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## Rendezvous '07

Posted by Ponderosa - 11/02/2006 02:06pm

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Hello All,

I've been enjoying the pics of the MS Rendezvous. Looks like a great time was had by all. We'll try to keep the momentum going in 2007.

Just wanted to send out a preliminary heads-up about the 2007 Rendezvous.

-Dates: Wednesday, August 29 – Monday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend - allows for extra day, higher elevation site, snow can come mid-September)

-Place: Cal-wood in Jamestown, CO

<http://www.calwood.org/>

about 30 minutes from Boulder, 1 1/4 hours from Denver International Airport.

-Site description: Over a thousand acres of hills, stream valleys, and hidden groves. Lots of medium to old growth ponderosa, from 300-500 years old. Some good size Doug firs (for CO), about 100', with lots of surfing opportunities. Some hidden canyons and emergent/ridge opportunities. Few hardwoods, such as aspen and cottonwood. Elevation 7800ft/2377m, same as my house for those who've visited.

-Transportation: regular buses from DIA to Boulder (\$10) - we're working on the rest.

-Accommodations: Eight cabins with total capacity of 64+, linens included, plus camping/treeboating.

-Cost: We're working on that, but it looks reasonable.

-Programs/workshops: So far - BTCC with Abe; Tree-time with Tim; Conifer hazard assessment with Peter; Rogue Climbing with Joe; climbing excursion to "Lancelot" (lanceleaf cottonwood) in Ft. Collins; Tree myths, legends, and storytelling around the campfire with Harv et al. Something from New Tribe...  
(any other volunteers, suggestions? Let me know.)

-Publicity: am planning lots, both domestic and international. Any help appreciated - let me know.

That's all for now. Hope you all can make it.

-Harv

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Posted by NickfromWI - 11/13/2006 12:27am

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Anyone wanna carpool? I have a hybrid, so gas to CO will cost like....\$6.59 :D

Have rope, will travel.

love  
nick

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Posted by pantheraba - 11/13/2006 10:43pm

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Yeah, I'll ride with you , Nick...stop by here on the way and pick me up. :D :D

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Posted by NickfromWI - 11/16/2006 12:14pm

I'll have to do the math, but I think it still might be cheaper for me to drive from Los Angeles to Georgia to get you, then on to Colorado, then BACK to GA and back to LA than it would be to fly round trip from LA to CO.

I'll get back to you on that one. :)

love  
nick

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## Exact location?

Posted by NickfromWI - 11/22/2006 04:11pm

Harv, do you have Google Earth? I punched in the address of Cal-wood into Google Earth and it gave me an intersection where it looks like CR 87 sorta stops/just becomes a much smaller road, but this spot also intersects with a few other roads. I notice straight to the right/east 1/2 mile there is what looks like it could be the place. Any thoughts?

I've attached what I came up with when I put in the address.

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Posted by NickfromWI - 11/22/2006 04:21pm

Here's a pic...

The yellow line is exactly .5 miles long

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Posted by Ponderosa - 11/22/2006 06:36pm

Sorry about that. I meant to take the "Is this it" banner out of the woods. Didn't know the satellite was taking the picture at that time. Oh well.

Nick, that is on the property, but not the main lodge and cabins, which is about a half-mile north of the building in your pic. You can see the main parking lot at the bottom of your pic and the dirt road which leads east to the main climbing areas. I'll have a map for participants.

I was up there yesterday to do some more pruning in "Tango" the DRT-BTCC tree. Also saw some very old ponderosa (though not very tall) just west of the main lodge.

-Harv

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Posted by Sitka - 11/23/2006 02:07am

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Posted by moss - 11/23/2006 10:24am

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Originally posted by Sitka

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Go bio-fuel! Love that stuff.

I'm creating a wide space on my calendar so I won't let work mess up my chances of going (again). I have my 06 Rendezvous cancelled flight available to reschedule.

-moss

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## Satellite of site

Posted by Ponderosa - 11/23/2006 12:29pm

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Here is a link to a nice satellite pic of part of the site. Nick's circled buildings are on the bottom/left-of-center of this pic. The actually main lodge and cabins are in the cluster of buildings about 1000' north of that. Zoom in for a close-up and/or drag the photo in any direction to move around. Main climbing areas are up the road to the NE, past the "Map" and "Satellite" boxes. Wooded area on lower right is actually a mountain ridge with some good emergents.

