

30th Annual Highpointers Convention - Red Lodge, Montana

REGISTRATION FORM August 12 & 13, 2016

1980's: MI AZ NY 1990's: TX NV VA SD NM VT MN CO SC MO

2000's: HI MD OK IL WA NH NC WI AZ NJ 2010's: MS OH OR ME TN IA MT

Name _____ T-shirt Size _____ Conventions Attended (include MT) _____

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Use this form for everyone in your group, and note age of all children.

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Convention Fee: \$55 x _____ = \$ _____

Convention Fee - Children (less than 5 without T-shirt): \$ 0 x _____ = \$ **FREE** _____

Total = \$ _____

T-shirt sizes are . . . CHILD: XS, S, M, L ADULT: S, M, L, XL, XXL
Registration is required to attend convention events and includes a collectible t-shirt.

Please make your check payable to "Montana Convention 2016" and mail it along with this form to:
Sheri Brisbois, PO Box 370676, Denver, CO 80237

For convention questions, contact Host **John Mitchler**, jdmitchler@aol.com (720) 244-0814

To anticipate our food needs, please indicate how many in your group will attend these group events:

Thu August 11 Ice-breaker≡ _____

Fri August 12 Evening Social _____

Sat August 13 Pancake Breakfast _____

Sat August 13 Watermelon Feast _____

Sat August 13 Banquet _____

Are you thinking of climbing Granite Peak with a Guide Service? _____ as a private group? _____

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By John Mitchler

On behalf of the Highpointers Club I extend a warm invitation to join us in Red Lodge, Montana, for a truly unique convention.

It is time to go Western, and this is the IDEAL spot for that. Red Lodge is one of those special places which captures the essence of the West, and it is surrounded by ranchland, wild rivers, gorgeous mountains, and epic National Parks.

What To Do

Because the region is so rich in destinations, we assume you'll be planning your own adventures before and after our gathering in Red Lodge.

We will organize events in Red Lodge on Thu, Fri, and Sat so we can come together to share stories and meet new friends. This will be the ideal time for new members to come see what all the talk is about with "konventions."

Lodging

Please be aware that our host town is a very popular place in the summer. V-e-r-y popular. So please review the lodging list on the next page and book a room. Basically Red Lodge is one long street, with the Host Hotel on the southern end, so I listed the various motels relative to this hotel.

There are campgrounds at the edges of town, and the Host Hotel has limited RV space on their grounds.

If you have any questions or need help, please contact **Nikki Hemphill** or myself. We've already helped many, so do not hesitate.

Registration

When you first arrive in town, swing by the Host Hotel and register. Pick up maps and brochures. Get your t-shirt and badge to wear around town, showing the locals that the Highpointers have arrived.

We will have plenty of seats at the Banquet, but you are advised to register now before you let it slip. Our deadline for registration (and refunds) will be when we order the shirts and food this summer.

Location

Red Lodge is located in south central Montana, near the Wyoming border, 65 miles northeast of Yellowstone and 60 miles southwest of the Billings airport. Please refer to the maps on the following pages.

Some of you may take a commercial flight into Billings and drive to Red Lodge. Some of you may drive the Interstates from the East, South, and West.

Red Lodge has full services for travelers, as well as an amazing assortment of stores, restaurants, bars, casinos, and a brewery (which we'll use for our informal Thursday evening Ice Breaker).

The USFS ranger station is located a mile from the Host Hotel and they are eagerly waiting our arrival, so be sure to stop by to say "howdy."

If you need hiking gear or supplies stop by Sylvan Peak, the outdoor store in downtown Red Lodge. This is a top notch place to meet all your needs.

This is an IDEAL location for vacations, so get the family involved in planning to visit nearby national parks centered around the convention. This is the Centennial of the NPS.

Hope to See You There, Pardner

Every convention has its own vibe based on events tailored around the local area. It's what makes each Konvention so different and so much fun.

The MT-16 convention is designed to take advantage of the local attractions. The Host Hotel will offer their breakfast free to Highpointers each day, regardless of where you stay.

Plans are being developed for popular konvention events such as county highpoint hikes, outdoor skills workshops, and Billy's rock climbing. And we are very pleased to hear that the guide services want to participate at each evenings' events.

This is going to be great location and a great time, so grab your cowboy hat and boots and come have some fun. I would not *steer* you wrong!

Convention Activities

I hope you can pull yourself away from the beautiful mountain surroundings long enough to attend these events in Red Lodge.

Thursday August 11

Convention Registration at Host Hotel - Beartooth Hideaway

Pre-Convention Ice Breaker at the Red Lodge Ales Brewery where the owners will close the kitchen and open up the outdoor grill to accommodate our crowd. Public is welcome, so come early.

Friday August 12

Convention Registration at Host Hotel
Friday Social at the Host Hotel with appetizers and the brewery's beer truck. Come meet the mountain guides for awhile and then head into town to swing with the locals.

Saturday August 13

Convention Registration at Host Hotel
Group Breakfast at the Host Hotel
Watermelon Feast at a popular location near Red Lodge
Board of Directors Meeting at Host Hotel, open to all members
Traditional Meeting of the Liars Club (aka Happy Hour Social) at the County Fairgrounds on the west side of town
Banquet at the Fairgrounds with dinner followed by the Membership Meeting and special interactive event to round out the evening

Granite Peak

There will not be a Club climb of this highpoint, however, several private groups are being formed, as well as many guided groups, both before and after the convention.

In addition, members are planning to do Gannett in WY and Borah in ID, so check the KK column for partners.

