

*Mountainmen 2023 Territorial Rendezvous
Information Packet
July 17-21, 2023
Indian Hill Ranch, Tehachapi, CA*



A Great Cloud of Witnesses – Be the Cloud!

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and run with perseverance the race marked out for us.



Our speaker this year is Rick “Simon Tanner” Dostal. Rick started serving in the Royal Rangers ministry in 1978 in Southern California. After a job change, he moved his family to Northern California in 1993. In 2000 he was appointed to serve on the national Royal Rangers staff as the National Training and Camps Coordinator, the National FCF President, and Camp Eagle Rock Coordinator. Before serving at the national office, he served in many levels of district and local Royal Rangers leadership. He was the Outpost Coordinator of Outpost 360 at Life360 Church, and is now the Expedition Rangers Commander of Outpost 8, Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Voyagers Territorial Rep.

The Royal Rangers ministry and seeing boys coming to the altars is his passion, His vision is to see all of our boys have the opportunity to ask Jesus Christ our Master Ranger into their heart as Lord and Savior, and then to train them up in the Ranger way.

Rick enjoys spending time with family, camping, and hunting. He is the Chief Building Official of Southeast Ohio Building Department. Rick and his wife, Maggie, have been married for 48 years and have one daughter, Hannah. They are proud grandparents of two girls, Francesca and Juliet.



The official patch this year is a throwback design that remembers the first territorial rendezvous in the FCF ministry in 1973. Back then, there was one patch for all FOUR territories – and the one patch just said Territorial Rendezvous – FCF. This year, each of the now EIGHT territories use the same standard design with the year signified and the territories name. Special patch sets with all eight territories will be for sale – 50 years after the first territorial rendezvous!

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A separate patch is available to all that attend this rendezvous that commemorates Bernie “Hoof” Stringer – the previous Sierra Grizzly chapter president that passed away in 2021. Along with this patch, a host strip is available to all members of the Sequoia and El Dorado chapters. The rendezvous medallion is also available to all attendees, and additional patches and medallions will be available for sale. Hoof epitomized the TR2023 verse: **Hebrews 12:1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

2023 Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous Information

Event Eligibility – The 2023 Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous is open to all FCF members regardless of chapter or territory.

Registration Instructions – Registration can ONLY be completed on-line. **To register for the 2023 Mountainmen TR go to page 6 of the booklet and read the registration instructions.** Please read the below observations carefully before you register:

1. Each person registering must complete the registration process and pay by credit card through AG Convention Services
2. In addition to completing the registration process, each person must also complete an on-line form.
3. For each Old Timer, completion of the AOR form triggers a background check by the national Royal Rangers office. An email like the one provided in the directions at page 6 will be sent to you. Fill out the questions and return as instructed. This background check may take up to a week, so all registration for both Old Timers and Young Bucks must be completed by **Monday, July 10, 2023.**
4. There is no form for registering via mail and there is **NO** on-site registration allowed.

Event Cost – Old Timers are \$125, and Young Bucks are \$105. Fee includes camping and insurance cost, official event patch and registration patch, camp t-shirt, plus host patch for the Sequoia and El Dorado chapters.

Event Goals - Established goals for the event that through a combined effort of the Regional RR Staff and staff members from the representative districts can be developed and achieved.

Event Attendance – 150

Make significant spiritual gains

70% Chapter President Attendance

40% District Director Attendance

100% Regional Staff Attendance

Outfit Classes – Two separate outfit classes are offered during the rendezvous. These classes will cover the fur trade era clothing before 1840 and associated regalia. These will give members some ideas on how to improve their outfits and help others in their chapters also improve an outfit. They will also prepare you to better improve your outfit for competition judging. Mike “Crow” Valladares and Henry “Silver Hawk” Molina will present this exciting class – you don’t want to miss it.

Black Powder Course – A black powder course is offered on Tuesday. This is an NRA/NMNLRA Muzzleloader rifle course. The cost is \$30, payable at camp. To register for this course, contact John “Roadrunner” Kennedy at 858-337-8792 or email rffcprepsd@gmail.com. John is a registered instructor and can provide rifles for students at camp. A shooter’s card is required to shoot black powder at TR2023.