<http://tinyurl.com/yy9ppb>

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## Rendezvous '07 registration is open!

Posted by Ponderosa - 03/22/2007 07:21pm

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Hello All,

Details have been worked out and we can now open the 2007 Rendezvous for registration. I hope you all can attend. The official dates are August 29-September 3. I hope most people will consider attending for the full Thursday - Monday morning (Wednesday evening is primarily for BTCC and instructor/site set-up.)

There is one price, \$320, which includes all meals, staying on-site, and insurance. There are some dormitory-style cabins available, and one set aside for women. Space in the cabins is first come, first serve, as registered. Otherwise, there are three camp sites with outhouses, treeboating, and RV parking. For those who like more upscale accommodations, Boulder is only about 20 minutes away.

There will be many free workshops offered. Abe Winters will be teaching the BTCC. There will also be a climbing excursion to Fort Collins offered for Saturday (limited spaces), to climb "Lancelot" (one of the state's largest lanceleaf cottonwoods) and "Grace" (Jill Reynold's English Elm), along with a trolley ride between the two, and an ice cream social at Grace, courtesy of Jill.

Workshops will be Friday and Sunday, Saturday is for the Fort Collins excursion and/or for climbing at your leisure.

I've put together a flyer about the Rendezvous. I would appreciate everyone's help in disseminating information and publicizing the Rendezvous to your local media and communities. If you would like me to email you the flyer, let me know. You are also welcome to use the website below for publicity. Thank you for your help in this.

Click here for:

[Rendezvous information and registration form](#)

For questions, please email me at: [Harv@treeclimbingco.com](mailto:Harv@treeclimbingco.com)

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## Dunlap workshop added

Posted by Ponderosa - 04/13/2007 10:13am

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Tom Dunlap will also be presenting a workshop at the Rendezvous entitled - "SRT Innovations - Up and down on a single system"

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Posted by rmbnxs - 05/04/2007 04:16pm

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nick  
I just registered and am definitely looking to carpool if possible.

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## Dan House demo added

Posted by Ponderosa - 05/05/2007 11:08am

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Dan House will be demonstrating some new tree entry tools (and maybe other fun stuff) at the Rendezvous.

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 07/03/2007 03:11pm

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OK - car pooling would be nice - add atlanta ga to the stop list

really once in denver - help me here how would one get to cal-woods. bus car carrier pigeon?

thanks for any information - new traveler here

jz

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## shuttles and buses

Posted by Ponderosa - 07/07/2007 10:30am

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The Estes Park Shuttle guy seems a bit flaky. He had told me this would be no problem. But now he's not returning my calls or emails. AT DIA, you can pick up an RTD bus or Super Shuttle to the Boulder Bus Terminal. From there it's only about 20 minutes to Jamestown. I'm looking into some sort of shuttle from Boulder to Jamestown and Cal-Wood, which is a few miles further. RTD to Boulder is about \$10, Super Shuttle about \$20. We'll try to work out something for people who can't get closer than Boulder.

<http://www.rtd-denver.com/Routes/index.html#skyRide>  
<http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?content=Denver>

Here is another site that provides good local transportation info in Boulder:  
<http://www.bouldercoloradousa.com/static/index.cfm?contentID=94&sectionid=1>

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Posted by moss - 07/16/2007 10:44pm

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Put my registration in the mail today. I'm psyched! Looking forward to meeting new tree friends who already feel like old friends.

So how will it be to climb at high altitude? Should I be sleeping in a low oxygen tent to prepare? Maybe a supplemental oxygen tank on the back while climbing? I should probably talk to some Tour de' France riders and get some training tips. You guys aren't going to be doing random blood doping tests in the middle of the night are you?

Getting delightfully woozy just thinking about it... climbing big Ponderosa that is.  
-moss

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Posted by Ponderosa - 07/17/2007 10:12am

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Originally posted by moss

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First off, I ain't that big.

I'm guessing if we took pee samples from everyone, we would find a multitude of foreign and banned substances, not to mention the high-octane stuff in Abe and Joe's bloodstreams.

As to altitude, we'll be going around with a PU truck, tossing passed out climbers into the bed. A few hours in the hyperbaric chamber and they'll be good to go again.

Actually Moss, not a bad question on the altitude. I would recommend for the first day or two drinking plenty of water and perhaps taking an aspirin at bedtime. Seems to help. Go low and slow to start on your first climb, and see how your head is. For most people in good shape, it shouldn't be a problem.

