

2018 Mountain Man Spring Rendezvous

- When:** May 4 – 6, 2018
- Where:** Royalston Fish & Gun Club
55 Baldwinville Rd
Royalston, MA 01368
- Why:** Annual gathering by hardy mountain men coming together to display their courage, talents and skills competing against others.
(Webelos may be limited to some activities.)
- Cost & Registration:**
- Early Bird:***
\$8.00 per Scout, Scouter, and Webelos and parent registered before 4/6/18
- Basic Registration:***
\$9.00 per Scout, Scouter, and Webelos and parent \$8.00 registered between 4/7/18 and 4/20/18
- Late Registration:***
\$15.00 each Scout, Scouter, and Webelos and parent registered after 4/20/18

On-line or in-office registration is required. Unit leaders or designates can register at nashuavalleybsa.org, under Activities, then Activity Registration. Registration fees include patches.

Each troop registration will require a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit (equal to 3-4 Scouts attending) upon registration; please give an estimate as to the number of Scouts and Webelos attending. Accurate estimates help the activity committee better plan and purchase supplies for each event. We strongly encourage each troop to pre-register on the council web site.

Weather cancelation: Call (978) 534-3532 x20, or check the council web site / social media.

BSA Medical Forms: Medical forms are required for each participant at event check-in.

Parking: Parking is limited; we ask troops to carpool. Troop trailer will be directed where to park upon arrival. No trailers or vehicles will be allowed in campsites.

Campsites: Limited camping space is available; troop tents and one small pop-up / tarp per site, please.

Fires: No fires will be allowed in campsites.

Trash: If you packed it in, please pack it out. No dumpsters are available. Please remember the Outdoor Code, and leave your campsite cleaner than how you found it.

Leadership: Troops should be under the leadership of a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Patrol Leaders at all times. Any changes to the activity schedule or other updates will be communicated through them.

Equipment and Supplies: Some activities will require each patrol to have specific supplies; see event descriptions below.

Troop & Patrol Flags: Each patrol is asked to bring their patrol flag and carry it to each event. We ask that all troops bring their troop flag to be displayed the full weekend at the "TROOP FLAG DISPLAY."

Lunch: Lunch can be provided by the Royalston Fish & Gun Club; lunch will be 1 hotdog or hamburger, chips, and drink for only \$4.00 per person. Lunches should be pre-ordered via email to Richard Pace at rapon2929@gmail.com. Please submit your lunch headcount before April 20, 2018.

Cleanup and Checkout: Please have your campsite completely packed up before sending your SPL to pickup med forms and patches. Ribbons will be handed out at closing.

Cracker barrel and Bonfire: On Saturday night at 7:00pm, everyone is invited to our Mountain Man Rendezvous fellowship table. All troops are asked to bring enough of their favorite snack for their youth, plus one, for all to share at the cracker barrel. Each patrol should be prepared to lead a song or skit at the bonfire.

Events

Fishing

Give a Mountain man a fish he'll starve, teach him to fish the old way he will survive and get fat. Your challenge as a patrol is to research and make personal hand-held fishing throw lines for each in your patrol. You may use hooks, line & weights. No plastic / cork bobbers allowed. Patrols must bring your own bait (worms, minnows, etc.).

Lashing

Without ropes & lashings mountain men would not be able to make himself some useful equipment. Your patrol rendezvous challenge at the lashing outpost is:

- Lash together some type of useful outdoor kitchen project / gadget.
- Lash and set up a complete emergency shelter to fit 3 of your patrol members
- Lash a Native American-style travois to be entered in the mountain man travois race. Rules: Must be able to carry 1 of your patrol members; travois no longer than 8 feet in length, 4 feet in width; only 2 Scouts to drag the travois with rider **wearing bicycle helmet**; this is a fast walk, no running allowed. Your patrol must bring all spars, lashing ropes and other essentials. Travois will be judged on creativity and quality.

Archery

Mountain men learn how to shoot a bow from their Native American brothers.

Rifle Range

From their firearms they were able to place meat over the fire, never to go hungry.

- Hone your skills at the trap house.
- Not ready to shoot them flying birds? Try your hand at stationary targets.
- Their long guns (22's) also put meat on the cooking fire or in the Dutch oven.

Projectile Throw

Come try your hand by delivering a projectile through a forked stick. Pig bats are delicious when cooked rare.

Hammer Contest

Their mighty hammers helped to build this country. How many strikes and how fast will it take your patrol to drive a spike.

Mountain Man Tournament

It takes good hand-eye coordination to pitch the metal shoes 40 feet at a stake only 15 inches tall. This will be a round-robin tournament. Is your patrol the best?

Knife & Tomahawk Throw

One never knows when you may need this skill!

The Ultimate Mountain Man Challenge

Supplies to bring:

Mountain man old-fashioned steel and a rock (flint)

Plenty of char cloth.

Challenge

Competition for Scout and his troop to receive the honor to ignite the fellowship Bon Fire.

Directions will be given.