Shade – Like Del Que said in Jeremiah Johnson – Shade is mighty scarce in these parts. Plan on bringing your own shade for camp and at your events. Can’t have too much!

Oso Grande Award Chapter Competitions – The NEW Oso Grande Award, recognition for the top performing chapter at rendezvous, needs to be wrestled away from the El Dorado Chapter! Who will rise up and shine this year? Chapters can earn points through several event-related activities – such as chapter member event attendance as a percentage of overall chapter membership, chapter games, competition performance, volunteer participation, horn blowing competition, and necklace competition.

Chapter Competition Criteria

1-200 points for registered chapter member percentage (50 points for 25% of chapter membership attendance, 100 points for 50%, 150 points for 75%, 200 points for 100+%)
25 points per Scout participant
25 points for Territorial Scout winner
50 points for National Scout winner
25 points for participation in an Outfit Class
10 points for each completed and submitted scorecard
25-30-40 points for placing in a competition event
15-20-25 points for placing in the horn blowing competition
15-20-25 points for placing in the necklace/medallion contest
10 points per volunteer service time completed
25 points for District Director attendance
25 points for Chapter President attendance
??? points for Ad Dare Sevre (exuberance, inter-chapter friendliness, willingness to help other groups)

Territorial / National Scout Competition – A competition will be held to determine the National Scout representing the Mountainmen Territory and the Territorial Scout to serve the territory for a two year term. All chapters in the territory may submit one scout eligible to compete. The competition will include testing on hawk/knife throwing, black powder shooting/archery, fire starting, outfits, RR achievement and FCF achievement. Winner of the competition will be named National Scout and will earn a \$500 voucher for a Pathfinders Missions trip.

A Territorial / National Scout application with three personal references must be submitted **BY July 10th** to be eligible to compete. Contact Sean Kennedy (contact info up front) to submit the required forms and personal references. No application packages will be accepted on site. Period. Please find the following documents under the Forms section of the National FCF website – [HERE](#).

1. Scout Application
2. Personal Reference Form
3. Scout Competition Guidelines

Event Competition Awards – Each Old Timer attending TR2023 should bring at least ONE period item of at least \$15 value. These items are used to provide awards for all event 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. Items should be submitted during registration.

Missions Auction – Bring your very best for Jesus this year! We have a missions auction planned and the proceeds go to the Expansion Project for Royal Rangers International. For more information on the project, go to www.royalrangersinternational.com. Items purchased during the auction may be paid by cash or check only. More expensive items may be paid off in installments with Territorial approval.

Fishing – There is a stocked pond nearby. Must comply with all state and local laws. Bring your own gear and have a blast.

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Indian Hills Group Campsite, Tehachapi, CA
July 17-21, 2023**

All registration for territorial rendezvous will be online through AG Convention Service. The participants forms will be sent as links from the registration system to the adult or the parent to complete and sign via DocuSign. However, since all the forms will be sent out through the registration system, the registration system will receive the notification of the signed copies when they are complete.

To register, click on the following link or enter into your URL: <https://brushfire.com/agusa/rr/546954>

Young Bucks (minors): Anyone who will be under age 18 as of July 21, 2023. If you will turn 18 before or during the event, you must register as an adult.

Once you click on the URL for Young Bucks, you will see the following instructions:

As the designated Signer, you will receive an email inviting you to fill out the Parental Consent and Medical Treatment Authorization (PCA) form details for your minor Child. Once completed, you must click the yellow action button **FINISH** to fully submit the form (with a required CC to the designated Event Coordinator) so your child can get to participate in this RR Mountainmen FCF Territorial Rendezvous on July 17-21, 2023, in Tehachapi, CA.

Once you've electronically signed and submitted the form successfully, you will receive a follow-up DocuSign email confirmation. From this second DocuSign email, please access your fully signed form (attached to it) and print out one copy of all pages.

