

To: Registered Attendees of National Campout 2008

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Greetings folks!

May I first extend my appreciation for your energy and excitement in registering early for the National Campout, and assisting us in planning the size and scope of the event! At this writing we are 25 days from the Opening Ceremonies, and there are 511 individuals committed to attending! A huge success that is yet to unfdd!

This is the first time that a Provincial or National event has used a web-based camp registration and session pre-registration system, and it has been an enormous help to the Administration of camp. We hope you have enjoyed the ability to see course descriptions, get camp information and register for sessions 24 hours a day!

We opened up the Pre-registration for sessions one week ago, and had the reaction from registrants reminiscent of a rock concert ticket sale! There were many sessions that were yet to be confirmed and posted, but we decided to open up the site and find out what would happen....

The net result has been great response, but also the appearance that some will be left out due to sessions that are full to capacity. For those concerned, I am happy to report that the situation is only temporary.

We are confirming new sessions and instructors daily, and posting them as they come available.

You will see new offering such as:

- Campers Village Gear and Tech Tips
- "Respect the Land" and "Mountain Pine Beetle"
- Butterflies and Reptiles with Gloria Brons
- "First Aid" and "Bluebird House building"
- More carving sessions and more archery sessions
- Blacksmithing for all ages – making copper roses, tripods and carbon strikers
- And many, many more....

And then there are the activities and events that are "drop-in" or scheduled for the whole camp like: the Ancestral Hunt, Bull of the Woods, Craft and Wanderer Tents, Rope making, Astronomy, Search and Rescue dogs, Silent Auction and Trade Show, and the entertainment boked like HOJA, Flying Bob, and the rock band Out of the Blue!

It's going to be a great camp, and one that will be remembered fondly for years to come. For those that have yet to select your sessions, I ask for your patience and to check the site often to new postings. I look forward to seeing you at camp for a great time and fun for all!

Best regards,

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