

## General Information:

National Park Service staff and over 300 volunteers re-create a lively voyageur Rendezvous at the historic North West Company fur trade depot in Grand Portage, MN. Scheduled events help you learn more about the 18th Century life of traders, clerks, and native Ojibwe. Many activities, such as workshops and games/contests are open for public participation, or to simply stand back, watch, and enjoy.

If you need information regarding the Monument and Rendezvous activities or require assistance, an information table is set up just outside the North Gate. Park rangers are also available on site and at our Heritage Center. Rangers in historic dress will have a metal nametag with the familiar NPS arrowhead.

## Workshops:

On Friday and Saturday and Sunday, workshops are offered to the public and rendezvous participants. Workshops are limited in size, and participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There may also be a materials charge for some workshops. If you are interested in participating in any of these workshops, please sign up at the information table located just outside the North Gate.

Please note: Schedule subject to change.

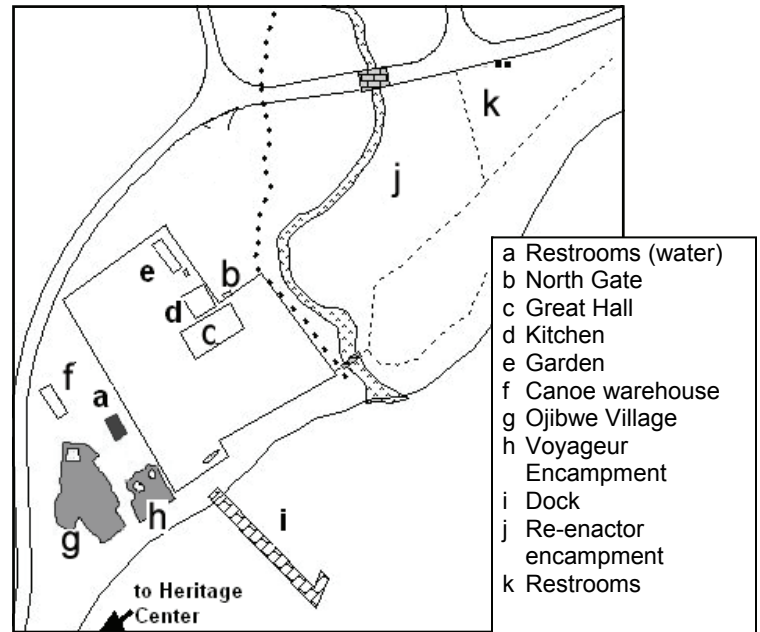
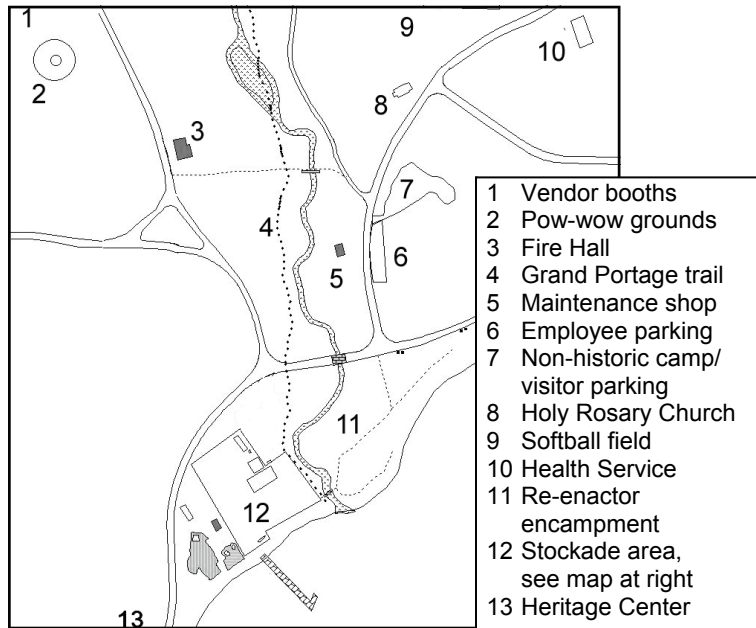
## Re-enactor Encampment:

The Re-enactor encampment is located east of the creek and Stockade. Please feel free to interact with historic participants. They are here to help you understand and enjoy this Rendezvous re-enactment and provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Grand Portage and its relationship with the fur trade. Participants are eager to answer your questions, to explain activities going on in their camps, and to show you materials and equipment they have on display.

Please be respectful of individual and group camps. If the flap or entrance to a tent or a camp is tied shut or if there are poles placed across the entrance, the camp or tent is closed to the public and should not be entered.

The encampment is closed to the general public between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. each day of the event.

Admission to Rendezvous and the monument grounds is free. Donations to support future events and interpretive programs are appreciated.



