

2024 Summer Rendezvous

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The summer rendezvous is a family and friends' event and will be held on Saturday June 22nd at the Velva Wildlife Club. Velva Wildlife Club sits on 52 acres of Mouse River bottomland three miles west of Velva on Hwy. 52. The club is a multi-activity location that includes an education facility, rifle range, 3 house trap shooting range, 3 bag target archery range, 23 target 3D archery range, and a new catch and release pond stocked with northern pike. The archery ranges and fishing pond will be open during our rendezvous. The river bottomland provides a variety of habitats which make it a great place for education classes and demonstrations. Primitive camping exists on the grounds, and Ceder (yep, that's the way it is spelled) Lodge (701-338-3080) in Velva has both motel rooms and hook-ups for campers. Velva also has a city park which has camping.

Demonstrations – a variety of demonstrations are in line for the day. We have Josh Short on raccoons, Travis Leier on trapping with technology, Bob Lee on fisher and river otter, Brian Mautz on how he catches coyotes, we'll have a vendor showcase, and a round table on the business aspects of nuisance trapping. The vendor showcase is an opportunity for vendors to present information to the group about who they are, what they do, and some of the things they have for sale. The business of nuisance trapping roundtable is for everyone. If you have done some of this, please feel free to participate and share your experiences.

Auction Items – we are always in need of new, slightly used, and used items for our auction. Past auctions have been a blend of stand-up comedy and opportunities for a deal or two. Phil does an amazing job for everyone. In all honesty, it is an important event that benefits the association and the education program. Items that have already been donated include traps, trapping equipment, pelt stretchers, hard and soft water fishing equipment, camping equipment, cable device parts, hand-made toys, decoys, and some truck equipment. There is always a need for more, so please donate and attend this enjoyable event!

Vendors – are welcome and vendor space is free. It doesn't always have to be about trapping – folks have many interests, and you never know what that may be until you set up as a vendor. Let me know if you need space or have any questions or special needs. We have a vendor showcase in the morning where you can talk with everyone about the products you have available.

Lunch – lunch is served on the grounds and will be picnic style with brats, beef doggies, potato salad, baked beans, drinks, and condiments.

Annual Meeting

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Our annual meeting will be held during our summer rendezvous on Saturday, June 22, 2024. The meeting will begin at 12:30 PM. The location is the Velva Wildlife Club, Velva, North Dakota.