

2025 Scout Expo

Scout Competitions Hosted by Mountain Man Rendezvous

Step back in time at the Mountain Man Rendezvous booth! Dive into the rugged world of 19th-century fur trappers, frontier traders, and Native American cultures. Through hands-on activities and friendly competitions, Scouts will experience the skills and challenges of early pioneers. It's history brought to life—and you're part of the adventure!

Activities & Competitions

For Youth Ages 5–10

Gold Panning

Discover the ancient art of gold panning—a skill used for thousands of years, from the Roman Empire to the California Gold Rush of 1849. Use real techniques to separate shiny “gold” from sand and gravel in our paydirt challenge. Fun, hands-on, and full of golden discoveries!

Animal Tracking

Think you can track your dinner in the wild? Learn to identify the tracks of common game animals and follow a trail just like early hunters did. Sharpen your observation skills and enjoy the thrill of reading nature's clues.

For Youth Ages 11–18

Log Saw Challenge

Grab a partner and take on the two-person crosscut saw—a tool dating back to the 1400s and famously known as the “miserer whip.” Used for centuries to fell trees and cut timber, it now becomes your tool for victory in this timed event. Ready to put your teamwork to the test? This will be a timed based competition.

Flint Knapping

Explore the oldest known tool-making technique—flint knapping! Learn how early humans shaped stone into cutting tools over 2.6 million years ago, and discover how local Native American tribes perfected the art with obsidian. Try your hand at crafting an arrowhead and take home a piece of the past. (Activity includes a scored quiz.)

Come join the Mountain Man Rendezvous and experience the past like never before!