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Ocklocknee Rendezvous 2007

This year's club rendezvous is scheduled for Thursday, February 15 to Monday, the 19th. The date was moved up due to cancelling of the Tallahassee Trade Faire. Early set-up begins on February 11th. The hooters will be there the whole week.

This major Club event



has been organized by Co-Booshways Jackie Schaffer and Beth Bloomquist. The gals have a busy schedule with plenty of events, with assistance from many club members. The recognized experts are running the compe-

tion events, including Deni on Archery, Bob Pryor on the Range and Roger Whitt on Hawk and Knife.

Camp fees this year were \$15 each, and extra raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10. No charge for children under age 12. Juniors age 12-16 pay only \$5.00. If

you are not pre-paid, you can pay fees to Jackie at Mamma's Kitchen.

The camp feed will be Brunswick Stew, with participants providing covered dishes. There will be a variety of meats in the stew, but no

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Southeastern Rendezvous

The 2007 Southeastern Rendezvous is set for March 31 through April 8, 2007 at Cherokee Farms, off Old Mineral Springs Rd., in LaFayette, Georgia. This location is very close to Chattanooga, so the area should have plenty of rolling terrain.

The website is on-line now, so you can get more information at: www.nrlhf.org/sepr2007.htm

Booshway Russell "Johnston" Cutts has put together a full week of activities with emphasis on seminars and other interesting diversions. Ruth Pye and Dana Cheney are in charge of organizing the educational events.

You can be sure the Jefferson Longrifles will be there in force, so lets coordinate early to be sure we find a good spot for the camp. We are not working at this event, unless they need help at the last minute for some special tasks.

Club Dues

Club Dues and due in April, so a good time to pay them is at the Club Rendezvous. I will an updated dues list there to check you off when you pay, and I can even tell you if you forgot to pay dues last year.

Bring your checks for \$35.00 payable to the Jefferson Longrifles.

Pay Now and avoid
the rush...

Ocklocknee Rendezvous Schedule

Feb. 11-14		Early Set Up
Thursday 15th	TBA 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Breakfast at Smiley Joe's Black Powder Shoot Hawk and Knife Archery Shoot #1
Friday 16th	TBA 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. TBA – 6:30 7:00 p.m. & following	Breakfast at Smiley Joe's Black Powder Woods Walk Archery Shoot #2 Black Powder Smooth Bore Dinner at Smiley Joe's Camp Social (Ladies provide deserts) Catcher in the Rye fun event (in the Rye Field)
Saturday 17th	TBA 8:30 – 9:30 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Breakfast at Smiley Joe's Grinding at Mama's Place (volunteer to help grind meat for camp feed) Black Powder Woods Walk Archery Shoot #3 "Bird Flue" Camp Feed (Old fashioned Brunswick Stew) Raffle Bonfire and Town Square Auction Block (Slaves, Goods, Services)
Sunday 18th	TBA 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Breakfast at Smiley Joe's Archery Shoot #4 Black Powder Shoot Hawk and Knife Marble tournament (adults and children)
Monday 19th		Break-down & Pack-out

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opossum, raccoon or other uncommon protein.

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Work Day before Rendezvous

We are having a work day Saturday, February 3rd, at 9:00 am to do final preparation for the Rendezvous. This includes items like tree cutting, bench and table moving, and targets need putting up.

Bring gloves and tools for the tasks you love to do.

Get out of bed and work in the cool morning air.....

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A club social will be held again this year on Friday evening with deserts provided by the ladies.

We are glad to hear that Smiley Joe's will be there again this year, providing breakfast,, lunches and supper Friday night.

On the competition side, the schedule is posted on Page 2. There will be hawk and knife events every day, but exact times will be posted, and camp criers will announce times as well.

Saturday evening will feature an Auction Block, with items by Club members to be auctioned off. Be sure to donate items to the auction too, by giving them to Dave Iken-

berry.

We will also be offering opportunities to auction Services by Club members, and they need not be period correct services. This can include such useful tasks like yard service, help putting up a fence, trimming trees, providing massage services and other such strange and wonderful services.

Ice will be sold from Mama's place as we have done in the past, every morning. Pay for ice in advance an listen for the bell to announce the ice's arrival.

Each camp is required to have two buckets of water for each fire and a fire extinguisher for each tent.

Jefferson Longrifles 2006 Match Winners

Archery: Roger Whitt

Caplock Rifle: Gary Tehan

Flintlock Rifle: Deni Bloomquist

Smoothbore: William Wilson

Hawk: Roger Whitt

Knife: Ken Morris

Squirrel Camp 2006

Right up front, kuddos to BB and Craig - great job guys. It was a surprisingly mellow and laid back camp this year. We had some folks attend that had not been here in a while..... Leroy & Fran and grandson, Buck and Tony Lone Eagle. Leroy provided one of the bigger surprises of the camp. Seems he's taken up a new hobby, one that I'm sure makes Pat happy. She now has someone to "pick-n-grin" with. That's right, Leroy has taken up the banjo and from the sounds, he's learning quickly.

Things missed at this squirrel camp, one of the mainstays of previous camps, the afternoon and evening serenades from John Cole... kinda surprised we couldn't hear him from the National

Forest.. just kidding John. More camp surprises..the chili cook- off. Won by Deni and Buck with a non-chili recipe, scratch that, there was no recipe. Seems they just threw whatever they had together and created a great tasting dish!! The chili cook-off and camp get together was Friday late afternoon and as usual, a good time was had by all.

Another surprise, William did not win an event. Go figure. Speaking of events, Craig out did himself in putting together a great archery course. The archery shoot was the best of 2 rounds shot Thursday and Friday, won by

Ken Morris, second was Roger Whitt and third....there goes that memory again. Hawk throw was also best of 2 rounds over the same 2 days. Same results as archery, except this time I can remember, I think, that Craig came in third.