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 07/17/2007 09:44pm

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SO - you are saying we have to be in shape to climb a tree, DANG DUDE - that is not fair. I guess, i will leave the harness at home, pack twinkies and a good book and my diet soda and waddle about the place.

he he - any good rivers to run, i could strap on a small floatation device and bob about a river or too.

HE HE

and I thought different

shari

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Posted by moss - 07/18/2007 03:02am

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Not to worry, instead of zooming up the tree like you do in Georgia you'll just chug a little slower. Take it fast or as slow as needed, that's the beauty of rec climbing, there's no rush.

-moss

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 07/18/2007 10:50pm

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I am slower then Kudzu - HOW much slower can I get?

It will be a grand time - no matter HOW sloth i climb.

IT will be memories for a life time and hard to beat for me

see you in them bigger them i have been in trees.

gee - embrassedhere

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 07/18/2007 10:51pm

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OOPS TYPO

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## Good news on transportation Boulder to Calwood

Posted by Ponderosa - 07/23/2007 01:31pm

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Everyone,

We have arranged a shuttle from Boulder Bus Terminal to Cal-wood. Van holds 6 people and costs \$75 per trip. I will email everyone to get their approximate arrival time in Boulder (about an hour's bus ride from DIA, which leaves about every hour). We will then schedule several pick-ups during the day. Full vans would be \$12.50 per person. Van will also be available for return trips on Monday. Hope this is acceptable for everyone. Thanks.

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## Notable Tree Tour of Boulder

Posted by Ponderosa - 07/27/2007 12:29pm

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This might be of interest:  
[http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs/Boulder\\_Tour.pdf](http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs/Boulder_Tour.pdf)

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## Rendezvous 2007

Posted by Oldtimer - 08/01/2007 10:17am

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24 Days to departure for Colorado vacation... but who is counting!

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## Bicycle ok at the Rendezvous?

Posted by moss - 08/02/2007 12:54am

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Thanks for counting down the days Oldtimer, it's a good reminder for me to get my gear together.

I'm mulling over various options for moving my gear between trees at the Rendezvous. I'm working on a folding version of my woods cart that can be checked baggage on a plane. If I can finish it that would be great.

Another possibility is to bring my climbing gear in two panniers and rent a bike in Boulder for the weekend. Is it ok to ride a bike to get to trees at the site?

Just want to make sure it's not a bike restricted area.  
-moss

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/05/2007 08:23am

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I had spoke with Harv about bike rentals - there is one in Jamestown. I was looking more for a road bike - lance style - then off-road.

sounds like you are really going to have fun

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/05/2007 08:10pm

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How many days until ?????

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## How many more days?

Posted by Oldtimer - 08/06/2007 10:30am

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19 Days for my trek. I guess I better get my gear ready soon.

On another topic have you notice that you can climb a tree in a regular way from a regular entry point regularly but if you try from a different direction on the tree you will find many other obstacles and challenges and it provides many new ways to enjoy the same tree. I climb mostly two trees in my property and lately I decided to enter along a different route.

Right away I noticed that the trash can is on the way, the fence is on the way and many obstacles conspire to make it more interesting but I get more determined to get up sometimes I have to use 2 TIPs in order to maneuver my way around and then after several TIP exchanges and many transfers later I try to come down in the other complete direction just for the heck of it.

Give it a try this will increase the fun of your nearby trees specially since "speed of climb" and "efficiency " are not my

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goal just having fun in the trees!

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/06/2007 01:20pm

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I call that circling the tree. I ascend on one side and with each pitch or switch I try to get 1/4 about the tree. YES - different views on each trip.

19 more day, NOT ENOUGH TIME. but i know i will not PACK until the day before as I am still climbing. GEE do I take the pink shirt or purple one.

See you there

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## Color Coordinated Gear!

Posted by Oldtimer - 08/07/2007 10:29am

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Pink Color Climbing Gear! Finally someone brings a little bit of style to tree climbing. I think I am going to like meeting you! Chiao Bambina!

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/07/2007 01:20pm

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TD - has the claim on pink gear. I wear my wicked cycle shirts and hope to bring a few - GROVER with a cape.

Should there be pink and purple ribbons, break aways for sure on the helmet. THIS way you can see me in the trees. NO need to be stealth here. or the cranberry capilene.