- Retain an electronic copy for yourself.
- Give one copy to the local church's Event Leader who will retain it while transporting the group to and from (and during) the Rendezvous.

Old-Timers (adults): Anyone who is over age 18 or who will turn 18 anytime during the event. All adult will have a 2-part process for approval to attend rendezvous. The first part is completing the Assumption of Risk (AOR) form. The second part is a background check run by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Without completing and passing both steps for adult approval, you will not be able to attend the territorial rendezvous.

Step 1: Assumption of Risk

Once you click on the URL for Old-Timers, you will see the following instructions:

You will receive an email invitation to access this electronic form. Please fill out the Assumption of Risk form. Once completed, you must click the yellow action button **FINISH** to fully submit the form to attend the RR Mountainmen FCF Territorial Rendezvous on July 17-21, in Tehachapi, CA.

Once you've electronically signed and submitted the form successfully, you will receive a follow-up DocuSign email confirmation. From this second DocuSign email, please access your fully signed form (attached to it) and print out one copy of all pages.

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- This registration is conditional on completing and passing step 2.

Step 2: Background Check

Once the AOR is complete, you will receive an email from Trusted Employee (see sample below). This is our background check company. The sample is provided so you will know this is a legitimate email. Please don't be concerned about the credit check verbiage. We are not checking your credit. Trusted Employee has to have that verbiage whether or not the credit check is being run.

The timing of this email will be within a week and half to two weeks after you register online. We will only pull new registration once a week until about three weeks prior to the event. Then, we will pull new registration every day. It is extremely important that you take the five minutes to complete this form immediately.

This system will ask for personal information, such as name, address, SSN, etc. It will also ask what position you are applying for. Remember, this is who we use for employee background checks. For position, list **Territorial Rendezvous**.

[SAMPLE]



Dear [Your Name]~

Thank you for considering employment (or volunteering) with The General Council of the Assemblies of God. As part of our application process, we conduct background screens on all applicants we are considering through Trusted Employees. Please click on the link below (or cut and paste into your browser).

<https://www.rhris.com/SelectSmart.cfm?InviteID=D59287AA-E655-3D97-E31238B19FCBF19E>

Follow all of the prompts and provide all requested information including signing the online electronic release.

If you have any questions, please contact Trusted Employees at 1-888-389-4023.

Additional Registration Notes:

Vendors (onsite): All vendors staying onsite at the territorial rendezvous will have to complete the entire adult registration and approval process, including the background check.

Vendors (offsite): All vendors staying offsite for the territorial rendezvous will only be permitted to enter the event 30 minutes prior to visiting hours and will need to leave the event area 30 minutes after visiting hours.

Onsite Registration: There will be **no** onsite registration because we will not be able to run a background on attendees onsite.

Insurance Information:

Royal Rangers National Ministries Special Risk Insurance Program

The Royal Rangers National Ministries of the General Council of the Assemblies of God has made the following insurance benefits available for you while participating in events sponsored and supervised by The Royal Rangers National Ministries. Below is a brief overview of the travel insurance benefits being offered and contact information in the event of an emergency.

Who is eligible for coverage?

Class 1-Participants of the Royal Rangers Territorial Rendezvous 2023 and the Royal Rangers National Rendezvous in July of 2024

What is covered?

Accidental Death Benefits:

If, within 365 days of a covered accident, injury results in an accidental death.

Principal Sum

Class 1- \$5,000

Accident Medical Expense Benefits:

If, within 30 days of a covered accident, injury results, we will pay up to your selected benefit maximum for covered expenses. The benefit amount for Accident Medical Expense is payable only for Medical Expenses incurred within 180 days after the accident. The benefit amount is payable on an excess basis.

Class 1- \$10,000

Sickness Expense Benefits:

No Coverage.

