

Naper Settlement Civil War Days Schedule

May 20 & 21, 2017



- 10:30 General George Henry Thomas – *Tavern*
Learn about this colorful general, portrayed by Jerome Kowalski, who became known as “The Rock of Chickamauga.”
17th Corps Field Hospital — *West of Paw Paw Post Office*
After a battle, field hospitals were busy helping the wounded. See a reenactment of Civil War-era surgery.
Confederate Infantry Drills — *Battlefield*
See the foot soldiers in gray prepare for battle.
- 10:45 Mary Harlan (Robert Lincoln’s future wife) — *Schoolhouse*
Learn about the good works Mary Harlan and her mother did during the Civil War, and how she lost a sister to illness, just as Robert did (Willie Lincoln was 12 when he died in the White House). It also discusses the just-blossoming courtship between her and Robert.
- 11:00 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band — *Bandstand*
The 16 musicians, dressed in authentic reproduction uniforms, perform using antique horns and will play all the hits of the 1860s. Their motto is “History Through Music” and they live it!
Interview with the First Ladies — *Paw Paw Post Office Porch*
Donna Daniels as Mary Todd Lincoln and Roberta Grenz as Varina Davis will talk about the similarities and the differences of their lives as First Ladies. Deborah Pausz is the moderator.
- 11:30 Union Artillery Drills — *Battlefield*
Men in blue prepare their cannons for battle.
Harriet Tubman — *Schoolhouse*
During a presentation filled with music and soulful songs, Pam Welcome portrays Harriet Tubman, who risked her own freedom and life to help others escape.
The Great American Medicine Show — *South of the Martin Mitchell Mansion*
Sanford Lee presents an old time medicine show along with magic, music, games and juggling.
- 11:45 Union Generals: Great Battles of 1862 – *Chapel*
Listen to the Union Generals discuss battles of 1862, including triumphant victories for the North such as the Battle of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and the bloodiest single-day battle in American history, the Battle of Antietam.
- 12:00 Two Presidential Viewpoints - Lincoln and Davis — *Paw Paw Post Office Porch*
President Abraham Lincoln and President of the Confederate State of America, Jefferson Davis, debate hot topics popular during the Civil War.
Civil War Cooking — *Camp is west of Chapel*
Reenactor Norm Camp will present a cooking demonstration to show what life was like for an army on the march.
Border War: Kansas & Missouri – *Tavern*
Steve Quick will explore the “war before the war” during this presentation.
- 12:30 Mary Livermore — *Chapel*
Antina Richards-Pennock will portray Mary Livermore, and talk about her work with the U.S. Sanitary Commission in Chicago, which was created to improve the morale, logistical support and medical care of the men serving in the Union Army.
Louisa May Alcott — *Schoolhouse*
Louisa May Alcott, author of the classic books, “Little Women” and “Civil War Hospital Sketches,” will discuss her life as a Civil War nurse, as portrayed by Rebecca Tulloch.
17th Corps Field Hospital — *West of Paw Paw Post Office*
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1:00 Sharpshooter Demonstration — *Daniels House porch*

Michael Pennock will demonstrate how sharpshooters during the Civil War needed not only a good firearm, but also a keen eye, steady hands, a great deal of training and practice.

Recruitment Rally: "Answering the Call to Arms" — *East Battlefield*

Youngsters are invited to "join up" and practice the drills that soldiers learn in their regiments.

The Ultimate Guide to the Gettysburg Address — *Meeting House*

Learn about the famous speech made by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, presented by Dan Van Haften.

Confederate Artillery Drills — *Battlefield*

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1:30 President Lincoln: Gettysburg Address — *Paw Paw Post Office Porch*

President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Max Daniels, addresses the nation with this moving speech.

The Great American Medicine Show — *South of the Martin Mitchell Mansion*

(See 11:30 a.m. listing.)

33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band — *Bandstand*

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1:45 H.L. Hunley — *Tavern*

Presented by Steve Quick, the H.L. Hunley was the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel.

Confederate Generals: Great Battles of 1862 – *Chapel*

Listen to the Confederate Generals discuss battles of 1862, including landslide wins for the South such as the Battle of Harpers Ferry, and strategic successes like the seven days battle.

Susie Baker King Taylor — *Schoolhouse*

In this first-person interpretation, learn about the only African American woman to publish a memoir of her Civil War experiences, portrayed by Cherise Ragland.

2:30 Battle — *Battlefield*

Let the battle begin! Please note that for visitor safety, all buildings except the Pre-Emption House are closed during the battle. *See back page for Quiet Play Area information.

Earplugs will be available for \$1 near the Blacksmith Shop.

3:00 17th Corps Field Hospital Post Battle Surgery — *West of Paw Paw Post Office*

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3:30 Jefferson Davis Speaks — *Tavern*

Saturday Only: The President of the Confederacy will discuss why men fought vs. what caused the Civil War.

Sunday Only: President Davis will talk about the genealogy of the Davis family.

Civil War Fashion Show — *Chapel*

Learn about the fashions of the 1800s as the ladies and gentlemen of the Civil War strut the catwalk.

The Great American Medicine Show — *South of the Martin Mitchell Mansion*

(See 11:30 a.m. listing.)

Ongoing Activities

Battlefield Balladeers — *Across from Log House*

This musical duo blends history and harmony when they perform songs of the Civil War era.

Naperville Area Stamp Club — *Between the Paw Paw Post Office and Log House*

See stamps of the era and commemorative stamps.

Sutler's Row — *Village Green*

Shop for items soldiers bought from merchants who followed them from camp to camp.

The Weed Ladies — *Daniels House*

Stop by the Weed Ladies showroom and workshop to purchase beautiful silk and dried floral arrangements.

Fox Valley Genealogical Society — *Near the Naper-Haight House*

Learn about family connections to Civil War ancestors.

Living History — *West of Paw Paw Post Office*

See how ordinary people lived during this time period as war ravaged their land.

Citizens of the Inland Sea — *Living History Camp*

Learn bandage rolling and help gather supplies to send to the Northern troops.

Bobbin Lace Demonstration — *Living History Camp (near Schoolhouse)*

Learn about the bobbin lace textile art, and try your new skills on a pillow.

Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation — *Near the Schoolhouse*

Learn about the significant role of Camp Douglas in Chicagoland's Civil War history.

Children's Activities — *Near the Naper-Haight House*

19th century games like, stilt walking, rolling hoops, yard checkers, hobby horses, yard Tic Tac Toe and Skittles.

Naperville Development Partnership — *Between the Schoolhouse and Martin Mitchell Mansion*

Learn about shopping, dining and everything Naperville.

For Your Safety

Please watch your step! Because this is an outdoor museum, some paths, stairways and floors are uneven. Please do not eat, drink or smoke in village buildings. No strollers, tripods or videos are allowed inside the buildings. No photography is allowed inside the Martin Mitchell Mansion or the Brushstrokes exhibit in the lower level of the Pre-Emption House.

During the military drills and afternoon battle, never cross in front of soldiers on the firing line. During the battle, please stay behind the ropes to the sides of the Battlefield and do not sit on any of the fences. Follow the instructions of our line guards, who are there for your safety. Buildings will be closed during the battle.

Food Vendors

John's Rib House: Authentic BBQ, funnel cakes and more.

Olde Tyme Kettle Korn: Kettle Korn and old-fashioned root beer.

DeEtta's Bakery: Cookies and hand pies.

Little Jimmy's Italian Ices: Italian Ice.

Saturday only-Chick-Fil-A: Chicken sandwiches
