



2019 Pacific Primitive Rendezvous

Kohler School Site, Seneca, Oregon

A Few last words from Cat

The 2019 Pacific Primitive Rendezvous (PPR) was held in June on The Southworth Ranch, three miles southwest of Seneca in Section 16 T.17S., R31E. W.M. in Grant County Oregon.

Over 640 people (561 adults, 34 teens, 52 kids and 24 horses) from the western United States as well as Canada attended this event and spent a week enjoying the beauty of Bear Valley. There were 51 full traders and 51 blanket traders there to tempt us all.

This years event aimed to step-up our "Primitive Game" and we met the challenge, hardly a penny was dropped. I had a wonderful and unique experience as your Booshway. Thank you for the opportunity. Together with my terrific team, we not only worked hard but had fun doing our individual jobs... Thanks go to all of them for their energy and enthusiasm - together we put on a really great event.

During our week, we experienced all kinds of weather, visited with friends, competed in a host of primitive skill events, watched our children learn and honored our veterans and friends since gone. The American Mountain Man encampment was well visited and their attention to detail was inspiring. The rumors that flew regarding vandalized windshields turned out to be nothing big. The dozens of vehicles that had cracked windshields - arrived with them, though the extremes in temperatures might have exacerbated the cracks. All is well in Seneca and not to worry in the future. We did not have any major injuries and each have a unique 'one of a kind' medallion. We now look forward to next year.

My hat is off to all who attended and remembered why we travel each year to rendezvous with kindred spirits and experience life during the fur trade era. It was great to see you all.

Thanks to all who donated items for our raffle: Bob Carpenter - Steve Vance - Bill Johnson - Mike Williams - Two Eagles (Don Fitzloff) - Terry French (French and Sons Trading) - Dean Oliver (Rivers Traders) - Oregon Trail Outfitters - Brown Ass (Bob McLeigh) - Many Bands (Manuel Luis) - Amy Davis - Snake Man (Jerry Kirgy) - Teaspoon Trading - Dragon Moon Craft - Regi Dunbar (Farmshoppe) - Ground Thumper
AND for all who purchased tickets to benefit the local community. It was a great success.

From the time Oregon entered the Union, Section 16 of all townships was designated as public trust lands to benefit public schools. Since the Seneca School is a small rural school, and in keeping with the public lands policy of the sale or lease of lands in sections 16 benefiting schools, the 2019 PPR was pleased to be able to provide a special gift of \$3000.00 to the Seneca School in hopes that the school "will continue to be a vital part of the local community.

I just received a forwarded note from Laura Stinnett, Secretary Seneca School:

We just opened the envelope from the PPR and are completely without words. Wow! The Wheels are already turning. I'm sure the PTA will give careful consideration to a worthy undertaking for our students to be involved in and/or benefit from...Thank you for that!"

Again, thanks for the opportunity to be booshway of one the Premier Primitive Rendezvous .

Cat Wahrenbrock

Hope to see you next year
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