



The 45th annual UPMLA Rendezvous for 2022 is scheduled for the traditional third weekend in July: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 14, 15, and 16. The Rendezvous again will be held on the grounds of the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club in Baraga, Michigan.

A colorful and informative flyer is being mailed to current UPMLA members along with this newsletter. It lists most of the formal events planned for the Rendezvous. Most of these are traditional with a decades-long history, but a few have been renewed after a lapse of one or more years. The Table Rest Rifle Shoot is a new event to be tried this year.

The flyer can help publicize the event if posted where it might be seen by persons interested in shooting traditional muzzle loading firearms. To obtain more copies for display, please contact the UPMLA secretary with email or a phone call.

Current members will be mailed a 2022 Rendezvous Program including a schedule of events, guidelines for camping, brief rules for shooting events, and other notes. The schedule has been modified from previous years, and organizers are still working out details.

The flyer mentions a preference for pre-1840s garb by attendees. How completely attendees follow this guideline is up to their personal preferences and preparation.

If conflicts in personal schedules do not permit attendance for all three days, then participating for one or two days is encouraged. The registration desk will be open on each day. Visitors who are not participating in any events are welcome to observe activities most any time.

Please note that it is permissible to begin an early set-up of camping equipment on Wednesday, July 14th starting at 12 noon, but not before. The rendezvous ends officially on

Saturday evening, but campsites do not have to be vacated until Sunday, July 18th, with a deadline of noon. We thank our host, the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club, for granting these helpful deadline extensions to the UPMLA.

The raffles held at the Rendezvous have always been popular. They generate a significant proportion of the operating funds for the UPMLA. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the registration desk during the mornings and usually during afternoons. Drawings will take place on Saturday evening after the business meeting.

Two additional raffles separate raffles will be conducted this year, each for a very fine muzzle loading rifle.

The well-known image above is of "Grizzly Adams". Note that he is properly attired and outfitted for attending a modern Rendezvous, complete with his muzzleloading rifle and its accessories. He is accompanied in the image by his grizzly bear. It would probably be better if you did not show up for the UPMLA Rendezvous with your own bear.

Event Volunteers for 2022

Here's a slightly modified list of persons who volunteered to help at 2022 Rendezvous. **PLEASE immediately contact** a UPMLA officer if you are on the list and cannot fulfill your commitment.

- Trade-Gun Woods Walk: John Maki, Marc Phipps, Mike Phipps
- Long Bow: Bob Lukes, John Pera
- Clout Shoot: Bob Lukes, John Pera
- Long Distance Rifle: Bob Keen, Lyle Hebert
- Smooth Bore Shoot: Lyle Hebert, Tom Caylor
- Table Rest Rifle Shoot: Bob Keen
- Knife & Hawk Throw: Scott Henkel, Kate Henkel, Sandy Mead
- Pan Throw: Andy Schumer, Dick Yanke
- Rolling Pin Toss: Sandy Mead
- Rifle Fun Shoot: Lyle Hebert, Scott Henkel
- Rifle Target Shoot: Lyle Hebert, Scott Henkel
- Pistol Target Shoot: Bob Lukes
- Youth Rifle Shoot: Elton Kalm, Sandy Mead
- Campfire Cook-off: Dick Yanke
- Camp Wood Supply: Andy Schumer

Some Innovations for Rendezvous 2022

The UPMLA Officers and Directors have been working on details of some new additions to the traditional program. These will be conducted on a trial basis and may be continued in future Rendezvous if successful. An "ice cream social" is being planned for Friday evening at 7 pm. An abundant assortment of flavors and toppings will be available for making your own concoctions, which means you should plan your Friday lunch and dinner menu to accommodate the evening's yumminess.

A new shooting event is planned for Friday morning – a Table Rest Rifle Shoot. Rifles are to be fired from a bench at 60-yard targets, with the front end resting on a support fixed to

a shooting bench. The rules and course of fire will follow those of the similar matches fired at National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association events..

A new set of prizes is planned for most competitors at the Rendezvous. These will be distributed in addition to the traditional trophies, ribbons, and medals.

Program Availability

Copies of the program for the 2022 Rendezvous will be mailed to UPMLA members about July 4th. The mailing will include information about the new Table Rest Rifle Shoot including targets (bring your own favorite target for a 60-yard distance), sighting in, time limits, number of shots, etc.

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