ Inappropriate clothing
- ✗ Laser pointers

POLICIES

HEALTH FORMS

- Every participant must provide a copy of their annual health and medical form as well as a copy of their insurance card. These will be returned at the end of the session.
- Parts A & B of the Annual Health and Medical Record must be filled out completely with all appropriate signatures.
- A copy of the participant's health insurance card must be attached to the Annual Health and Medical Record.
- A fillable copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record can be found at:
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

DAMAGE TO COUNCIL EQUIPMENT

Any damage to council-owned equipment through abuse will be the responsibility of the troop. Replacement costs will be assessed to the troop based on the cost of the damaged item. Troops will be responsible for paying for damaged equipment before leaving camp.

FIRES & FIREWOOD

Some available firewood. Can gather downed wood from area if needed. Please put unused firewood back into piles when checking out. Due to concerns over spreading destructive insects such as the Emerald Ash Borer, we do not recommend that troops bring in their own firewood. Any unattended fire (even smoldering) will result in the troop losing their fire privileges. Please take this opportunity to remind your Scouts about fire safety. IF we are in a red flag warning, we will not allow fires in campsites other than charcoal starting.

PETS

No pets are allowed on camp property except for service animals or animals which are for a program/demonstration with the approval of the Ranger.

TOBACCO USE

As we set an example for our scouts, tobacco use is only allowed in the designated parking area next to personal vehicles. For the health of all scouts and scouters, please respect the rights of all others and refrain from tobacco use in your campsite or other non-approved areas. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

PROPERTY BOUNDARIES

Please advise Scouts and Scouters to not wonder from the event boundaries. Neighboring property owners will file trespassing charges. Best practice is not to cross any fences.

PRIVACY

By participating in Mid-America Council activities, you agree to allow Mid-America Council to use your image in camp and council promotional materials.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

In the operation of the activity, no child, as defined by program regulations, will be discriminated against because of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, age, creed, ethnicity, national origins, or handicap.

DIRECTIONS

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