# Rendezvous Days and Traditional Pow Wow August 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2012



Imagine it is early August of 1797. Canoe brigades loaded with tons of cloth, kettles, guns and food, and manned by hearty voyageurs arrive after a six-week voyage from Montreal, a thousand miles to the east. North men transporting canoe-loads of furs in 90 pound bundles have taken equally long to travel from as far away as British Columbia. The final link in this global trade system is a rocky, 8½-mile footpath known as the Grand Portage. At its trailhead is the home of the British-owned North West Company which is having one of its most profitable years. This annual gathering is essential to its business. This Rendezvous also brings together families and friends to renew old ties. The native Ojibwe, voyageurs, agents, and company partners gather to transfer the company's goods, to conduct business, and to celebrate their good fortune.

*Come celebrate with us now!*

# Grand Portage National Monument 2012 Rendezvous Program

The Stockade, reconstructed buildings and historic encampment are open to the public  
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Heritage Center is open 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY

### Presentations and Contests:

All day	Historic Cooking/Baking	Kitchen
10:00	Grand Portage Drum: Stone Bridge Singers	Front Yard of Great Hall
11:00	NWCo Partners Arrival Ceremony	Dock and Great Hall
11:30	Dainty Voyageur Contest	Inside Stockade, West Gate
12:00	Tour of Historic Encampment	Meet at North Gate
1:30	18th Century Music Jam!!	Front Yard of Great Hall
3:30	Tour of the Historic Encampment	Meet at the North Gate
4:00	Traditional Run & Scream Contest	Front Yard of Great Hall

### Workshops: (register at North Gate)

11:00	Cornhusk Dolls/Voyageurs For Young'uns	Front Porch Great Hall
11:00	Moccasin Making	Historic Encampment
11:30	Scottish Music & Haggis Making	Historic Encampment
1:00	Tinsmithing for Kids	Inside Stockade
1:30	Having a Ball: 18th Century Boules	Inside Stockade
**2:00	Basic Blacksmithing Techniques for Men	Inside Stockade
All Day	Mackinaw Boat Under Sail	Dock & G.P. Bay
**	Materials Fee	

## SATURDAY

### Presentations and Contests

All day	Historic Cooking/Baking	Kitchen
9:30	Scavenger Hunt for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
10:30	Gentlemen of the NWCo Conduct a Business Meeting	Great Hall
11:00	Lacrosse in the 18th Century Demo	Front Yard of Great Hall
12:00	Live Lacrosse Match	Front Yard of Great Hall
1:00	18th Century Puppet Show	Front Yard of Great Hall
1:00	Tour of the Historic Encampment	Meet at the North Gate
*2:00	Rugged Voyageur Contest	Inside West Gate
3:00	Historic Music: Over the Waterfall	IFront Porch of Great Hall
All Day	Mackinaw Boat Under Sail	Dock & G.P. Bay
5:00	Monument closes for the day	Thank You for Visiting!

### Workshops (register at North Gate)

**10:00	Finger Weaving	Front Porch Great Hall
**10:30	Basic Blacksmithing Techniques for Women	Inside Stockade
11:00	Make a Birch Bark Makuk (Basket)	Ojibwe Village
2:00	Fur Trade Textiles	Historic Encampment

\*\* **Materials Fee**

## SUNDAY

### Presentations and Contests

10:00	Flint & Steel Fire Starting Contest	Historic Encampment
10:30	Bead Hunt for Young'uns	Historic Encampment
11:00	The Yoke's On You! Water Lifting Contest	Warehouse Yard
1:00	18th Century Puppet Show	Front Yard of Great Hall
2:00	Bagpipes of the NWCo	Front Yard of Great Hall
5:00	Monument Closes for the Day	Thank You for Visiting!

### Workshops (register at North Gate)

10:00	Tinsmithing for Adults	Inside Stockade
11:00	Fur Trade Material Culture: The Voyageur and His Camp	Historic Encampment

## The Traditional Gathering: Rendezvous Days Pow-Wow

The Grand Portage Band of Minnesota Chippewa holds a traditional Pow Wow adjacent to the National Monument the same weekend as the Rendezvous.

Visitors and tribal members alike are invited to watch and participate in ceremonial pow wow dances.

Vendors offer a wide selection of arts, crafts and Native American food. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Grand Portage Band and its heritage.

**The Grand Portage Pow Wow is a drug and alcohol free event. No drugs or alcohol permitted on the Grounds.**

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00	Old Timers Softball Game	Softball Field
7:00	Pow-Wow Warm Ups	Pow Wow Grounds

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament (Begins)	Softball Field
9:30	Registration of 1 & 3 Mile Walk Run	GP Health Services
10:00	Flag Raising Ceremony	Pow Wow Arena
10:30	1 & 3 Mile Walk Run Begins	GP School
1:00	Grand Entry: Honoring Grand Portage Veterans	Pow Wow Arena
1:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
3:30	Junior and Senior Princess/Brave Contests	Pow Wow Arena
5:00	Men's Horseshoe Tournament	Softball Field
7:00	Evening Grand Entry	Pow Wow Arena
9:00	Dance: Music by Rock-a-Billy	Lodge & Casino

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00	Mixed Softball Tournament (Resumes)	Softball Field
9:00	Turkey Shoot	Blaze's Pit
1:00	Grand Entry	Pow Wow Arena
1:00	Bingo	Fire Hall
4:00	Raffle Drawing	Pow Wow Arena
5:00	Pow Wow Ends	