

Furendezvous 2019



Live the 1800-1840's Fur Trade era for a weekend.

Ontario District Spring Camporee

May 17th-19th 2019

Cost: \$7.00/pp

Location: 5230 US Route 11 - Pulaski New York

Register at: <https://longhouse.tentaroo.com/admin2/login>

All questions to Ed Koester, SM T-830 at: elsapatriot@gmail.com

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The **North American fur trade** was the industry and activities related to the acquisition, trade, exchange, and sale of animal furs in North America. [Aboriginal peoples in Canada](#) and [Native Americans in the United States](#) of different regions traded among themselves in the [Pre-Columbian Era](#), but Europeans participated in the trade beginning from the time of their arrival in the New World and extended its reach to Europe. The French started trading in the 16th century, the English established trading posts on [Hudson Bay](#) in present-day Canada in the 17th century, and the Dutch had trade by the same time in [New Netherland](#). The 19th-century North American fur trade, when the industry was at its peak of economic importance, involved the development of elaborate trade networks.

The fur trade became one of the main economic ventures in North America attracting competition among the French, British, Dutch, Spanish, and Russians. Indeed, in the early history of the United States, capitalizing on this trade, and removing the British stranglehold over it, was a major economic objective. Many Native American societies across the continent came to depend on the fur trade as their primary source of income. By the mid-1800s changing fashions in Europe brought about a collapse in fur prices. The [American Fur Company](#) and some other companies failed. Many Native communities were plunged into long-term poverty and consequently lost much of the political influence they once had.

Camporee overview

The Camporee is based in the fur trade era. Troops and scouts will engage in trade and barter for unwanted or needed scout and camping items (scout and camping related items, no food or other items). Each troop will be given "Trade Dollars" at check-in. They may trade, keep, collect these dollars. Scouts will have fun and use their bartering and salesmanship skills to engage and trade with other scouts/troops. We suggest having the scouts work on a costume (see examples below) to include a trade satchel to carry their goods for trade. We will have an award for "Best Trader" at Saturday evening campfire.

Additional activities will also be scheduled during the camporee to include an extensive tomahawk throwing range, lashing competition, Dutch oven chili cook-off, flag retirement ceremony, and tug of war.

We encourage ALL participants to engage in the spirit of the time-period and dress in primitive attire of an individual living during the fur trader era. We will have a "best" costume award at the Saturday evening campfire.

Troops will be setting up camp in a field so no ground fires please.

Trading rules:

- Items for trade will be limited to **camping** and **scout** related items (cookware, tents, patches, camping gear, woggles, uniforms, hats, etc.).
- Trading is limited to item for item and or trade dollars.
- Items will not be sold or bought, use of real currency is discouraged.
- When both sides are happy with the deal be sure to seal the trade with a handshake.
- Be a good honest trader and do not take advantage of your fellow scouts. Remember your scout oath.
- Keep track of trades with initials and troop number of persons you made the trade with. A trader's card will be provided at check-in.

Activities and schedule:

Registration/check-in opens 6pm Friday

Leaders meeting Friday evening 9pm

Opening ceremony (at flagpole near parking lot) - 8:30 am Saturday

Trading Area - Saturday 9:30-noon and 1-5pm

Tomahawk Throw - Saturday 9:30-noon and 1-5pm

Lunch break Saturday 12 Noon - 1pm

Tug of War - Young vs Old traders 2pm Saturday

Pioneer Lashing Competition - Saturday 9:30-noon and 1-5pm - Awarded at campfire Saturday evening.

Dutch Oven Chili Competition - Judging at Troop 830 camp 1pm - Bring your best!

