



## **SIERRA MUZZLELOADERS**

### **MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS**

The snow has melted and the mountain trails are clear and passable. The meadows and forests are green. The streams and rivers are flowing high and the beaver, deer and bear are plentiful. It should be a good year for the trappers, packers and fur traders. Grab your coffee cups and join me at the morning fire for a talk about the spring open rendezvous. There is plenty of room at the camp fire and no front row seating, so grab a seat anywhere and let's talk.

The Sierra Muzzleloaders traditionally set up a rendezvous in the early spring to live the life of the trappers during the fur trade era and share our life style with pilgrims. We would enjoy your company at our camp. Come and see how the Mountain Men used their skills for trapping beavers and surviving in the remote west. You will be able learn about the Mountain Man's tools and watch black powder rifle and pistol shooting, tomahawk and knife throwing, and primitive archery competitions.

You are welcome to walk through the encampments with dozens of primitive campsites, to see how the Mountain Men lived, cooked and dressed. Merchants and traders will be selling the goods that Mountain Men needed for trapping beaver and fox and trading with the Native Indians. The Mountain Men and Women will be pleased to share their skills with visitors and welcome all questions. All visitors are welcome at no charge. To stay in the spirit of the Mountain Man Rendezvous it is preferred that anyone visiting after dusk be in period dress. A clothes closet is available for visitors who wish to borrow period clothing. The rendezvous is held in the mountains near Forbestown, California, on New York Flat Road. Follow the signs from the town of Brownsville.

#### **Events**

**Rifle; pistol; trade gun; trade pistol; shotgun; archery; knife and hawk; period drink contest; cannon and mortar.**

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