Hope you meet you all - I will be in the white petzl helmet (he he). if that does not give me away - listen for the booming voice.

shari

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Posted by Ponderosa - 08/07/2007 02:03pm

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Moss, I imagine biking on site would be fine, as long as people stay on dry trails and avoid using in rain or in mud to prevent erosion ruts.

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Posted by moss - 08/07/2007 02:30pm

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Originally posted by Ponderosa

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Thanks Harv, it's more likely I'll have my low impact walking cart, good to know the options.  
-moss

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/13/2007 10:28pm

## HOW MANY DAYZ LEFT?

Ok - on the kitchen counter is a box that contains:

SUPER bug spray  
white first aid tape  
3m tape  
scissors  
directions to the Cal-Woods  
A bow for my hair  
box of raisins  
list for gear  
tree climber companion  
asprin  
hand/body lotion  
2 nalgene bottles  
yellow dry bag  
pillow case - saftey pins LARGE

and the pile it growing

what are you packing ??

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## What to pack?

Posted by Oldtimer - 08/14/2007 11:20am

Low impact climber here. Rope, harness and basic junk. Have not decided to bring the Tree boat.

11 Days left for me! I better get my gear together and packed!

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Posted by cherring - 08/15/2007 03:24pm

Hmmm, do I need a bike? Should I bring a cart? How far are the trees?

The answer is is at <http://www.gmap-pedometer.com> I've been using this site to map running routes at work. It even shows you how many calories you burned.

Here's a route from the lodge, to what I think is the Cal-wood main gate. May need to zoom out a little to see the line between points.

<http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=1231611>

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Posted by Ponderosa - 08/15/2007 03:59pm

Interesting. Though I'm not sure you'll be able to run a straight line over the actual terrain. Keep in mind that the main parking lot is due right (east) of the entrance to Cal-Wood as marked on your map (near a barn and other buildings there). So it is about 1/3 mile from the parking lot to the lodge. You are also welcome to drop off stuff near the cabins

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next to the lodge, then return to the parking lot.

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/15/2007 10:39pm

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You mean we have to walk - i thought this was like dizzy land and there were rails and trolleys about

OH MY what was i thunking

jz - see you there.

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**van**

Posted by The Tangler - 08/18/2007 03:11am

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Please add me to your list to contact about this. I arrive in Denver lat morning on Thursday. Can't wait to get there!

William@blueskyservices.org

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/20/2007 08:57am

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HOW MANY DAYS NOW?

I did two short climbs in florida just to get ready and figure out gear.

So - what else do we need?

a book to read at the end of the day? (NOT) more fun chatting around the fire?

bring your log books = this is going to be memories for a life time.

jz

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**What else to bring?**

Posted by Oldtimer - 08/20/2007 12:20pm

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Bring your pictures from previous Rendezvous years. I have not seen all of them and some are pretty good. For many climbers this will be the first one but for some we have great memories of the previous years to share. Wondering if I should bring my portable PC to show and tell. Nouht... too much junk! Six more days for my departure!

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/20/2007 10:50pm

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what do you mean NO PC - I though there was a wireless connection setup in them trees - can't say no signal - what will I do without a 'puter for that many days - W I T H D R A W L - not good

anyway - Camera, 4 memory cards - well that MIGHT last me - for a day or 2 .

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Joke is at work - they have a site in boulder and are setting up car pools and escorts to come get me at 5 so I can work second shift. SO - I really need to climb them trees HIGH so I can not be found.

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## Rendezvous schedule released

Posted by moss - 08/21/2007 04:10pm

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Received my Rendezvous event and workshop schedule today from Harv, very exciting! I just want to say that Harv has been doing such a great job organizing this event. No one should underestimate how much "free" labor he must be putting into this. A big thanks to Harv!

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/21/2007 05:30pm

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THANKS HARV

and i have already contacted the person in charge of the two sessions that I want to attend. perk for working on a computer day in and day out

see you in them trees

well for a few of you on here - at the airport before the trees.

Remember - I will be in the white Petzel helmet

HE HE

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## Rendezvous Schedule

Posted by Oldtimer - 08/21/2007 06:13pm

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Hey Moss

Is Harv posting it on line or mailing to the people that registered for classes only? Just wondering?

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Posted by moss - 08/21/2007 10:34pm

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Originally posted by Oldtimer

Hey Moss

Is Harv posting it on line or mailing to the people that registered for classes only? Just wondering?

It's going out to all Rendezvous registrants via email I think, I'd send it to you but I don't have your email. you should be getting it if you haven't already.

