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WINTER NEWSLETTER

Hello the Lodge! Happy New Year! Winter of 2025 certainly isn't for sissies. But we have lots of news to cover – so let's get started!

Registration is open for most of our events! Head on over to www.nrlhf.org!

NRLHF SOUTHEASTERN PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS

April 10-17, 2025

561 AL-165,
Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

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**New
Site!**

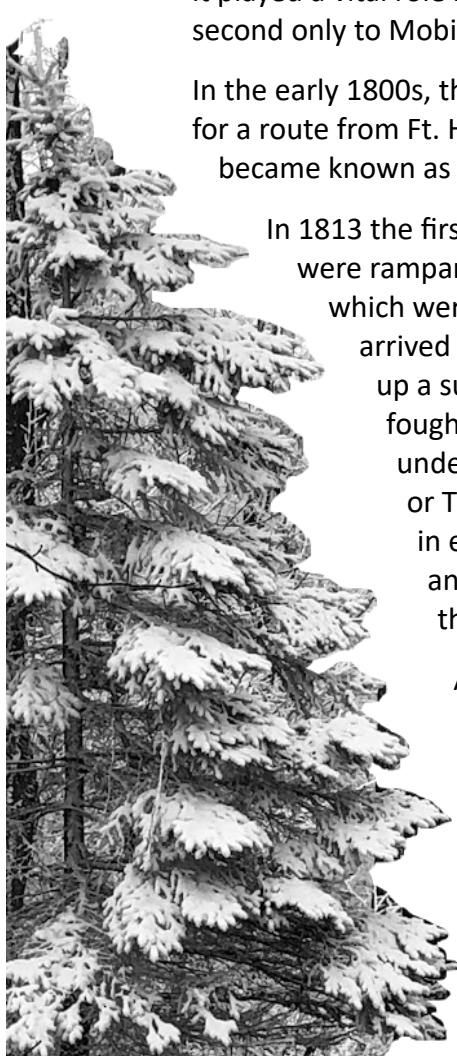


The 2025 event will be held at Fort Mitchell, Alabama located at 561 AL-165, Fort Mitchell, AL 36856. Fort Mitchell was built in 1813 along the banks of the Chattahoochee River, in what is now Russell County, where it played a vital role in the history of a young Nation. It has been said that Russell County is second only to Mobile, Alabama in terms of early historical significance in the State of Alabama.

In the early 1800s, the U.S. signed a treaty with the Creek Nation to use and widen a footpath for a route from Ft. Hawkins, near Macon, Georgia, to Ft. Mims, near Mobile, Alabama. It became known as "The Federal Road", used by soldiers, the stage coach, and other travelers.

In 1813 the first fort was built following the massacre of Ft. Mims where Indian hostilities were rampant. During the War of 1812, the British were selling guns to the Indians which were used against the Americans. General John Floyd and the Georgia Militia arrived at the Chattahoochee River with 900 troops and 300 friendly Indians to set up a supply base and to keep peace with the Indians. General Floyd's troops fought several important battles before the final Battle at Horseshoe Bend under General Jackson. In 1817, the Federal Government set up a Trading Post or Trading Factory at Fort Mitchell to provide food and supplies for the Indians in exchange for furs. The Trading Post was successful until delays in delivery and completion from other traders along the way brought on the closing of the trading post.

Alabama became a state in 1819 and more settlers began moving into the new state. In 1825, the Indian Agency was moved to Fort Mitchell. Colonel John Crowell, Indian agent, was sent to keep peace with the Creek Indians. General Lafayette was greeted at Fort Mitchell by Alabama troops, dignitaries, and the Creek Indians as he was escorted to Montgomery and on to St. Stephens.



The history of Fort Mitchell includes 1865 when General James Cantey trained “Cantey’s Rifles”, who became the 15th Alabama Regiment during the Civil War. Fort Mitchell, a National Historic Landmark Site, brings to life history during the time of the Federal Road, the Creek Indian War, and the pioneer settlement The Crowell-Whitaker Cabin of this area. This history background was obtained from <http://visitfortmitchell.org/2016/07/11/brief-history/>.

Sounds like an excellent site for a Southeastern Primitive Rendezvous! Your Booshway, Jim Turley – also the Southeastern Delegate in Charge, worked long and hard to secure this new site. Jim is looking for folks to help out – if you are planning to go, please touch base with Jim! April 10-17 should be wonderful spring weather in Alabama! Make plans to attend!