Best Costume - Awarded at campfire Saturday evening

Dinner break - 5pm

Flag retirement ceremony (bring your old tattered flags for proper respect and retirement) - Campfire 8pm

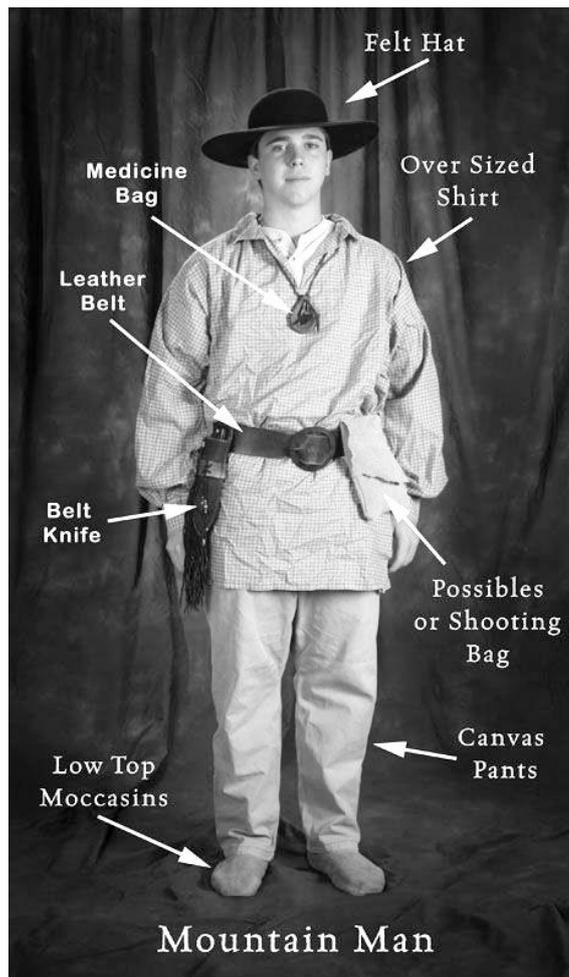
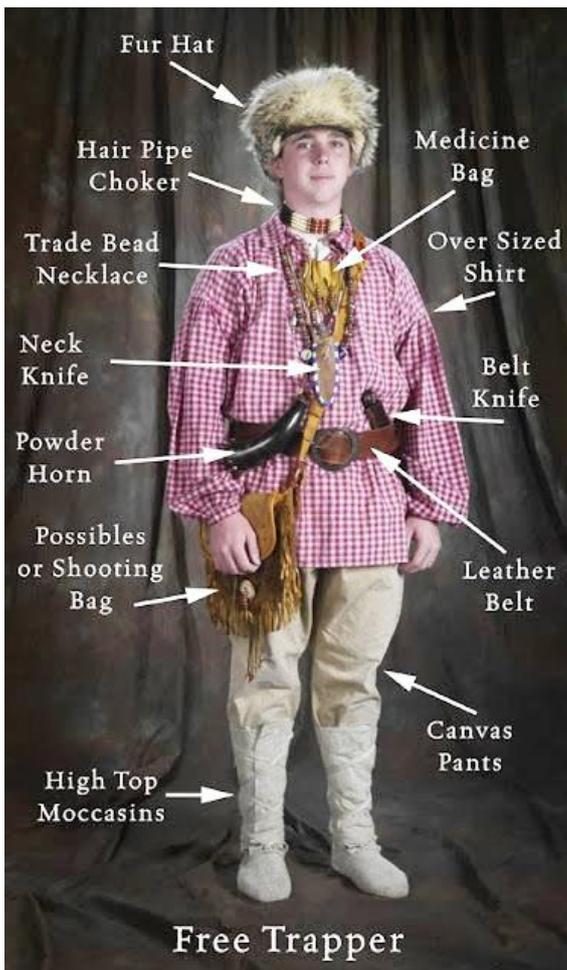
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Costume suggestions



Troop preparation:

1. Work on costumes, primitive attire for the time-period. Belt or fixed blade knives at troop discretion. Please adhere to safe knife practices as specified in your handbook.
2. Practice your lashings.
3. Gather items for trade, be sure to limit them to Scout or camping related items only. Decide if you will wander and trade or set up a post. Be sure to prepare for inclement weather.
4. Bring your worn/tattered flags for a proper retirement at the closing campfire.

Awards:

1. Best costume - Adult/Leader and Scout
2. Dutch oven chili cook-off
3. Pioneering lashing competition
4. Best trader (Scouts)