

To: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Volunteers, Habitat Partners and Friends

From: Wisconsin RMEF State Leadership Team

Re: **2014 RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous**

September 5, 6, 7

USFS Day Lake Picnic Area - Clam Lake, WI

What is RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous?

The Wisconsin RMEF State Leadership team invites you to experience “elk camp” at the RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous, headquartered at the USFS Day Lake Campground, near Clam Lake, WI. We are excited to bring you an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of elk camp among your RMEF friends, a taste of the great outdoors and the sites and sounds of bugling Wisconsin bull elk! Highlights include:

- DNR/RMEF project to enhance elk management
- Campfire cookout and camaraderie at the Day Lake picnic area (and camping)
- Guided tours of the Wisconsin elk range by DNR biologists
- Saturday night dinner catered by “The Original” Famous Dave’s BBQ with Wisconsin elk update by DNR Elk Biologist, Laine Stowell, RMEF Chairman Lee Swanson and WI Elk pioneer Bernie Lemon.

Where is Clam Lake and the RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous?

Clam Lake is located in northern Wisconsin, generally:

- From Milwaukee: 325 miles
- From Madison: 280 miles
- From La Crosse: 200 miles
- From Green Bay: 230 miles
- From Wausau: 140 miles

Our RMEF weekend headquarters will be the USFS Day Lake Picnic area, just one mile North West of Clam Lake on County Highway M.

There are 52 campsites available at Day Lake and each has a parking spur, fire ring, picnic table, and tent pad. The RMEF will have campsites reserved; camping fees are \$14/day. RMEF group meetings, campfire and dinner will be held at the nearby Day Lake picnic area.

The Clam Lake area has various types of lodging available such as lodges, hotels and cabins: <http://www.clamlakewi.com/>

What will we experience at the RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous?

Friday Evening RMEF Campfire Social (7-9:30 PM): Enjoy a relaxing evening around the campfire on the shores of Day Lake, listening to elk bugle! Bring your favorite beverages and snacks to share with fellow RMEF members and friends.

RMEF Elk Viewing Field Trips for Volunteers (5:30 – 10:00 AM): Saturday, and Sunday early morning field trips will provide RMEF volunteers an opportunity to tour the Wisconsin elk range with DNR biologists who have successfully guided many RMEF members and elk enthusiasts within site and sound of our Wisconsin elk. Tours start at 5:30 AM and run until about 10 AM. Space is limited to 30 each day; priority is given to RMEF volunteers.

DNR/RMEF Elk Habitat Enhancement Project (11AM – 2PM): After the elk tours on Saturday, we have the opportunity to show our RMEF volunteer colors by joining the DNR volunteer work on fencing used for the elk relocation pens. Bring your work gloves! Lunch will be provided by the DNR.

Saturday Night RMEF Community Dinner and Wisconsin Elk Update (5-9PM): Join RMEF volunteers, members, the Clam Lake community – and all those who are “elk minded” for a *catered dinner* followed by a Wisconsin Elk Update by WI DNR Elk Biologist Laine Stowell, and WI Elk Restoration pioneer, Bernie Lemon. Learn more about the mission and accomplishments of RMEF in support of Wisconsin elk and overall elk conservation in the United States...and join in some RMEF fun!

Registration Required!

It helps us organize the work event, elk range tours and meals. The fastest way to register is to go to www.rmefwisconsin.org and click on the RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous link.

You can also Email your registration to Jennifer.Nieland@yahoo.com. Or call Jennifer (WI State RMEF Chair) at 920-434-1229 (H) or 920-639-1850 (cell) with any questions or to register.

*****Registration by September 1 is appreciated. In order to plan for the best elk field experience possible, DNR hosted elk tours recommend 30 people per tour, per day.*****

What do I bring to RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous?

If you're camping, bring your tent and camping supplies, sleeping bag, towels, and *lawn chairs*. Food/drink for breakfasts, snacks and meals that are not with the group. Early morning field trips may mean walking in wet brush, so bring

comfortable hiking or work boots (waterproof can be nice!), jeans, extra socks, work gloves, insect repellent and a warm jacket. Wear muted colors or camouflage. A rain suite is always good to have on hand! Binoculars and camera – you’ll want to show all your buddies the Wisconsin elk!

Thank you!

We look forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you at the RMEF Bugle Days Rendezvous! Thank you for your continued support and leadership. Have a safe trip up to Wisconsin’s elk camp!

