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Explore and Care for the Black Rock Desert at the 2012 Black Rock Rendezvous Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-28

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Free, Family-Friendly event highlights the places and stories of the Black Rock Desert

Once again, Friends of Nevada Wilderness is teaming up with the Bureau of Land Management, Friends of the Black Rock-High Rock, Nevada Outdoor School and other organizations to explore, celebrate and give back to Northern Nevada's desert treasures.

The Black Rock Rendezvous offers the following activities:

- Lectures and workshops—learn about what makes this area so special
- Tours to popular Black Rock attractions—see them first-hand
- Volunteer restoration trips to help wildlife habitat recover from impacts
- Rocket launches (not your hobby-store variety, either)
- "Kids Camp" hosted by Nevada Outdoor School.
- 3rd-Annual Sulphur to Black Rock Bike Race (\$25 entry fee).
- Volunteer Spring Monitoring—hike beautiful terrain and collect data that helps the BLM.
- Pot Luck Dinner and Dutch Oven Cook-Off on Saturday night.
- Late-night stargazing with a really cool telescope.

The Black Rock Rendezvous is a Leave No Trace camping event. Come prepared with all your own food, water and shelter for the weekend. Hotels and RV rentals are available nearby.

"The Black Rock Rendezvous is a great opportunity for friends and family to discover the Black Rock Desert, learn about what makes it special, and get to know the people who care for it," said Brian Beffort. "It's always a lot of fun. Although the weather in the past has been iffy, so it's a good idea to prepare for everything, because that's often what we get."

For more information logon to <u>blackrockdesert.org/blackrockrendezvous/</u>