



Huddle Handout

What is the Mountain Man Rendezvous?

Every two years the Mesa District Varsity hold the Mogollon Mountain Man Rendezvous. This activity allows varsity age scouts (age 14 and above) to show off their skills, learn new skills and compete in a wide variety of activities.

to success in the other events.

The Rendezvous is an opportunity to see and learn from the mountain man and to experience their culture. For three days scouts step back in time and learn the skills,

struggles and life of the mountain man. Scouts find out that the things they learned in their younger scouting days now can be used in making them a top notch mountain man team.

Teamwork is required in almost all of the activities. By working as a team in activities such as the two-man bucksaw pictured here, scouts learn to understand their weaknesses and rely on each others strengths to accomplish great things.

The "John Colter Run" is held at the end of the rendezvous. This competition includes parts of many of the activities practiced during the preceding days.

The winning team in this event is presented with the "Hair of the Bear" award.

Scores are kept during each activity and for other things such as uniforms, campsite inspections, and on-time. The team with the best score is named the "Top Team" and is presented with a black powder rifle.

So that's Rendezvous in a nutshell. There's so much more to show but unfortunately space and time does not allow it here. The rendezvous is a great activity which is most enjoyable for those that prepare or it.



Varsity teams prepare for the rendezvous by honing their scout skills and making their own team regalia. Team regalia consists of shirts, pants, capotes, hats, medicine pouches, possible bags, shoes, knives, scabbards, beads and other traditional mountain man clothing.

This three day event held during spring break draws is one of the largest gathering of Varsity Scouts in the world!

There are over 30 different activities that teams can participate in. Teams are free to move from one activity to another at their own pace. One of the favorites is the black powder rifle range where mountain men can hone their shooting skills.

One of the attractions is the trading blanket where trades can be made. Scouts bring wares that they have made and trade them for knives, beads, firs and other accessories. Cash trading is also allowed for those who have nothing else to trade with.

The Rendezvous is a team building experience. Through team games and activities such as the wall shown here, individuals unite and develop team unity which is key

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Varsity Scout Pledge

As a Varsity Scout I will:

Live by the Scout Oath,

Law, motto, and slogan;

Honor the dignity and worth
of all persons;

Promote the cause of freedom;
and

Do my best to be a good
team member.

October Huddle: Mountain Man Rendezvous

OCTOBER 3, 2002

October Huddle will focus on the Mountain Man Rendezvous. *You are encouraged to bring your Team Captain (youth leader) to this huddle.* There will be displays and activities related to the Mountain Man. This is a great opportunity to introduce your team captain to Rendezvous and get him excited.

The Mountain Man Rendezvous will be held

March 20-22, 2003 at R-C Scout Camp. This is the Thursday through Saturday of spring break.

If you have additional questions about Rendezvous contact Nate Clark at keener02@msn.com.

November Huddle: Shooting Sports

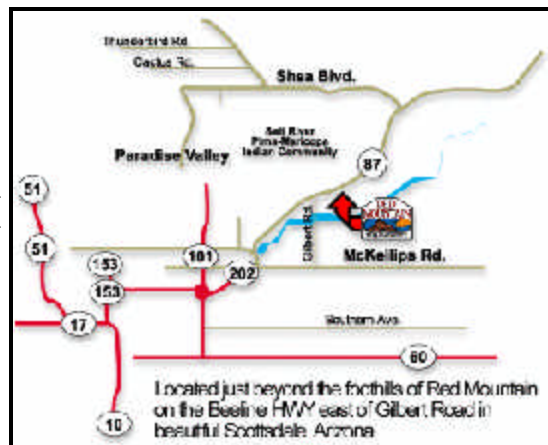


NOVEMBER 7, 2002

November Huddle will focus on Shooting Sports. November huddle will be held at Red Mountain Trap & Skeet located at 15001 E Beeline, Scottsdale. There will be displays and a hands on opportunity to participate in different shooting sports. November huddle will begin at 6:00PM on this night.

