

September 20, 2025, 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.

This is not a basic blacksmithing class. We will teach the basics of coal forges but we recommend you attend the Intro to Forging workshop July 12th to learn the basics of blacksmithing. This is a chance to play with coal fire for those that don't have access to it. This is also a chance for members to get practice with coal forges.



We will have some steel to practice simple and advanced forge welds, and simple projects.

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, punches, 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.

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.

This workshop will be outside, so dress accordingly. 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 davidhake79@gmail.com 970-691-1839



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.