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Lodging in Red Lodge

Motels, Hotels, B&Bs (listed from North to South to give you an idea of distance (city blocks):

Alpine Lodge, 1105 N. Broadway (406) 446-2213, www.AlpineRedLodge.com - 17 rooms, N end of town

Pollard Hotel, 2 N. Broadway (406) 446-0001 - classic hotel, nice, middle of town

Yodeler Motel, 601 S. Broadway (406) 446-1435, www.yodelermotel.com - 23 rooms
[owner Mack Dean is a climber who knows about Granite Peak]

Red Lodge Inn, 811 S. Broadway (406) 446-2030, www.theredlodgeinn.com - 6 singles, 7 doubles, 2 suites

Beartooth Hideaway, 1223 S. Broadway (406) 446-2288, www.beartoothhideaway.com - Host Hotel, south end of town

Chateau Rouge, 1505 S. Broadway (406) 446-1601, www.chateaurouge.com - next to Beartooth Hideaway, 9 condos, 5 studios

Rock Creek Resort, (800) 667-1119, www.rockcreekresort.com, www.facebook.com/R.C.Resort - 5 miles south of Red Lodge
[special rates for rooms with two queen beds when you mention "Highpointers," block is released July 15]

Camping

KOA Campground (800) 562-7542, 4 miles north of Red Lodge

Perry's Campground (406) 446-2722, 3 miles south of Red Lodge

Painter's Campground (307) 527-5510, 6 miles south of Red Lodge

More Lodging Options

www.redlodge.com/montana-lodging.asp

Guide Services

Guides for Montana - Granite Peak

Beartooth Mountain Guides, Austin Hart, 513 N. Cooper Ave, Red Lodge, MT (406) 446-1407, BearToothGuides.com
(BMG offers a 14% discount to Highpointers during convention time)

Jackson Hole Mountain Guides, Kenny Gasch c/o Sunlight Sports, 1131 Sheridan Ave, Cody WY (406) 270-9167
(JHMG offers a 10% discount to Highpointers during convention time, 15% if combined with Gannett)

Guides for Wyoming - Gannett Peak

Exum Mountain Guides, Jackson WY (307) 733-2297, ExumGuides.com

Jackson Hole Mountain Guides, Jackson WY (800) 239-7642, jhmg.com/highopints.html
(JHMG offers a 10% discount to Highpointers during convention time, 15% if combined with Granite)

Montana Alpine Guides, Sam Magro, Bozeman, MT, (406) 586-8430, MtAlpine.com/mountain/gannett-peak/

Dale Stetter (pack horse outfitter), 656 Horse Creek Rd, Dubois WY, (307) 455-2725, OutfittersWyoming.com

Lazy TX (pack horse outfitter), Dubois WY, (307) 455-2688, lazyTXoutfitting.com

Ramona O'Neal (Indian reservation shuttle), (307) 486-2318, wrdf.org

Guide for Idaho - Borah Peak

Sawtooth Mountain Guides, (208) 774-3324, sawtoothguides.com/rock-alpine-climbing/mount-borah/
(visit this web site and check out the affordable price for a guide on Borah)

We are in contact with these guide services, and they are super excited about our upcoming gathering in Red Lodge! They've added extra staff and climbs to accommodate Highpointers who are prepared to tackle these tough peaks. Consider going after the convention for fewer crowds. Please visit their web sites for what is involved in their packages. Ask them for the Highpointers discounts and help support their businesses by using their services.

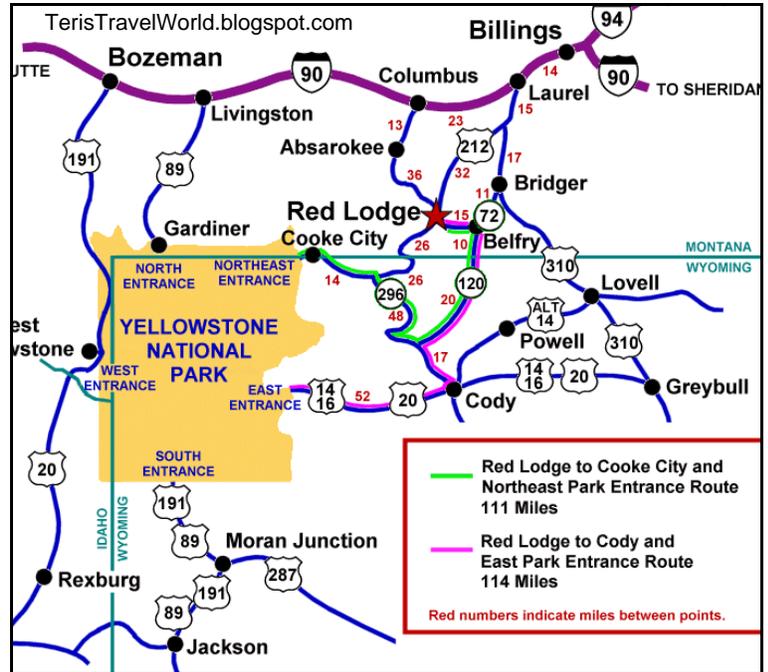
Mountain guides are some of the most fun people around. You will learn skills and be safe, so consider using them. Also, we are hopeful they can participate in some of our convention activities, so you can meet them face to face and ask questions.

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Where is Red Lodge? How do we get there?



As you can tell by this map, Red Lodge is centrally located - - from nowhere! And that is the attraction. Off the road less traveled and in the middle of all the great National Park action.



Location of MT-16 Events in Red Lodge:

Thursday Ice Breaker north end of town at **Red Ales Brewery** (1445 N. Broadway)

Friday Social Hour at **Host Hotel** at the far south end (1223 S. Broadway)

(and this is also the setting for the Saturday Breakfast)

Saturday Banquet at the **Fairgrounds** on the west edge

