

Civil War Days at Naper Settlement ~ Saturday, May 16, 2009 10 am-4 pm

10:30 “The Civil War in General” – Chapel

Using his illustrations, artist and history enthusiast, Jim Weren, provides an intriguing glance at the unique and colorful group of men who commanded the battlefields of the American Civil War.

Miss (Major) Pauline Cushman, Union Spy – Meeting House

Actress turned Civil War spy, Miss “Major” Pauline Cushman, portrayed by Helen Milam, risked everything to support the Union Army.

Captain Henry Wirz – Pre-Emption House Visitor Center Tavern

Hear the other side of the story from Rick Benson as he portrays Captain Henry Wirz, commandant of the infamous Andersonville Prison.

Confederate Infantry Drill – Village Green

See the foot soldiers in gray prepare for battle.

11:00 Emancipation Proclamation – Paw Paw Post Office Porch

Hear this famous speech, presented by President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Max Daniels.

Union Artillery Drill – Village Green

See the men in blue prepare for battle.

Spinning Demo – Log House Yard

See Rebecca Tulloch demonstrate how wool is spun into yarn on the spinning wheel.

11:30 Stephen A. Douglas –

Pre-Emption House Visitor Center Tavern

Terry Lynch portrays Stephen A. Douglas, an Illinois legislator who dominated the U.S. Senate and was known for his political rivalry with Abraham Lincoln.

The High Command of the Confederacy – Paw Paw Post Office Porch

Confederate President Jefferson Davis, General Stonewall Jackson and General Robert E. Lee met together only one time shortly after the Seven Days battle on July 13, 1862.

Harriet Beecher Stowe – Meeting House

Actress Paddy Lynn talks about Harriet Beecher Stowe, famed author of “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.” Her book helped strengthen the abolitionist movement and contributed to the start of the Civil War.

Noon Sojourner Truth – Chapel

Sojourner Truth, portrayed by Pam Welcome, talks about her involvement with the American abolitionist movement and women’s rights.

Presidential Press Conference –

Paw Paw Post Office Porch

Listen to Max and Donna Daniels as President Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln.

Civil War Cooking Demo – Near the Bandstand

Join veteran reenactor Norman Camp as he demonstrates how families and soldiers cooked during the Civil War.

12:30 History of Civil War Music – Tavern

Kathryn and John Atwood perform famous and forgotten Civil War-era songs, offering insight into the singers, the historical context of the song and the role of music during wartime.

Union Infantry Drill – Village Green

See the foot soldiers in blue as they prepare for battle.

1:00 Frederick Douglass – Chapel

Kevin McIlvaine, artist-in-residence at the National Park Service’s Frederick Douglass Historic Site in Washington, D.C., will perform excerpts from Douglass’s speeches illustrating various periods in the life of the famed abolitionist, orator and author.

Recruitment Rally: “Answering the Call to Arms” – Village Green

Norman Camp invites kids to “join up” as he recruits soldiers into the regiment.

Two Voices of the Civil War – Meeting House

Hear compelling first-person accounts from two infantry soldiers, one from the North and one from the South, who speak about the loneliness, horror and impact of the four years that changed America.

1:30 Gettysburg Address – Paw Paw Post Office Porch

Join us as President Lincoln, portrayed by Max Daniels, addresses the nation.

Children of the Civil War – Tavern

In this presentation, Dr. James Marten of Marquette University shows that the Civil War took its toll on everyone it touched, including children.

2:00 Troop Inspection – Village Green

Whether they’re wearing blue or gray, the soldiers must pass inspection.

2:30 Battle – Village Green

The battle lines are drawn, the soldiers are ready, let the battle begin.

Please note that for visitor safety, all buildings except the Pre-Emption House Visitor Center are closed during the battle.

3:00 Troops Pass in Review – Village Green

See the troops parade around the Village Green.

3:15 What’s all the Hoopla – Chapel

During this fun and fascinating presentation, learn about the layers of clothing, including hoop skirts, worn by women of the Civil War era.

