



# Varsity Scout Mountain Man Rendezvous Competition Information

This is the information concerning the various competitions and awards for the Varsity Scout Blackfoot Fort Mountain Man Rendezvous.

## Individual Event Awards:

These are the awards given for the individual competition events on Saturday morning. The skills and games in the morning have four purposes. **First**, is to learn the skills needed for many of the tests of the Colter Run. **Second**, to determine who on your team is best at each of the individual skills of the Colter Run. **Third**, the morning activities will determine the individual winners for the best Blackpowder Shooter, Archery, Knife and Hawk Thrower, Caber and Cannonball. **Fourth**, is to have fun. Adult unit leaders will compete in the Blackpowder Shoot, Hawk and Knife Throw and the Caber and Cannonball Toss. Awards will be given for first, second and third place for adults and scouts. The Caber and Cannonball Toss will have awards for 14-15 and 16-18 years old divisions. Points will be awarded for the winners towards the Jim Bridger Top Unit Award.

## Colter Run:

This is the activity held Saturday afternoon. Each competitive team has to be made up of **4-6 scouts**. (These teams should be made up for the activities in the morning.) The teams will be assigned their starting event for the Colter Run by random drawing. They will have to go to each of the eight events listed on their Colter Run Scorecard. After the first event, they may go to the events in any order. The entire team must arrive at the event before they can compete. Four of the events will have only one member of the team compete. They are hawk and knife throwing, archery and blackpowder shooting. Each of these events will require a different member of the team to compete. After the task has been completed, the team will move on to the next event of their choice. The winning places are determined by which team crosses the finish line first. How well they perform in the events makes no difference in the overall outcome. You just have to finish the assigned task before you can move on to the next event. So, you need to finish the task as quickly as possible. All members of the team, must cross the finish line together. Your scorecard will be checked to validate that you accomplished each of the eight tasks.

## **The Jim Bridger Top Unit Award:**

This award is given to the unit that accrues the most points throughout the rendezvous. A team collects points by doing the following: Points are awarded to teams that volunteer at the campfire and flag ceremonies. (You volunteer for these by checking the appropriate box on the registration form. The teams are selected on a first to volunteer basis.) They get points for any first, second or third place individual awards won during the morning activities as well as the Colter Run. Adult leaders results in the morning competition will not be given points toward this award.

The team that won the individual events will receive fifteen points for first, ten points for second and five points for third. Participation in the campfire or flag ceremony is worth ten points. Winning the Colter Run is worth twenty points for first, fifteen for second and ten for third. Units will receive ten points for if their leaders volunteered to assist in the running of events. This is ten points only, no matter how many leaders volunteer. The Booshway has the right to award points for actions during the rendezvous that deserves special recognition. (This is NOT for bribing the Booshway!) This is at the Booshway's discretion.

## **The Booshway's Award:**

This award is given at the closing ceremony. It is given to the unit that does the best job representing a group of mountain men. The judging is the sole responsibility and at the discretion of the Booshway. Things that he looks for are that all the boys and the leaders are dressed as mountain men. That their camp is representative of a mountain man camp. Canvas tents, no modern equipment in view, etc. Craft displays in camp, etc.. Information on how to camp as a mountain men is found our rendezvous website.

## **The Best Dressed Mountain Men Award:**

This coveted award is given to the scouts who have done the best job dressing as mountain men. Some of the things that are looked for are authenticity, complete outfits, originality and style. The scouts that want to be judged must come to the closing ceremony in their outfits. It would be appreciated if the unit doesn't just pool their resources and outfit one of your scouts for this judging. Chosen members of the Booshway's staff will judge the scouts at the beginning of the closing ceremony. We will give this award to the ten best dressed scouts. They do not have to be from the same unit. This is an individual award. Past award have been bone chokers, patch knives, tomahawks and beaded medicine bags.

## **Mountain Man Raffle:**

We will have a raffle again this year. Any scout or leader who attempts to dress as a mountain man or indian will receive a ticket as they enter the Awards Ceremony. The raffle will be drawn at the beginning of the presentation of the awards. It would be a good idea to come to the closing dressed as a mountain man or indian.