



You are invited to attend the
34th NOB HAMMER-IN
HELD AT CAMP LAKOTA
DEFIANCE, OH.

May 08-09-10, 2020

Sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths Club

www.nob-blacksmiths.org

This year's Hammer-In will be held at a different location than previous years. We are still in Defiance, Ohio but now will be at The Lakota Boy Scout Camp south east of downtown Defiance.

Location: 2180 Ginter Rd.—Defiance, OH. 43512

From North of Defiance

Directions to Lakota Boy Scout Camp from US-24 to SR-66 South—follow SR-66 truck route through town. In approximately 2 miles and after crossing the Auglaize River there is a gentle left curve in the road. Turn right at the traffic light on Greenler Rd. Almost immediately bear left on Ginter Rd. The entrance to the camp is at 2180 Ginter Rd.

From South of Defiance

From SR-66 North, left on Carter Rd. then North on Ginter Rd. to 2180.

Follow the signs to the registration area where detailed information about the camp and weekend activities will be available. Camp Lakota website below.

www.blackswampbsa.org/camping/camp-Lakota/63303

Demonstrator Biographies

Main Demonstrator Butch Sheely –Butch became involved in blacksmithing through his interest in muzzle loading over 30 years ago. While he still enjoys making items related to reenacting and enjoys hunting with a muzzleloader he does not sleep on the ground very often anymore. Butch was a manufacturing engineer for 33 years before starting Beaver Creek Forge 13 years ago. He never gets rid of anything, still having 2 1978 Husqvarna dirt bikes that he still rides, but not often. Also in the garage is a 1966 Nova owned since 1968 and restored by him in 1984. Butch likes things that go fast and has been a fan of Sprint Car racing for years and had the opportunity too be part of a local 410 sprint car crew for several years before starting to travel to teach so much.

Butch is a founding member of the Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths, a past president and held all of the offices once or twice through the years. He also has been a hands-on demonstrator for the NOB Hammer-In and has demonstrated for the Indiana Blacksmith group, ABANA, Alabama Forge Council, Ontario Artist Blacksmith Assoc., North Minnesota Metalsmiths, Pittsburg Area Artist Blacksmith Assoc., and for Southern Ohio Forge & Anvil. While he does all types of blacksmith work, his passion is knives and tomahawks.

Butch is a member of the American Bladesmith Society and has earned the rank of Journeyman Bladesmith. He makes all types of cutlery, but his main interest is in historically inspired hawks and knives. Butch has won 5 awards from the Antique Bowie Collectors at the Blade Show in Atlanta and won Best Historically Inspired Knife at the Arkansas Blade show. Butch has been a bladesmith demonstrator for many of the ABS educational programs in Ohio, North Carolina, Maine, Kansas, Arkansas and at the Batson Blade Symposium, sponsored by the Alabama Forge Council several times.

Hands-on class by Joe Maschari: Joe watched Bill Hahn demonstrating at the Erie County Fair for a whole week. When Bill asked him if he wanted to try it, he was hooked. He joined NOB a few years later and has been blacksmithing for about 15 years. Now Joe demonstrates at the Erie County Fair. Joe's class project will be a coin dish.

Hands-on class by Bob Willman: Bob began blacksmithing in the early 1980s. He attended 2 blacksmith classes at Bob Evans Farm "School of Homestead Living" starting in 1984. He has been a NOB member since it's founding. Bob is the blacksmith at the Wood County Historical Society in Bowling Green, OH. His class will stress fire management while making a variety of S hooks.

S.N.O.B Hands-on class by Patty Lange: Patty has been crafting for many years including sewing, crocheting, broom making and just plain crafting. Most recently she has been socking after learning the craft from Cheryl Sheridan. Her class project will be a corn broom cake tester / pot scrubber and whisk broom.

Registration Raffle Piece: A handmade item, made by you, is required with your registration.

While we all love ironwork, any item made by you will be accepted. The proceeds from the raffle are used to help defray the Hammer-In expenses. If you are a beginner and want help with your required registration piece, ask any NOB member and they will be happy to assist you.

The registration piece must be completed before the banquet on Saturday.

Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Gallery Contest Piece: The contest piece is a vessel with a lid no larger than 8" X 8" X 12". The lid can be hinged, slide or screw on-off or lift off. Any combination of metal (steel, brass, copper) and other materials (wood, plastic, glass, clay, etc.) can be incorporated into the design, keeping in mind that we are a blacksmith group.

Three cash awards of \$50.00 each.

Your Favorite Craft: This contest is for non metal craft items. Anyone may enter and all crafts are welcome. Winners are chosen by a majority vote of the attendees.

Cash awards: 1st—\$50.00, 2nd—\$35.00, 3rd—\$30.00, 4th \$20.00

Camp Lakota consists of 640 acres. We will be using four sites for Hammer-In. Three sites (main demonstrator area, open forge area and bunkhouse) are fairly close together. The bunkhouse will house a number of smiths. Bunkbeds are available (bring your own bedding) on a first come first served basis. Circle your request on the registration form. A common area, kitchen and lavatory are also in the bunkhouse. There is also a shower house available and a limited number of electric hook-ups for campers.

Since the dining hall is some distance away, if you want to bring bicycles, golf carts or ATVs, they are allowed but must be driven only on the gravel roads. The seating in Camp Lakota is geared to young scouts and consists of tables and benches. We suggest that you bring a portable chair of some sort for dining and watching the demonstrations.

We are very excited to use this new venue which provides many enhanced facilities.

Friday Night Food Contest: Appetizers or desserts to compliment the anvil stew. A written recipe must be submitted for a NOB cookbook. Winners will be chosen by a vote of those attending.

Cash awards: 1st—\$25.00 2nd-\$15.00 3rd-\$10.00 for each category.

Please bring an item for the Anvil Stew pot for Friday's night supper. Vegetables or meats are always needed. Also bring a dish to share such as an appetizer or dessert for the food contest.

Donated items for the Saturday auction are always appreciated.

The auction has been a highlight of the Hammer-IN and a very good fund raiser.

Saturday Night Forging Competition: Last year's winner is charged with the task of determining this year's challenge. He or she will announce the task at the beginning of the competition.

Cash award: 1st—\$50.00 2nd—\$30.00

Blacksmith Coal: Dennis Coal Sales will have coal in 50 lb. bags available for sale on Saturday only, first come first served. Get your coal early as they usually sell out. This is good West Virginia coal that they have obtained for our use.

Lodging: There are several motels near US-24.

Super 8: 1053 Hotel Drive. 419-782-8000

Comfort Inn: 1068 Hotel Drive 419-784-4900

Holiday Inn Express: 1148 Hotel Drive 419-784-0782

Hampton Inn: 1037 Hotel Drive 419-784-1515

2020 Hammer-In Daily Schedule

- Friday May 08** Set-up Check-in
- All Afternoon** Registration & Anvil Stew preparation—Dining Hall
Open forges available after set-up is complete
- 5:30 PM** Anvil stew main course — potluck meal — food contest — Dining Hall
- 7:00 PM** Theft Bingo—Bring 4 or 5 wrapped prizes (dollar value) or white elephant treasures. Everyone is welcome to play.
Open Forges available

Saturday May 09

- 7:00 - 9:00 AM** Breakfast available — Dining Hall
- 8:00 AM** Registration opens — Dining Hall.
- 8:45—9:00 AM** Opening ceremony — Main demonstrator area
- 9:00—12:00 AM** Main demonstrator Butch Sheely
Hands-on Bob Willman—Fire maintenance while forging
S.N.O.B activities — Dining Hall.
- 12:00 AM—1:00 PM** Lunch — Dining Hall
- 1:00 PM—4:00 PM** Main demonstrator Butch Sheely
Hands-on Joe Maschari — Coin dish
S.N.O.B activities — Dining Hall
- 5:00 PM** Banquet—Awards—Raffle—Auction — Dining Hall

Sunday May 10

- 7:00—9:00 AM** Breakfast available -- Dining Hall
- 9:00—12:00 AM** Main demonstrator Butch Sheely
- 11:30 AM—1:30 PM** Lunch available — Dining Hall
- 1:30 PM —> ??** **Tear down and clean up. All help appreciated.**