3:30 Women in Black – Meeting House

Donna Daniels as Mary Todd Lincoln discusses mourning etiquette in Civil War America.

Ongoing activities

1860s Pastimes Activity Demonstrations – 11:00-2:00

Daniels House Yard

See how women of the Civil War era occupied their time during the bleak war years.

Flea Circus – Noon, 1 & 2 p.m. *South of the Pre-Emption House*

Magician Michael Kett performs his famous Flea Circus.

Chicagoland Festival Chorus –

12:15 - Meeting House, 1:10 - Paw Paw Post Office

An outstanding ensemble from Springbrook Community Church performs patriotic music.

Medical Demonstrations – *In front of the Paw Paw Post Office*

Major Orange B. Ormsby, M.D., of the 45th Illinois Volunteers, portrayed by Robert Fox, tells what life would have been like in a makeshift hospital in Civil War America.

Burial Arrangements – *In front of the Paw Paw Post Office*

Undertaker Scott Paulson discusses burial arrangements during the Civil War era.

Miller's Petting Zoo – *Next to the Martin Mitchell Mansion (Nominal fee charged)* It's feeding time! Touch, pet and feed the animals in an open-air petting zoo.

Meet the Generals Grant, Lee, Hancock and Jackson –

Across from the Chapel

Meet the generals at their camp to learn more about their perspectives on the war.

Old-Time Photographer – *Between the Blacksmith Shop and the Tavern*

Visit an old-time photographer and dress in vintage clothing for a one-of-a-kind photographic remembrance of Civil War Days. *(Additional fee)*

Victorian Lawn Parties – *Next to Halfway House*

Meet the Victorian ladies of the Great Lakes Re-enactors Guild as they host traditional lawn parties throughout the day.

Sutler's Row – *Along Aurora Avenue between the camp sites*

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

29th Illinois Regimental String Band – *Traveling the grounds*

The 29th Illinois Regimental String Band will perform traditional music and dances of the time period.

Battlefield Balladeers – *Traveling the grounds*

A musical duo that blends history and harmony.

"Naperville in the Age of Lincoln" exhibit & Civil War display – *Located in the Pre-Emption House*

Visit the "Naperville in the Age of Lincoln" exhibit, which examines the everyday life of an Illinois community during an era of sweeping national change. In the lobby, see a display case with photographs of Civil War soldiers and actual letters and diaries written by and to people in the Naperville area during the Civil War period.

The Museum Store – *Located in the Pre-Emption House*

Shop for Civil War memorabilia, games, toys, books and reproductions. Proceeds benefit Naper Settlement.

Fox Valley Genealogical Society – *Near the Naper Haight House*

Find out about your Civil War ancestors! The FVGS will help you to discover your family connections. Learn about Civil War era cemeteries in our area and more.

Naperville Area Stamp Club – *Near the Log House*

See stamps of the era and commemorative stamps.

For Your Safety

Please watch your step! Because this is a 19th century village, some paths, stairways and floors are uneven. Please do not eat, drink or smoke in village buildings. No strollers, tripods or photography/video of any kind are allowed inside the buildings. Foods and goods sold may contain nuts or other allergens. Toys may not be suitable for young children.

During the military drills and afternoon battle, do not cross in front of soldiers on the firing line. During the battle, please stay behind the ropes to the sides of the Village Green and do not sit on any of the fences. Follow the instructions of our line guards, who are here for your safety. Buildings will be closed during the battle. Please be advised that the battle at 2:30 p.m. is loud. If you or your children are sensitive to noise, you may want to leave the battlefield area at this time and visit the Brushstrokes exhibit in the Pre-Emption House Visitor Center lower level, which remains open.

Food Vendors

Look for the finest in festival food from our vendors. Vendors are located in the picnic area next to the Halfway House. Old Tyme Kettle Korn is located next to the Paw Paw Post Office.

Admission: \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6.50 youth

Free admission for Naperville Heritage Society members, Log onto our Web site to become a member and save!



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