



FBRA
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A. Greetings fbra members spring is here finally and what a great time of year. Trapping season is over and it's time to finish up preparing skins to be tanned. It is also time to start thinking about rendezvous. Your board of directors has been busy all winter preparing for the 2014 Fort Bridger rendezvous. This huge event takes a tremendous amount of planning time, we work hard to make sure that when you pull onto the Fort grounds we are ready with your packets and that your set goes as quickly as possible.

This year there has been a change in the numbering of the camp sites in primitive camp. The primitive camping areas are designated N for North, S for South and E for East and W for West, so if you are camped on the North side your number might be N1 and so on. We have tried to keep everyone in the spot they requested or the one they have camped in forever, keep in mind that each year your camp or trade number may be different, we don't change it to confuse you but were are constantly trying to find a better way to make finding your camp and set up as easy as possible.

This year again we will be handing out free family passes to first time rendezvouchers. Last year we were successful in getting out new people to experience the rendezvous and hopefully they will catch the spirit of Rendezvous and return again.

You might have noticed that for the first time in the history of the Fort Bridger rendezvous we have a female Boosway and female Segundo. These two dedicated members have attended the Fort Bridger rendezvous for over 25 years each that's 50 years combined. They have proven themselves over the years and they have what it takes to plan a successful rendezvous.

B. Mica Stark the fbra secretary will be resigning after this year's rendezvous. Mica for the last three years has done an outstanding job, she has reorganized our finances into a format that is readable and accurate, accounting for every dollar that is taken in and spent. The board is grateful for her time and dedication. We will immediately be seeking a new replacement for Mica. The secretary position announcement will be posted on our web page at Fortbridgerrendezvous.net

Applicants resumes can be email via our web site or mailed to Micas address listed on the web page. The board of directors will interview applicants at the July 12th board/membership meeting held at Fort Bridger. A new secretary will be selected at this meeting. The new secretary selected will be on a 5 month training and probationary period where he or she will train with Mica until November 1st 2014.

C. The Galloway Highlander bagpiper group after 22 years of performing at Fort Bridger have retired and disbanded. We are grateful for them and the entertainment that they have provided to the public and the rendezvous. The board has searched for another bagpipe group and thanks to our Segundo Shaylane Hunziker she located a group in Idaho called the Maddison fire department pipe brigade, they are excited to come to Fort Bridger rendezvous and perform we are excited to see them play.

D. Confirmation notices for traders are in the process of being mailed out, most have already been sent. If you have not received yours by the end of April please call or email Mica. Camp spots have been assigned and

confirmations notices will be mailed out in May, there are no more camp spots left on the fort grounds but some left in primitive camp over flow. There are trade spots available but they fill up quick and will be gone by rendezvous.

E. Teen activities, for the first time we have added some teen activities to the schedule such as scavenger hunt, teen Dutch oven desert and teen candy cannon. It is our goal to provide activities for our teenage buck skimmers and keep them involved with the rendezvous.

F. 2014 Rendezvous guides have been printed and have been picked up from the printers. Copies will be available at the Easter rendezvous in Ogden and are available from all board members, this year's guide is larger at no further cost to the board, and we have added articles highlighting events and entertainment. The guide will provide some interesting articles hopefully it will be read instead of just being used for fire starting.

G. Sponsors. Last year (2013) we had a lot of traders step up and donate for a sponsorship we appreciate their contributions all proceeds go entirely (100%) to

the rendezvous. All sponsors have their name or trade spot listed on our web page and they are also listed in this year's rendezvous guide. 2014 sponsors will be listed in the 2015 guide and on our web site. All sponsors' also receive a plaque or certificate or item from the Rendezvous Booshway. Being a sponsor is not only a great way of supporting the rendezvous but it's being part of a tradition that will be remembered long after we have all gone under, so please contribute if you can. All donations no matter how small or large all helps to further the direction and goals of this rendezvous.

Thank You for all you do to support the
"Fort Bridger Rendezvous"
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