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FORT MASSAC ENCAMPMENT SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM

Each year Fort Massac State Park hosts the "Grand Encampment", a celebration of Fort Massac and America's rich history. The Encampment focuses on the time period from the French and Indian war to the early 1800's. Our Encampment School Day program, where volunteer re-enactors give presentations on the history of the area, will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022.

We recommend that buses arrive at 9am. The program will start at 9:30am and end at 2:00pm. Each group leader or teacher will be given a schedule for the day and is responsible for their group. Students may arrive after 9:30am and leave before 2:00pm if needed.

Merchants sell period items, along with rock candy and root beer. Students are given an opportunity to go through the merchant's row during their lunch period. There will be limited food vendors open on Friday.

Students should bring a sack lunch and enjoy lunch at the picnic tables in the food court or on the park grounds. **Lunch break period will be 11:00am to Noon for students and re-enactors.**

To ensure your group/school can be included in the school day program, please register via email to sheryl.durham@illinois.gov and johnnie.owens@illinois.gov or call Fort Massac State Park at 618-524-4712 if you have further questions. When registering, please include teacher's name, address, phone number, school contact person, email address, number of students and grade level. Also, please let us know of any special needs.

Although registration is not required to attend, we prefer that you please register on or before October 13, 2022.

You will receive a schedule when you arrive at the Visitor Center. Each station will have a number in front and will be on the map that you receive. Feel free to visit all of the stations. If a station is occupied, move to one that is open and return later.

NOTE: All buses MUST enter the park through the marked entrance. Buses will be parked in a designated area at the Fairgrounds AFTER dropping off students.

ATTENTION

- Buses will be allowed to drop off Teachers and Students at the main event area and then buses will be required to proceed to the designated parking area at the Fairgrounds. No buses will be allowed to park at any other location within the park.
- It is recommended that all students bring their own lunch and keep within their backpacks. The park staff will NOT be responsible for dealing with lunches.
- If the school will be providing school lunches for all students, they will need to make arrangements to have those lunches carried to the food vendor location. The DNR staff will NOT be bringing lunches to that location.
- Teachers will be responsible for loading items back on the bus at the end of the day. Please double check your lunch area to verify you have all lunch boxes, jackets, etc. that students may have forgotten to pick up.