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Posted by Ponderosa - 08/22/2007 07:16pm

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What do you mean, "free?" Didn't you get my bill?

Yes, Desi, you should have received an email with an attachment Tuesday.

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Posted by moss - 08/22/2007 08:02pm

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Originally posted by Ponderosa  
What do you mean, "free?" Didn't you get my bill?  
Oh shoot! I thought it was junk mail and shredded it!  
-moss

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/22/2007 09:23pm

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HOW MANY DAY?

gee with all this HYPE - we had better have a great time - weather was 75 for a high - SURE beat the 100 that we had here in the COOLER mountains.

Just picked up my BANDANA - gee pirate that I be - it can double as an EYE patch.

see you in them trees

jz

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## Splicing Class reminder

Posted by NickfromWI - 08/23/2007 06:10pm

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Just a quick reminder: There are 2 splicing classes going on. First is the Basic. We'll make a 16 strand split tail and a simple eye-eye sling. These will be things that if done adequately, can be climbed on THAT DAY!!!

The Advanced class will do double braid splice and a Beeline splice...eye-eye sling!

I think the word "advanced" may've scared people off as a few people have signed up for the Basic class, but none yet for the Advanced.

I think the Advanced is scheduled at the time of one of Tom's talks...maybe the advanced could be moved.

love  
nick

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## PACKED and underweight

Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/25/2007 10:32am

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YAHOO - i did it - packed and all things are almost at the front door, 3 more days and my adventure begins.

I even packed a snack for the plane, (if i feed it - it might get me to colorado faster)

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See you there.

jz

GEE - once this is over - can we start the countdown to 2008 and hope it is closer to home?

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## Splicing class

Posted by cherring - 08/25/2007 07:56pm

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Nick, maybe you could move the basic class, or do two. I signed up, but won't be there until about 3 on Thursday and according to the schedule, it starts at 1. I want to splice!

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Posted by NickfromWI - 08/25/2007 10:21pm

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A couple people have contacted me asking for another. When would be a better time?

love  
nick

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Posted by cherring - 08/26/2007 03:48pm

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Anytime there isn't another workshop would be fine with me. Or even split into parts between other workshops. Hey, we could keep you busy all weekend!

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Posted by moss - 08/27/2007 12:19pm

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Originally posted by cherring

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Looking over the schedule everything's all booked up. I'm considering having myself cloned so I can do Rogue Climbing and Enter into Tree Time at the same time.

Saturdays's open if you're not doing the Fort Collins excursion but then again we need some time to climb trees!  
-moss

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Posted by Ponderosa - 08/27/2007 08:53pm

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Yes, I tried to schedule as best I could. Nick, you could also try to schedule on Thursday am if others are available. I won't be offended if less people want to go on the hike. It would mean rearranging beginning and advanced classes, but you're free to do whatever works.

Keep in mind also that lunches are sack lunches, prepared after breakfast, so the 12-1 hour is also always available.

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Posted by NickfromWI - 08/27/2007 11:58pm

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Actually, I want to go on the hike!

love  
nick

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Posted by moss - 08/28/2007 01:19am

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Originally posted by NickfromWI  
Actually, I want to go on the hike!

love  
nick

Agreed, I'm really looking forward to the hike. First things first, get familiar with the trees and the land.  
-moss

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**Have fun, Be safe everybody!**

Posted by Shorty - 08/30/2007 06:44pm

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I hope everyone has a great time and takes lots of pictures. I hope to be able to go next year!

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 09/03/2007 11:37pm

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OH MY there are no words to explain the time we had in Colorado

THANKS Ponderosa

pictures later

just home and tired

jz

PS - it is now official - the 2008 will be in Georgia. yahoo

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Posted by NickfromWI - 09/10/2007 03:12pm

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Here are some of my pictures I have from the 'vous.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/nickaraya/Rendezvous2007>

love  
nick

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Posted by moss - 09/10/2007 07:21pm

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love  
nick

Nick, this photo is me on my first morning at Cal-Wood. I'm returning to the lodge to get a vehicle to pick up an injured Genevieve who took a cut to the shin after getting tripped up in some loose rocks during early morning tree recon. She made it back in time for breakfast, then to town for a few stitches and climbing trees by the afternoon. A painful but successful demonstration of why it's good to have backup in the woods. That night Nick and I were in Mr. Tubs enjoying the moonrise. What a day!  
-moss

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