More information on the November District Turkey Shoot and November Huddle will be available shortly at:

<http://huddle.mesavarsity.org>



Located just beyond the foothills of Red Mountain on the Beeline HWY east of Gilbert Road in beautiful Scottsdale Arizona

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Mountain Man Rendezvous Patch Contest

The theme for the 2003 Mountain Man Rendezvous is "Undaunted Courage". Patch designs must be submitted to: Nate Clark (keener02@msn.com) or 706 N Horne, Mesa, AZ 85203 on or before October 3, 2002. If your team's patch design is selected your entire team will receive free Rendezvous registration.



Items that must be included in your patch design are: fleur de lis, Grand Canyon Council, Mesa District, 2002 Mogollon Rendezvous, and the Theme. Also encouraged are LTO/OTL (Live the Oath, Obey the Law) and design should be a simple geometric shape. We would also like to encourage designs to have a patriotic twist.

District Recognition Award



Annually, the District selects names of persons who have been nominated to receive one of several awards at the annual recognition meeting.

The selection is made by the District Awards Committee, composed of adult volunteer scouters who have received the District Award of Merit previously. These scouters include representatives of each of the four phases of Scouting (i.e. Cubs, Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturing).

Recommendations should be submitted by October Huddle.

Three Month Calendar

October 2002

- 3 Huddle (Bring Team Captain)
- 5&6 General Conference
- 17&18 Fall Break
- 24 Commissioner Meeting

November 2002

- 2 Scout-O-Rama
- 7 Huddle at Red Mountain Trap&Skeet
- 11 Veteran's Day (No School)
- 21 Commissioner Meeting
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 28&29 No School

December 2002

- 5 District Recognition Dinner
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Years Eve

For questions about any of these upcoming events contact your Stake ADC.



Varsity Denali Award

Huddle Last Month



Opening: *Presentation of the Denali Award.* A court of honor was held to present Quinten Vatueraus with his Varsity Denali Award. Members of his family and team were in attendance.



Workshop: *Annual Planning.* Greg Morris presented information about Team annual planning. For copies of the annual planning hand out visit the Mesa Varsity huddle web site.

Workshop: *Operation On Target.* Bob Church and Mike Heaton distributed information about the upcoming On-Target activity to be held September 20-21, 2002.

Workshop: *Rendezvous 101.* Nate Clark presented a beginners guide to Rendezvous and the many activities that teams can do to prepare for the Mountain Man Rendezvous to be held March 20-22, 2003.



Workshop: *Advancement Tracking.* Richard Vaterlaus presented information about computer based advancement tracking options and methods.

"Denali is the name American Indians gave Mount McKinley, in central Alaska."

For handouts and other information from previous huddles go to: <http://huddle.mesavarsity.org>

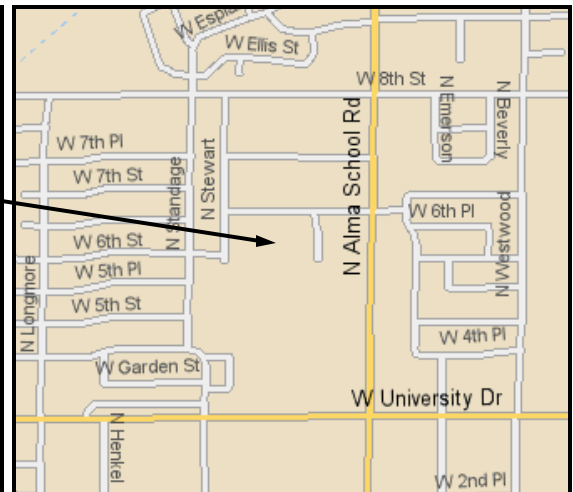
Varsity Huddle

Where:
LDS Chapel
(611 N Stewart)

When:
First Thursday

6:45 Displays
7:10 Opening
7:30 Workshops
8:20 Squad Corners

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