



Varsity HUDDLE HANDOUT

LEADER PREP FOR RENDEZVOUS

2004. Year of Preparation. This spring is the time for all Varsity Coaches, Assistants and Committee Members to become trained. As usual, there is a plethora of training for Scout leaders just to run the programs. There is Varsity Basic, Wood Badge, New Leader Essentials, Water safety courses, the new On Trek Safety course in addition to training for rappelling. But this is the beginning of the training for you as leaders to come up to speed on the Rendezvous skills. Check here for information on required preparation for Rendezvous skills training. Let's have fun!

Varsity Calendar

January

Huddle Dutch Oven equipment and skills.

February

Huddle Water Sports
Water Safety
Committee Support
(Bishopric Members Invited)

March

Huddle Trek Safety Training
Timber Cruisers
Summer Program
(Committee Members Invited)

April

Huddle Making Capotes [part I]
Blanket Required
**(Special Programs and Events
Committee Member Invited)**

May

Huddle Making Capotes [part II]
**(Special Programs and Events
Committee Member Invited)**

For questions about any of these upcoming events contact your Assistant District Commissioner (ADC) listed on the back of this handout.

HOT OUT OF THE OVEN

Cooking with Dutch ovens. I know what you're saying because I've said it myself on occasion — "I already know how to cook with Dutch ovens". Sure you get by. What comes out of the iron tub is edible. At least it's better than what the Scouts eat.

But this is your chance to prepare for *Rendezvous* Dutch oven cooking. I'm talking about the competition where "edible" just isn't good enough. This is where taste is *not* everything. We want some of our seasoned experts to teach us how to enjoy, how to compete, and how to *win* in this savory competition.

So, just what does it take for my boys to win the Dutch oven competition at the Mogollon Rendezvous? Come with your assistant and a Committee member and lets get take the first step in helping our boys be prepared to make this coming Rendezvous something they will remember for the rest of their lives (and I don't mean like that campout where everybody got stung by bees). Boys need adventure. If you are prepared as leaders for this adventure, think how easy it will be to invite those less active boys to come and participate.

Let's make a difference in someone's life.

THE RENDEZVOUS

There are those who claim that all that the Varsity Scouts do is the Rendezvous. At times it seems that way. But that may not be a bad thing. It is a means and method to the goals of Scouting and those of the Sponsoring organizations - to develop responsible citizens in our community and in the home. We want to take young men and train them to be the leaders of tomorrow. The Rendezvous is our tool for doing some of that.

The first great challenge of any young men's organization is to get them to come. What boy won't come to eat food (Dutch Oven cooking and making jerky)? These teach him to cook. What boy is not interested in making knives. It's kind of like making fire except you can take it with you. It teaches him how to use tools and raises his self esteem as he sees that he can create something that he can be proud of. What boys won't come shoot black powder rifles? Here is the opportunity to connect him with his ancestors and their situations. And how about those capotes and clothing? Here is a chance to have the boys sew their own. These are not clothes for mama's boys. Not a knicker in the crowd. The list goes on from the Coulter Run preparation for physical fitness to buck saws, primitive fishing, flint and steel fires, rappelling, pioneer games and leather working. This is not just an opportunity for fun and adventure. Make this an opportunity tool for drawing young men into a group of other good young men and teach them leadership skills that will last them a life time.

All Rendezvous? Maybe that's not a bad thing.

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