2023 Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous Schedule

Sunday, July 16, 2023

4:00 pm – Campsite opens for all to set-up

Monday, July 17, 2023

9:00 am- Camp Setup and Registration

7:00 pm – Camp Devotion (speaker)

9:00 – Night Hawks

11:00 pm – Quiet Time, lights out

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

8:00 am – Morning Devotion (scout)

8:30 am – Event set-up begins

9:00 am – Outfit Class starts/Black Powder Course starts

12:00 pm – Events open

2:00 pm – Outfits Class starts

5:00 pm – Events close

7:00 pm – Evening Worship and Service (speaker)

11:00 pm – Quiet Time, lights out

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

8:00 am – Morning Devotion (scout)

9:00 am – Events open

12:00 pm – Auction items and Necklaces due

3:00 pm – Events close

3:30 pm – Missions Auction

7:00 pm – Evening Worship and Service (speaker)

11:00 pm – Quiet Time, lights out

Thursday, July 20, 2023

8:00 am – Morning Devotion (scout)

9:00 am – Events open

2:00 pm – Events close

3:00 pm – 4x4 shoot

4:00 pm – Seneca Run

5:00 pm – ALL Scorecards due

5:00 pm – Dinner provided by host chapters

7:00 pm – Evening Worship and Service (speaker)

8:30 pm – Awards Ceremony/National Scout Ceremony

10:00 pm – Ice Cream Social/Traders Row

11:00 pm – Quiet Time, lights out

Friday, July 21, 2023

8:00 am – Morning Devotion

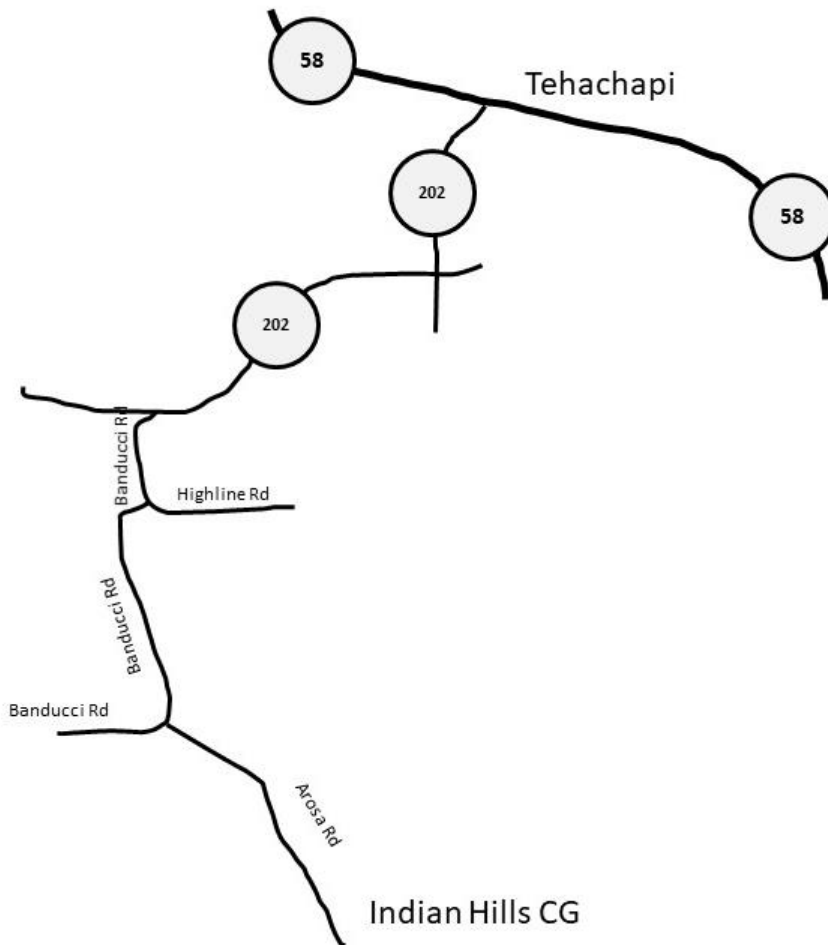
11:00 am – Checkout Time, camp must be empty



Driving Directions:

18061 Arosa Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Camp phone number is (661) 822-6613.



REMEMBER: BRING SOME SHADE!

