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A. Greetings FBRA members, spring have shown up already and before you know it will be rendezvous time. Planning for the 2015 Fort Bridger rendezvous is well under way. An incredible amount of planning goes into this size of a rendezvous and it is all done with a volunteer board of directors who donate their time and money to see that this rendezvous is a success. It seems

that no matter how prepared we are there is always something that comes up at rendezvous that has to be fixed. Most participants don't realize what goes on behind the scene; board members do not get to participate in any contests, sleep in, or simply enjoy a non-rushed meal with their families. As you know activities are non-stop and board members are on hand to make sure everything goes as planned.

We would like to thank those who have paid to be an association member and those who volunteer to help with committees. Thanks to all our sponsors and for their donations. For updated information or questions go to the FBRA web site @fortbridgerendezvous.net.

Chairman Jeff Malan

B. Trade spots have been assigned and confirmations mailed out, there are but a few trade spots left and some blanket spots but generally all spots are taken by rendezvous time. Camp spots have also been assigned and the deadline to have your registrations in to us is March 1<sup>st</sup>, rules are plain if you miss getting your applications in on time then someone else will be assigned your previous spot. Camp spots were assigned on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and this is not a simple task it takes 5

board members 4 hours to assign spots. The best way to assure that you get your spot for the next year is to submit your application and fee at the end of the previous rendezvous. Camp spot confirmations have been mailed out.

- C. Rule violation is a concern and the boards of directors are serious about seeing that all traders and primitive campers follow them. It's important that all traders read the trade rules and be familiar with the no trade list. Any trader who continues to violate the trade rules year after year will be not invited back regardless of how many years they have been coming. The board will work on solving problems in a friendly and timely manner however any trader or camper who threatens or disrespects and board member, trade committee member or dog soldier may be removed from the rendezvous.
- D. The Dutch oven cook off has had some changes implemented, there now is a \$10.00 entrance fee for the adult cook off. There is no charge for the teen cook off. The fee will help to offset the cost of buying the meat and for prizes. All cooking will be done in a primitive setting. Those contestants in primitive camp & for those who stay in Tin Tepee area there will be a board member or a representative whom will visit your

camp during the cooking time. The board has made this change to assure that all cooking is done in a primitive fashion without the use of propane.

E. Advertising. The new rendezvous guides have been printed and are out and ready for distribution. The Fort Bridger rendezvous also has a full page advertisement in the Wyoming guide that is distributed throughout the state of Wyoming. We will be advertising on a radio station and local news-papers in August two weeks before rendezvous. The FBRA has a face book page. The FBRA web site at [fortbridgerrendezvous.net](http://fortbridgerrendezvous.net) has seen over 17,000 hits a month watch the web site for further updates.

We look forward  
2015 rendezvous!



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