

Mountain Man Activities

Dinner with Edible Plants
Making Fish Hooks
Trip to Indian Paintings
Mountain Man Cooking
Knife Throw
Tomahawk Throw
Track Identification
Fire Building
Flint and Steel
Black Powder Rifle
Musket Ball Making
Tanning Hides
Flint Napping
Rope Making
Edible Plants
Medical Plants
Trapping & Snares
Spear Throw – Atl-atl
Campfire Stories
Swim at the Notch
Night under the Stars
Conservation Projects
Trail Building
Exploring Caves
Shelter Building
Knife Sharpening



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Mountain Man -at- B.T.S.R.



The Mountain Man is a weeklong experience for older Scouts and Venturers who would like to experience the life of a Mountain Man in the fur trade era of the 1840's. Participants

will experience the primitive lives of men like Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, and Daniel Boone. Scouts will explore the contributions these men made to the growth of our country.

Participants will enjoy activities such as stories around the campfire, Dutch oven cooking, tomahawk and knife throwing, black powder shooting, at-atl spear throwing, archery, tanning deer hides, flint knapping, making soap and rope from plants, and Mountain Man swimming. Scouts will learn about tracking in the wilds and reading trail signs, as well as information on edible plants and plants for survival.



PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Participation in the Mountain Man program is open to campers 13 years of age and older as well as adult leaders. The entire Troop may sign up for the program, individuals may sign up, or the Troop may send a small contingent from their base camp group. We require any groups of 4 or larger to send AT LEAST one adult leader with the group. This helps our staff greatly, especially when participation reaches 30-40 youth. The Mountain Man program may be coed, if female leadership is provided.

STAFF & EQUIPMENT

BTSR will provide the Mountain Man Program staff, group-use camping gear (Rain fly, pots & pans), and food. Each participant will get to sleep in an authentic mountain man tent! Due to the rugged terrain, a sturdy pair of shoes is a must. NO open toed shoes or sandals. Scouts are welcomed to wear outfits of the era.

LOCATION

Mountain Man camp is located 1 ½ miles from base camp down the Green Trail at the Pole Pens. You will need a backpack to carry your personal gear, so weight and bulk must be minimized. Keep it simple and light. There are no roads where we are going!



RENDEZVOUS

At the end of the week, the Mountain Men will rendezvous at the closing campfire to receive their Mountain Man names, awards from the mountain man games, and the exclusive John McAhon Award, which can only be earned by participants of the BTSR Mountain Man program. This week into the 1840's promises to be an experience of fun, interesting activities, and even some learning!



FEES

The fee for the Mountain Man Program is only \$135 for adults and \$250 for youth. This covers all food, program supplies, and a qualified staff.

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