

# Laramie River Valley Rendezvous

## July 6-11, 2009

"Making every obstacle an opportunity"

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*"A place where a kid can be safe and have fun for at least one week a year" - unknown camper, summer 2004*



### **Mission Statement:**

**"We are devoted to increasing at-risk youths' self esteem and confidence while introducing them to law enforcement and nature in a wilderness camp setting to reduce criminal recidivism."**

The Laramie River Valley Rendezvous is a non-profit organization working to bring at-risk youth in Larimer County together with law enforcement officers in an outdoor adventure camp at no cost to the campers.

Every summer since 1984, Larimer County law enforcement officers working with the Laramie River Valley Rendezvous have been camping, hiking, biking, rafting and horseback riding with over 700 youth from at-risk homes in Larimer County.

2009 is proving to be another banner year for the Rendezvous and we are looking for campers!

## Laramie River Valley Rendezvous 2009 Details

**July 6-11, 2009**, we will once again host great kids from our community who come from single parent homes. The youth, ages 13-16 years, are selected through referrals from school resource officers, officers in the community and the schools themselves. Only those kids with limited or no criminal backgrounds are chosen, and they must abide by camp rules. Five days of camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding and whitewater adventures await you!

### **Recruitment**

Are you ready to be a part of this adventure? If you are in junior high, come from a single parent home (or otherwise considered "at risk") and possess an adequate sense of adventure to enjoy a week in the wilderness then we are looking for you! If you qualify, fill out the application form in this folder. For more information, please call Officer Bob Younger at 566-1210.

### **Travel**

The Rendezvous experience begins when participants gather behind the Police Services building to load their gear and board the buses. The 50 mile trip up the Poudre Canyon gives everyone a chance to get acquainted.

### **Accommodations**

Accommodations are courtesy of the Colorado National Guard. As the campers arrive at the campsite, individuals become teams because it takes a cooperative effort to turn a pile

of tarps and poles into the tents and cots they will call home. Adults act as advisors and assistants, and the differences between cops and teenagers soon disappear as camp takes shape.

### **Activities**

The real fun starts the next day. Daytime activities include horseback riding, mountain biking, white water rafting and hiking. Nighttime entertainment centers around the roaring campfire. Mountain men, who originated the Rendezvous, drop by to take the campers on a richly illustrated trip into the history of the region. Police K-9 handlers do a demonstration and the ever popular dance is on Thursday night. A rousing game of capture the flag and orientation with the National Guard members rounds out the week.



## **Application for Participation**

<b>Name</b>	_____	<b>Date of Birth</b>	_____
<b>Address</b>	_____		
<b>City</b>	_____	<b>Zip</b>	_____
<b>School</b>	_____	<b>GPA</b>	_____
<b>Home Phone</b>	_____	<b>Parent Work Phone</b>	_____
<b>Sponsor</b>	_____	<b>Sponsor Phone</b>	_____

**To the student:** Attach a separate sheet of paper telling why you want to go to the Rendezvous and how it will help you.

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*Student signature*

**To the sponsor:** Your sponsorship indicates that you know the student and think she/he will be a good representative of his/her school. Tell us something about the student and why you think he/she should participate in the Rendezvous on a separate sheet of paper.

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*Sponsor signature*

**To the parent or guardian:** Your signature indicates that you give your child permission to participate in the Rendezvous and that your child may be used in promotional videos and photos.

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*Parent/Guardian signature*

**Return to:**

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For more info., call 970-566-1210**