

MUZZLE LOADING AND PRIMITIVE SKILLS WORKSHOP



*June 4 & 5, 2016
Thompson Falls, MT*

Classes run from 9:00 am
Saturday to 1:00 pm Sunday

Registration Fee: \$85 or \$100 for
primitive camp spot



Join Us!

Travel back in time to the wild west that was known only to mountain men, explorers, traders and native people of the early 1800's. At this workshop you'll explore a pre-1840 living village and the characters who inhabit it, learn how to shoot a muzzle loader, throw knives and tomahawks, start a fire using flint and steel, and see the tools of trapping. You'll also learn about Dutch oven cooking.

What is a Mountain Man Gathering?

A gathering/rendezvous provided a much needed meeting for the secluded inhabitants of the early west. They looked forward to this annual event where goods were bought and sold, supplies replenished and everyone was welcomed -- trappers, Indians, wives, travelers and even tourists. The fur-trade companies could buy furs from the trappers and mountain men at one location.

Mountain Men & Women

Instruction is provided by the members from Sapphire Mountain Men of Missoula, Kootenai Muzzleloaders of Libby, and Flathead Valley Muzzleloaders of Kalispell. Dutch Oven Cooking will be overseen by Colleen Sloan, the matriarch of cast iron cooking. Some Dutch oven cooking equipment will be available for sale. Trapping and fur Identification will be taught by certified trapping instructor Jerry Shively.

The Camp

Just like the original gathering/rendezvous, we'll meet and camp in a field with water nearby. Please bring your own camping gear. Tents, campers and RVs are welcome. There are no tent or RV pads or electrical hook-ups. Lodging is also available in Thompson Falls about 8 miles away. Camping space is available for Friday and Saturday night. Portable outhouses are available on site.

A limited number of primitive camps (teepee, lean-to, wall tent, etc) will be available for an additional charge of \$15 for both nights. These will be assigned on a first come first served basis. You must provide your own sleeping bag and pad.

We will provide Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast cooked in Dutch ovens. All other meals are on your own.



To Attend the Workshop

This workshop is open to women and men 18 years of age and older. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Your registration includes 2 nights of camping, dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday, and the opportunity to learn Dutch oven cooking, knife and "hawk" throwing, muzzleloader shooting, furs and trapping techniques. Each participant must complete and return the registration form.

A confirmation letter with driving directions and additional information will be sent to you. Registration must be received by May 28th.

Muzzle Loading and Primitive Skills Workshop Registration Form

Upon receipt of your registration form, we will contact you to confirm your attendance.

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Year of Birth _____

Enclosed is my check for \$85
I have [] Tent [] Camper [] Off-site Lodging

Enclosed is my check for \$100 (primitive camp provided in a tepee, wall tent, or lean-to (space is limited))

Make checks payable to: FWP
Send checks and registration form to:

Ginger Ward
2123 Blueslide Road
Thompson Falls, MT 59873

Cancellation Deadline:

The deadline to cancel is May 25th. If you cancel on or before that date you will receive a refund minus a \$25 cancellation fee. Sorry, no refunds if you cancel after May 25th.

Questions:

Contact Ginger Ward at 406-827-4597

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers participating in the BOW Workshop and that my participation may result in injury, illness or death and/or damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, acts of nature or other events may pose dangers that are uncontrollable, and I hereby accept these risks and dangers. I affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I am in good enough health to participate in the workshop. I have read and understand the above warnings and risks, and agree to voluntarily participate in this training workshop. I understand that photos or video may be taken for promotion of the BOW program.

Signature _____

Date _____



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