

March 23, 2024, RMS will Present: Open Coal Forge Event

This workshop is a fun and laid-back chance to work with coal forges. Work on your own project or learn from experienced smiths; How to start and manage coal fires; how to work with them; how to forge weld; the benefits of coal over gas and many more tips and tricks.



No experience necessary – We will demonstrate some of the basics, but it's a chance to play with coal fire for those that don't have access to it.

We will have some steel to practice simple and advanced forge welds, simple hooks, basic blacksmithing for beginners, and whatever the experienced people want to do. This is a chance for members to get practice with coal forges.

If you have a project you want to work on, bring your steel and any specific tools you may need. We will have basic tools from the traveling trailer, anvils, swage blocks, hammers, tongs, etc. If you want to build tools for the RMS trailer, we will gladly accept. We will have a list of what we still need.

In the afternoon we can learn to modify tongs from Buz's estate for use in the RMS trailer

EVERYONE MUST HAVE SAFETY GLASSES & HEARING PROTECTION and PPE for working around coal forges.

Bring your lunch, or we can order pizza if people want to pitch in for a delivered order.

Bring warm clothing because this workshop will be outside if the weather allows. If we don't have good weather, we can hold it inside the shop, but we will be limited to one coal forge.

Time 9:00 am 'til 3:00 pm. We will try to give everyone a chance to hit iron.

This will take place at Scott Kretchmer's shop west of Loveland.

The address is: 196 Mule Deer Drive Loveland, CO 80537

For questions, contact Dave Hake at davidhake79@gmail.com or 970-691-1839

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Directions: Take I- 25 or 287 to highway 34 (Loveland exit) Head west through Loveland toward the mountains to CR 29 (Carter Lake Road) Turn left, south to Coyote Run (a dirt road across from CR 20) Turn right up the hill to a 'T' intersection with Mule Deer Drive Turn right to 196 Mule Deer Drive (log house and Barn) Drive past the house to the cream and green metal shop Building north end of the property.

