

# National FCF Rendezvous Review



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This year's National Rendezvous theme was "Lift Your Voice!" Isaiah 40:9. It seemed that everyone and everything did. We started the camp on Sunday with a fire ban but ended up weathering torrential downpours Monday through Thursday. Did that dampen the spirits of these hearty old timers and young bucks? The answer is a resounding NO. Not one spiritual service or time of praise and worship was canceled despite what mother nature was throwing at our FCF brothers. Our evening services included messages from Karl Fleig, national director; Jim Barger, National Council vice president; and Rev. Rick DuBose, our new Assemblies of God general treasurer. The large altar area was filled with each altar call. The lives of men and boys were changed as they responded to the spiritual messages. Old timer Chad Humpal stated it so well:

*"I just want you and the National Staff to know that I returned from the National Rendezvous more encouraged than ever. It was as if God was speaking directly to my boys and me during the morning and evening services! We had a WONDERFUL time at National Rendezvous!" ---Chad Humpal, CA*

The gates opened at Camp Eagle Rock at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 16.

Approximately 550 old timers and young bucks entered the camp and started setting up their primitive shelters in anticipation of what was in store that week. By week's end, over 4,800 meals had been served in the Johnnie Barnes Lodge. In total, we had four evening services, three morning devotions, and hundreds of responses to the evening altar calls. Activities included over 50 hawk & knife stations, fire starting, black powder fun shoot, black powder scoring trail, archery fun shoot, archery scoring trail, black smith shop, FCF historical display in the Simkins Cabin, outfit judging, stump preaching, swimming, and the Craftsman's Fair.

For the second time ever at a National Rendezvous, a Frontier adventure was conducted. FCF accepted 25 new members into its ranks. A first at National Rendezvous was the St. Louis Camp. This camp allowed our FCF brothers who didn't yet have their period correct shelters to still attend. They brought their modern camping gear and set up in a special location and were still able to join in all the Rendezvous activities.

Tuesday evening, we remembered Paul "Grey Owl" Walters, our FCF national president, who passed away unexpectedly on July 7. Words cannot express the loss we experienced at the death of our dear brother who so aptly lead FCF for nine years. We rest in His blessed assurance that this is not goodbye. "See you in glory, brother Paul. Save me a cup of coffee by that campfire."

If you were not able to attend, National Rendezvous in 2022 will be here before you know it. Start planning now.



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