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Camp Rules and Event Information

Registration - All groups shall check-in as they enter campsite. Updated camp information, rules and restrictions, and event information will be provided, along with t-shirts and camp patches. Registration and First Aid are located in the camp marquee tent.

Vehicle Safety - Drive slowly, less than 10 mph, on roads. The Event Staff determines where vehicles are parked. Vehicles should be quickly unloaded and parked so others can also gain entrance and get set up.

Camping Safety – Each outpost or chapter must have a first aid kit readily available in camp. If a person is injured, make sure they get immediate treatment and contact the camp staff so proper paperwork can be documented. No fireworks or laser pointers allowed at camp.

Camp Shade – There is not a lot of shade at this facility, so plan on bringing shade for your campsite and any events your chapter is in charge of running.

Fire Safety – Wood is not available at Indian Hills, so bring your own wood if you plan on burning a fire. Fires are only permitted if at least 6" above ground in a safe fire pit or in any prefabricated pits at the campsite. Trench fires are prohibited. If fire restrictions are in place, relative information will be communicated via Facebook before the rendezvous dates. Plan on cooking with propane in case fire bans are in force. For fire safety, have a water bucket and shovel handy for safety.

Firearm Safety - Firearms will only be loaded and fired at Shooting Areas under the supervision of a Range Officer. All black powder shooters must have a shooters card from an NRA or NMLRA black powder course. Eye and hearing protection are required while on the shooting range. No non-period firearms are allowed in camp, and no modern guns are allowed on the shooting range. Handguns are not to be discharged and there are no events for handguns.

Camp Etiquette – Wearing period correct clothing during rendezvous is recommended, but not required. Keep camps as period correct as possible. Cover visible modern camp equipment with canvas or blankets. Use modern lighting (including solar lights) inside lodges only. Do not use drones without the approval of the Territorial staff.

Game Laws – Sale of prohibited or illegal animal/fowl parts is prohibited. The sale of any animal/fowl parts must comply with all state and federal regulations.

Visiting Hours - Visiting hours are between 10:00 am and close of evening campfire service daily. Visitors must check in at the Registration Area and be in the direct control of an FCF adult member while at the campsite. Visitors may not participate or compete in any events.

Trees and Shrubs - Do not cut, damage, or remove any material from trees even though the material appears dead. Use only wood you brought with yourself.

Liability Statement – Insurance is included through the national office as part of your registration cost. All participants must complete the online permission process to be on site.

Trash

Bring trash bags to contain all trash. Trash disposal is available on site. Leave your campsites clean at all times.

Human Waste

Use the toilet facilities for human waste. Do not dispose of trash in the toilets. Each chapter will do a bathroom cleaning duty to keep the area smelling nice and fresh.

Water

Potable water will be available at the campsite. If you prefer bottled water, bring all the drinking water you anticipate needing.

Events

- 4x4 Post Shoot - Each chapter is invited to present a 4x4 shooting team for the post shoot. Each team must include as a minimum one young buck.
- Necklace Competition – Necklaces submitted for competition must include the 2023 medallion in the design. The schedule designates when necklaces are due, and necklaces may be donated for the Missions Auction.
- Horn Blowing – One morning devotion will include the horn blowing competition for Old Timers and Young Bucks. Be ready to blow your lungs out!
- Flint & Steel – Be prepared to meet some special challenge while showing your fire starting skills.
- Seneca Run – A challenging course comprised of running, throwing, shooting and other mountain skills will determine who are the best all-around mountain men at the rendezvous.
- Outfit Judging – Bring all your possible to see who has the best outfit and accoutrements. To find out what it takes to shine, go to <http://www.nationalfcf.com/FCF-Forms> and find the outfit judging form for the period you want to compete in. The mountainman form is the usual default form.
- Archery – Only period correct gear is allowed for archery competition. Stick, long bow, recurve bows, etc. are acceptable. Compound bows are NOT acceptable. 3D targets will be used.
- Black Powder Accuracy – Instead of a trailwalk, each shooter will shoot at a custom 5-shot target. Targets are turned in for scoring by the judges. Pick up your targets during registration.