

A note from the Booshway...

Welcome to the 2024 Cannon River Rendezvous. With any luck, we hope that 2024 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, in 2023 we have removed references to 'camp' and 'camping' – for those new to Cannon River, here's why. 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 2024, the "demonstration fee" (camp fee) is the same as last year. We set our fee based on the costs to put on the rendezvous. In 2023, our camp numbers went up from 2022 and we are optimistic they will continue to rise, or at least stabilize. Hopefully, our costs will not rise too much and we can stay at this level. 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 shotgun and pistol shoots added. If you have shotgun and/or pistol, bring them (and let me know) – 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.

New this year, we're going to add a contest/demo for a Dog Weight Pull. Here's the details for the CRR Strong Dog Competition:

Using dogs to haul freight is a time-honored way for dogs to contribute to a family life where everyone had to help. Can your dog pull their weight?

The objective of the competition is to see which dog can pull the most weight in 1 minute over a set distance. All equipment will be provided.

See flyer (included) for details. If you have any questions, please contact Darnele Doty at (507) 461-3991.

There will be feats of amazing strength. If you have a dog in camp, please think about competing, or at the very least – come watch the contest.

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, vegetables and desert. Join us at the Pie shop for a meal and camaraderie. Tickets are limited and sales end Friday night (5/24), please sign up early.

Last year (2022), we added the "Council Fire Area". It was a big hit and I'd like to invite you all to join us again this year. For those of you who are new, the "Council Fire Area" is a common campfire for people to gather. If you have a musical instrument, bring it. We can sing songs, tell stories and maybe even pass a jug. 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.

One thing new this year, Minnesota has passed legislation making recreational marijuana legal. I would ask that if you plan to partake, please use discretion, we have youngsters in camp and during public hours. We want to make a positive impression to the public,

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

Jim Strupp – Booshway

Jim O'Meara – Segundo

Roger Asp – Clerk