

ROCKY FORGE NEWSLETTER

Notes from the Forgemaster

Rocky Forge will have a hammer in this coming Saturday, March 14th, so hopefully, the weather will be reasonable.

Our normal start time is 9:00, but this month the “Warren County Foundation” will be visiting around 10:00 to observe our demonstrations, so if you can try to come at least 30 minutes early so we can clean up the work areas and get our forges going, that would be very helpful. In the past the Foundation has made some handsome grants to Illiana. When I asked how many will be attending the reply was 2-30. That’s hard to prepare. Hopefully, many of you can make it for a good showing.

If you plan ahead and try having some ideas on what you’re going to make (demo) will be good. Having our young smiths present will also be a really nice addition.

We will have doughnuts and coffee to share with our visitors.

I have some club business to discuss, so that will be done at our lunch break after our visitors have left. Lunch will once again be a brown bag of your choice.

I’m planning to bring some tongs and hammers to contribute so with what you all bring we should have a lucrative iron in the hat.

TIP OF THE MONTH: When making an eye at the end of a rod use the following rule of thumb to estimate the length needed.

3X the inside diameter plus 3X the metal thickness equals the length of rod needed.

Hope to see you all on Saturday.

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