

First Annual
4-H Western Heritage Conference and National Invitational Shoot
July 30-August 3, 2014

Virginia City and Nevada City, Montana

Wednesday, July 30th:

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Registration Open

7:00 p.m. – Welcome

History of the 4-H Western Heritage Project

History of Alder Gulch and the Founding of the Montana Territory
Dan Thyer of the Montana Heritage Commission

Stories of Alder Gulch by Montana Heritage Commission Representatives

8:00 p.m. – Western Movie – Youth Guide Activity

Thursday, July 31st

7:30 - 8:45 a.m. - Registration Open

8:15 – Breakfast

8:40 – Opening Ceremonies

Presentation of State Flags

Pledge of Allegiance/4-H Pledge

Montana 4-H Welcome

Cody Stone, Director of the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development

National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Welcome

Welcome to Virginia City from City Representatives

Welcome to Alder Gulch from the Montana Heritage Commission

Orientation – Event Staff Introductions, Workshop Locations, Directions

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – General Session:
Roads to Alder Gulch, Dan Thyer, Montana Heritage Commission

10:20 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (90 Minute Sessions):
Transcontinental Rail Road
Leather Work – Constructing the Belt Pouch
Wheelwright

10:20 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. (45 Minute Sessions):
Frontier Fashion/Historic Fabrics
Maintaining Old West Guns

11:25 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (45 Minute Sessions):
Braid A Leather Whip
Get the Lead In – Cast Lead Toy Soldiers
Wagons, Teams, and Harness

12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. – Lunch
Cowboy Ethics – Youth Guide Activity, Todd Williver

1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. - General Session
Gold Mills and the Bozeman Trail, Nick Shrauger

2:35 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. (90 Minute Sessions):
Letterpress - Typeset and Print Your Calling Card
Cartridge Reloading Tools of the 19th century
Heritage Quilting, the 9-patch
Leather Work – Constructing the Belt Pouch

2:35 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. (45 Minute Sessions):
Soap Making
Pan for Gold
Wagons, Teams, and Harness
Clothing Interviews

3:40 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. (45 Minute Sessions):
Hardtack for Hard Times
Pan for Gold
Dutch Oven Cookery
Clothing Interviews

4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Artillery Firing Demonstration
Clothing Interviews

6:00 – Dinner

7:00 – Frontier Games; Checkers Tournament, and
Clothing Interviews (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

Around Dark: *Ghost Tours*

Friday, August 1st:

8:15 a.m. – Breakfast

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (General Session):

Living History Methods, Dan Thyer, Montana Heritage Commission

10:20 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (90 Minute Sessions):

Buttons & Needles & Thread; Oh My!

Pocket Watches – Time Keepers of the West

Letterpress- Typeset and Print Your Calling Card

Myth of Black Powder Corrosion

10:20 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. (45 Minute Sessions):

Ask the Archivist

The Fully Dressed Lady; Corset, Petticoats and Clothing of Daily Life

Pan for Gold

11:25a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (45 Minute Sessions):

Log Hewing

Conversation with the Midwife

Soap Making

Wagons, Teams, and Harness

12:30 p.m. – Lunch (General Session):

Tribal Women-Assimilating into Frontier Montana

Glory Blue Earth-Highley

1:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. (3 Hour 45 Minute Session):

Historic Gold Mill Tour

1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (45 Minute Sessions):

Ask the Archivist

Join the Artillery!

Wagons, Teams, and Harness

2:35 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (90 Minute Sessions):

Sewing Clothing - Make my own Period Outfit?

Guns of the American Frontier Experience

Shoot 19th Century Firearms

Leather Work – Constructing the Belt Pouch

2:35 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. (45 Minute Sessions):

Cooking on a Wood Fired Stove

Wagons, Teams and Harness

3:40 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. (45 Minute Sessions):

Dutch Oven Cookery

Wagons, Teams, and Harness

4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Clothing Interviews

5:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Go to the Vigilante Players Theater Show!
On the Gold Trail with Deadwood Dick - Virginia City Opera House

Saturday, August 2nd:

9:00 a.m. – Invitational Shoot Safety Meeting

9:30 a.m. – Begin Stages

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Continue Stages

4:00 p.m. – Conclude Invitational

5:30 p.m. – Dinner and Awards

7:00 p.m. – Event Comments;
- Invitation to attend Missouri Conference in 2015.
- Concluding Remarks

10:00 p.m. – *Lantern Tour* for Western Heritage Conference Participants
- Nevada City Living Historians

Sunday, August 3rd: See you next year!!!