

Second Annual Chuck Wagon Rendezvous
May 14-17, 2015
Canyon Trails Ranch – Cortez, Colorado

Thursday 14:

Early arrival and wagon set up.

Friday 15:

Late wagon arrival and set up.

Morning will be an optional hike to an eight hundred year old underground Anasazi Kiva, on the back side of the ranch.

Late morning a demonstration on spur making and identifying old spurs.

Afternoon will be a presentation and actual participation at a Cowboy Action Shooting Range. Details on following pages.

After dinner our Native American friends will do a presentation on ceremonial dances of the Utes and Navajo.

Saturday:

AM will be a forging demonstration by two master blacksmiths and a chance to make something for your wagon on the forges we have set up. Details following.

Afternoon is open. Take big nap.

Saturday evening 7 pm we will be having a giant pot luck with all of our neighbors and the chuck wagon people. The 4 or 5 wagons that are set up will cook and the neighbors will bring food as well. We will be cooking meat underground for this night.

This potluck will be in combination with our annual potluck - barn dance at the ranch. At 8pm a great country western band will be playing till 11pm for the barn dance. Big Bon Fire.

Sunday breakfast and pack up.

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Please send us a note if you think you are coming, and note whether you are doing the Blacksmithing or Shooting activities.

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We are 13miles or so from Cortez, CO

2 miles south of town on 491 turn west at red light Rd G

491 and Rd G intersection, go 11 miles west on Rd G

First ranch on the North side just past the Linde Gas Plant

Details:

Cowboy shooting, we will car pool 12 miles to Martin's range and get a presentation on how these competitions work, then we will have guns and ammo for you to actually go through parts of the course and shoot. This is an RSVP event, and a donation to help pay for ammo. This is a really nicely set up range with 5 different areas of shooting. You must bring eye and ear protection. If you have your own guns, bring them.

Blacksmithing demo, we will have forges set up and metal parts ready for you to make a piece for your wagon. The actual making of a piece is RSVP and a donation.

There will be tables set up for selling, buying and bartering.

All of the wagons will be set up to cook out of. We encourage chuck wagon cooks without their wagons to join in at different wagons to cook the meals. We will be providing ingredients, firewood, paper products coffee, tea and lemonade. If you have something in particular you want to cook, either bring those ingredients or tell us what you need and we will have it on hand for you. Let me know ahead of time so we can schedule it into a meal. We need help producing all of these meals, and there will be a donation box to cover food costs.

The annual potluck barn dance is also a celebration for anyone turning a decade older in 2015. Let us know if you are

one of the lucky ones. This potluck and dance has been going on for a long time, usually there are 100 plus humans wandering around.

If you're from mesquite country and driving a pickup, bring some with you.

Camping: We have grassy areas by the barn for tents, and plenty of room for RVs and Campers right by the barn. Please no generators, if you bring enough cord, we can get you 20 amp 120v. There is a full bath with shower in the barn. We even have room for Russ and Susan's rig. Also, on the back side of the ranch, about a half mile dirt road, we have an RV, Living Quarter horse trailer camp, 4 spots, 50amp service, water, corrals and shower house. A 10 minute walk to the barn or you can drive back and forth. No charge but RSVP will save you a spot. Bring your horses; there are 160,000 acres of BLM canyon country, right behind us.

Dogs are welcome, but not loose. We have ranch dogs that will fight.

Grandkids are considered honorary guests.

If you want to bring your wagon, come on, just let me know.

Please keep in mind, this daily schedule is possibly going to change.

Kelly Place BB ½ miles away 970-565-3125

Canyons of the Ancients Guest Ranch 5 miles down canyon 970-565-4288

Cortez hotels 13 miles away.