Saturday was the start of what we had gathered for: rum, beer and oysters, no, that's not right, oh yea....squirrels. There was supposed to be a prize for biggest, but I don't remember if it was ever announced...Bob Pryor, I think had the most. Saturday also brought an edged weapons woods walk, again Craig, thanks for a great event. Buck won this one in a shoot off with Ken. Saturday also brought a first ever Hawk-off....throwing head to head in a division, the winner of the divisions throwing head to head, eventually with just two left.....Roger and William, did I mention Williams fate at this camp? Then there was Saturday night.... it's a shame that no one in the JLR can cook. As usual, lots of great dishes, with enough to feed the camp if we had had double the attendance. All this culminated with the awarding of the prizes to the happy winners.

Your humble Prez,
David Ikenberry

St. Marks Wildlife Heritage Festival

The Longrifles will participate in the first Wildlife Heritage Festival by performing black powder demonstrations and educational discussions on our sport and primitive skills. The event takes place Saturday, Feb. 10th at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. We need to be there by around 8:30 am to set up.

So far, we have Ron Dod, Dave A. and Terry Healy attending, but we need a cou-

ple more volunteers.

There should be hunting, fishing, canoeing/kayaking, camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities along with other historical presentations.

The emphasis is to encourage visitors to get connected with the outdoors showcasing many ways to do it. Contact Ron to volunteer and join us at the Refuge. Contact Ron at 894-1697 or Ronaldod@comcast.net

Boy Scout Camporee at Grey Fox

The Boy Scouts Camporee on November 3-5, 2006 went very well. The degree of the satisfaction with the Camporee can be shown with a little story. After the flint and steel competition, some of the boy scouts from the sponsoring Troop 124 came back for my flint and steel and char supplies. I was rather tired from the day, as were all the adults working the Camporee. So I said, "Sure.", and directed the boys to where the supplies were located. About a half a hour later, I hear a rather large commotion coming from Troop 124. It seems the boys had continued the flint and steel activities beyond the competition and adult supervision, and had set fire to the surrounding debris which then almost spread to a tree and surrounding brush. The boys had put out the fire with the two buckets of water put there for the event, but one boy scout had a minor burn. The adult leaders were beside themselves, and let the boys know it. While standing in line for dinner, Wes an adult leader for Troop 124, was still passing out grief to one of the boys. As I passed I said, "You know, Wes, you had a good campout when the boys are hard to control." Wes then acknowledged that may be true. Heinz Bartell, the scout mater of Troop 124 and Camporee Chairman, said that the boys who spoke to him all said they had a good time. Some of the boys from Troop 124 even dressed out on their own with the clothes I supplied.

Heinz had generated an aggressive program. He had an animal tracker voyage with a compass course and identify 10 evidence of animals and identify 10 plants. In addition there was archery, bow making demonstration, black powder shooting, black smith demonstration, blind knot tying, crafts (sew a bag or sash and tobacco pouch), Dutch oven demonstration, fishing, flint and steel demonstration and contest, flint knapping demonstration, games, hawk throw, horse shoes, meat smoking demonstration, including turtle and alligator meat, and tanning (hide) demonstration. No, I did not see it everything, I was just too busy as were all the Long Rifles. William Wilson, Ken Morris, Terry Healy, Dave Ikenberry, and Duane Ash with his big smooth bore (appreciated by the adult scout leaders) did the black powder shooting; Deni Bloomquist did

the flint and steel demonstration; Jim Den-Bleyker did the hawk throw; Dan Hutchinson did the archery and bow making demonstration; Linda Hutchinson had the Creek demonstration; Andy Green did the blind knot tying; and I did the crafts as well as demonstrations on trekking equipment with knife and tomahawk fight demonstration, and even grinding grain, oats, with two rocks. One scout ground away for 15 minutes. William put on one of the biggest bonfires in Camporee history for Suwannee River Area Council. Deni left early to come back with the campfire story dressed to go to a state inauguration, and wowed the crowd as usual. And I was very fortunate that Karen, who did great and much work helping the scouts sew their bags or tobacco pouches, was there to help me with the crafts. In addition, Andy Green assisted with getting the scouts into camp on Friday.

There were 137 scouts and 37 adult leaders at the camporee with additional adults doing the meat smoking demonstration and two blacksmiths for the blacksmiths demonstration. Gray Fox's camping area was full that weekend, and the boys and leaders appreciated going to someplace new. In addition, no I am not done yet; there was competitions for the best primitive gateways, best primitive campsite, and best primitive camp gadget. Some of the camp gadgets, lashing demonstrations were very impressive. I almost felt like taking a few home. Andy Green and I helped in the judging.

Every attending person got a medallion, and the camp site was clean after all had left. The Longrifles also had demonstration campsites for the boys to tour during the day's activities. All in all the Longrifles had put in a good days work by the end of Saturday. As with the two previous camporees on primitive camping (the first just before the Longrifles formed) the Jefferson Longrifles did an outstanding job of supporting their hobby to the Boy Scouts.

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Club Schedule

Upcoming meetings are as follows, all scheduled at the shoot site.

Club Schedule

February 1, Club Meeting
February 3, Rendezvous Work Day
February 15-19, Club Rendezvous
March 1, Club Meeting
March 11, Club Shoot
March 31– April 8, Southeastern Rendezvous
April 15, Club Shoot (postponed one week)
May 3, Club Meeting
May 13, Club Shoot
June 7, Club Meeting
June 10, Club Shoot
July 5, Club Meeting
July 8, Club Shoot

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