

A note from the Boosway...

Welcome to the 2023 Cannon River Rendezvous. With any luck, we hope that 2023 finds you and your family in good health. I hope you will be able to join us this year at the Cannon River Rendezvous. Please review the registration form and if possible, pre-register. Having an idea of how many are coming helps us prepare.

On the registration form, you'll notice we have removed references to 'camp' and 'camping'. We were informed by the local township board that charging a fee for camping is not allowed in Stanton township. Thankfully, the township values our rendezvous event and suggested we change the terminology to meet the township's requirements. They suggested we charge a "demonstration fee" rather than a camp fee.

For 2023, we are raising the "demonstration fee" (camp fee) by \$5. We set our fee based on the costs to put on the rendezvous. Costs are rising and the number of camps has been going down. Unfortunately, that means we need to distribute the costs over less people – each person has to pay a little more. As we look to the future, our event costs will continue to rise. To keep the camp fee constant, we need more camps. Please encourage your friends to attend.

This year, we'll be having many contests of skill, from fire starting to knife and hawk walk. I'd like to see a shotgun and pistol shoot added. If you have one (shotgun and/or pistol) then bring it – if we get enough of you – we'll include that in the program. Contests will go Friday to Sunday. I encourage you to participate, we'd like to see more competitors.

Back by popular demand is the Camp Wide Dinner. Susie Felske and The Fried Pie Shop will once again be cooking the dinner. I hope you all will join us for a traditional meal of turkey, wild rice cranberry stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable and desert. Join us at the Pie shop for a meal and camaraderie. Tickets are limited and sales end Friday night (5/26), please sign up early.

One of the things I'd like to see is more camp camaraderie. So new this year, we are introducing "the council fire area". This will be an area with a common campfire for people to gather. Hopefully, people will bring musical instruments, songs to sing, stories to tell and jugs to pass. We hope to see you as we gather in the evening to enjoy conversation and the fire.

Last year, I noticed improvement in people's period correct camps and attire – thank you. We hope to continue this improvement. Let's keep our camps free of non-period items. Cover it up, or better yet – don't bring it. Please don't be offended if our dog soldiers ask you to "cover up or put away" non-period items. This includes LED lights and flashlights in tents.

As always, if you need something, see a problem or have a suggestion – please stop by my camp to discuss it.

Jim Strupp - Boosway

Jim O'Meara – Segundo

Roger Asp – Clerk