2025 NRLHF CORPS OF DISCOVERY

May 14-18, 2025
Krepps Covered Bridge Field
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McDonald, PA 15057
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The National Rendezvous and Living History Foundations (NRLHF) will be hosting the 20th annual Corps of Discovery teaching event now starting Wednesday, May 14 through Sunday, May, 18, 2025. This event is not a typical rendezvous, but more of a learning exploration - much like Lewis and Clark when their expedition left for the great unknown from the banks of the Ohio River in 1804. What experiences can be explored? In the past we offered many seminars such as cooking on an open fire with Dutch ovens, various styles of lighting, tomahawk and knife throwing, archery and more. We are always adding different seminars or workshops. If you are attending and would like to host a seminar, please touch base with Don.

We hope you’ll find the NRLHF Corps of Discovery learning event a compelling idea and attend! NRLHF Corps of Discovery is free to the public, visiting hours will be 10:00am-4:30pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday and closed to the public on Sunday.

We hope you’ll consider attending our event and experience pre-1640-1840 history through your senses: sight, sound, touch and possibly even taste!



2025 OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORIES PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS (ONWTPR)

June 20-27, 2025
Hidden Hollow Camp
8672 Richman Rd
Lodi, OH 44254

The 2025 Old Northwest Territories Primitive Rendezvous will return to Hidden Hollow Camp near Lodi, OH. Hidden Hollow features a beautiful one-acre woodland pond and two nature trails. In geographical terms, a “hollow” is exactly as it sounds – a small

valley or basin in the land. At the bottom of Hidden Hollow is the West Fork of the East Branch of the Black River. The rich soil of its floodplain is home to towering sycamore, black willow, and black walnut trees -- along with a diverse array of wildflowers.



2025 NORTHEASTERN PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS

July 26-Aug 2, 2025

2911 Stoney Run Road

Sugar Grove, PA 16350

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The 2025 Northeastern Primitive Rendezvous to be held again in Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. It is a wonderful site with nice views whichever direction you look. Keith Anderson, who did a fine job as Booshway last year, will again be spearheading this event.



Several things will be new this year!

Two very knowledgeable friends have volunteered to redo the woods walk. Their plan is to have at least 10 new targets to shoot at. Some may be hard but all will be hittable. Keith has shot courses which these two gentlemen have set up and can almost promise there will be more than 10 stations. Keith is also planning on having a bridge and steps to cross the dry wash.

Also, the hawk and knife will have all targets replaced. There will be at least 10 targets on this course also. Hint: it might be a good idea to bring your flint and steel. A new novelty shoot is being added and will consist of things such as... you'll just have to show up to find out!

The archery course will have the needed targets replaced and, you guessed it, at least 10 shots!

The paper range will have the normal aggregate, Blue Jacket, Segundo and Scribes matches.

Added will be a Daily Cash target for anyone interested for a dollar per entry. We also will have flys this year to get you into shade.

Ladies Tea and Children's games will be held. Brittany Ananea, our Scribe, has hinted there may be something for the men too. This would be in the way of games like checkers, card games, and/or whatever other ideas might be suggested. This would be a bring your own thirst quencher. Keith is also hoping to have Highland Games, arrange another pot luck dinner and a night out at the local AMVETS.

Keith and his Staff have been brainstorming, as well as listening to folks. All that is left is for you to come and enjoy the week! Keith is hands-on, who listens to you, your thoughts and concerns. If there's an issue, he will do everything in his ability to make everyone have an enjoyable time.



2024 EASTERN PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS (EPR)

September 20-27, 2024

Zion Grove, Pennsylvania



The National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation's (NRLHF) Eastern Primitive Rendezvous was held September 20-27, 2024 near Zion Grove, Pennsylvania. There were 162 camps and 256 folks plus many children who attended for a fun-filled event run by Charlie Kovalewski and his fine staff. The meeting house was in good hands with Juanita Smith and her crew who assisted with various nightly themes throughout the week and a Ladies Tea on Sunday. Parson Jim Burow preached his final Sunday service along with a Tuesday evening hymn sing as he announced his retirement. The NRLHF Board of Directors wishes both Parson Jim and Juanita Smith all the best in their future endeavors and a heartfelt "Thank You" to you both. Charles Deckman-range captain, Mike Cormier- hawk & knife, and Jeff and Carol Brodbeck-Archery provided excellent competitions throughout the week. Kim "Hawk" Trytten, Ruth Py and Kathy Huey made sure





Highland Games, Granny Games and Children's games were a blast respectively.

Shinin' Times are happening again! We'd like to invite anyone who left because of previous decisions or politics (aren't we all sick of *politics*?). Allow the past to be the past and come back – we are a much-improved organization. The 2025 Eastern will be held at the same location – if you missed this year's, make

plans to attend next year's! Dates will be published soon.

RAFFLE WINNER!

And our winner for the NRLHF Raffle is Mike Yost! Congrats Mike - have a blast with it!

